ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS

GREEN STAR

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 2

EO M107.02 – IDENTIFY ARMY CADET RANKS AND OFFICER RANKS

Total Time: 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

Resources needed for the delivery of this lesson are listed in the lesson specification located in A-CR-CCP-701/PG-001, Green Star Qualification Standard and Plan, Chapter 4. Specific uses for said resources are identified throughout the instructional guide within the TP for which they are required.

Review the lesson content and become familiar with the material prior to delivering the lesson.

Photocopy the handout located at Attachment A for each cadet.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

Nil.

APPROACH

An in-class activity was chosen for this lesson as it is an interactive way to provoke thought and stimulate interest in the rank structure of the RCAC and of the Canadian Army.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Nil.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall be expected to correctly identify the rank structure of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets (RCAC), as well as the ranks of Canadian Forces (CF) Army officers.

IMPORTANCE

Being familiar with the ranks of the Army Cadets and officers of the CF will help cadets understand the relationship between cadet ranks and officers at the corps. It will also aid them in interacting effectively with CF members when visiting other CF facilities or bases.

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Teaching point 1 **Explain the structure and rank insignia of the RCAC.**

Time: 10 min Method: In-Class Activity

Army Cadet ranks are derived from those used by the Canadian Army. The similarity will help cadets who understand cadet ranks to identify the ranks of Canadian Army Non-Commissioned Members (NCMs). The exception to this rule is the use of the rank of Lance-Corporal. For more information on Army Cadet Ranks and Promotion Policy, refer to CATO 13-02 (Cadet Rank Promotions).

Provide cadets with the handout at Attachment A as a training aid.

CADET RANKS NON-COMMISSIONED MEMBERS (NCMS)

Rank is a system of grading seniority and command within military organizations. The gold arrows are referred to as “chevrons”. The more chevrons used, the higher the seniority of the individual.

These chevrons are worn on the upper arm, on the right sleeve of the cadet tunic.

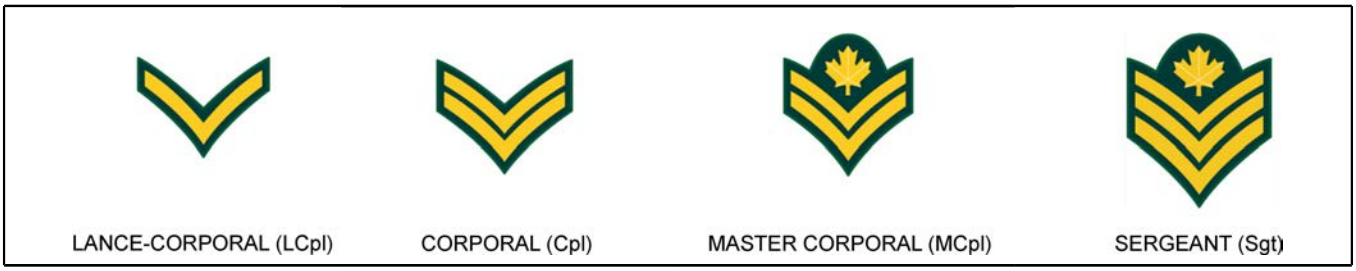


Figure 1 Non-commissioned Members: LCpl – Cpl – MCpl – Sgt

The “Tudor” crown represents the rank of Warrant Officer (WO).

The “Tudor” crown surrounded by a laurel wreath represents the rank of Master Warrant Officer (MWO).

The Canadian Coat of Arms represents the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO).

These ranks are worn low on the sleeve of the right arm of the cadet tunic.



Figure 2 Non-commissioned Members: WO – MWO – CWO

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Cadet corps affiliated with Engineer Regiments utilize the term **"sapper"** to designate a LCpl.

Cadet corps affiliated with Armoured Regiments utilize the term **"trooper"** to designate LCpl.

Cadet corps affiliated with the Guard Regiments utilize the term **"guardsman"** to designate LCpl.

In cadet corps affiliated with Artillery Regiments, the following terms are used:

- **"Gunner"** designates lance-corporal;
- **"Bombardier"** designates corporal; and
- **"Master Bombardier"** designates master corporal.



Conduct an activity where the cadets will practice their knowledge of the cadet ranks.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. Which is more senior, the rank of MCpl or Cpl?

Q2. Describe the MWO rank badge.

Q3. What other names may be utilized to denote the rank of LCpl?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. MCpl.

A2. Tudor crown surround by a laurel wreath.

A3. Gunner, guardsman, trooper, sapper or lance-corporal.

Teaching point 2 — **Explain the officer structure and rank insignia of the Army element of the CF.**

Time: 15 min — Method: In-Class Activity

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS RANKS

Officers of the CF wear their ranks low on the sleeve of the tunic. The rank insignia consists of a series of wide and narrow gold bars. Officers also wear slip-ons or shoulder boards (Navy) on the epaulettes on their shoulders when wearing shirts, sweaters and jackets. When in field clothing, CADPAT, the rank is worn in the centre of the chest.

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SUBORDINATE AND JUNIOR OFFICERS

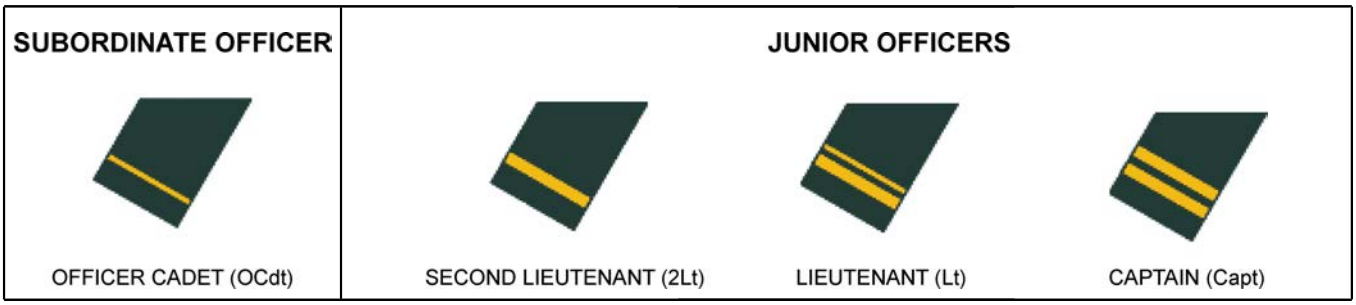


Figure 3 Subordinate and Junior Officers

SENIOR OFFICERS



Figure 4 Senior Officers

GENERAL OFFICERS

General officers wear a wide gold band on the sleeve of the tunic. On their shoulders, they sport slip-ons or shoulder boards with a “Tudor” crown above a crossed sabre and baton that, in turn, has maple leaves below it. The more maple leaves the higher the rank.



Figure 5 General Officers



Conduct an activity where the cadets will practice their knowledge of Army officer ranks.

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CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. What are the senior officer ranks?

Q2. How many maple leaves are found on the rank of MGen?

Q3. What rank is assigned the status of subordinate officer?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. Maj, LCol and Col.

A2. Two.

A3. OCdt.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the most senior rank in the cadet NCM structure?

Q2. What rank has three chevrons with a maple leaf?

Q3. How would you identify the rank of Colonel?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. CWO.

A2. Sgt.

A3. It has four bars on the lower sleeve.

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

Nil.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Nil.

CLOSING STATEMENT

The cadet, by identifying the ranks of the RCAC and the officers of the CF, will be able to interact more effectively with the different members of each organization.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

Nil.

REFERENCES

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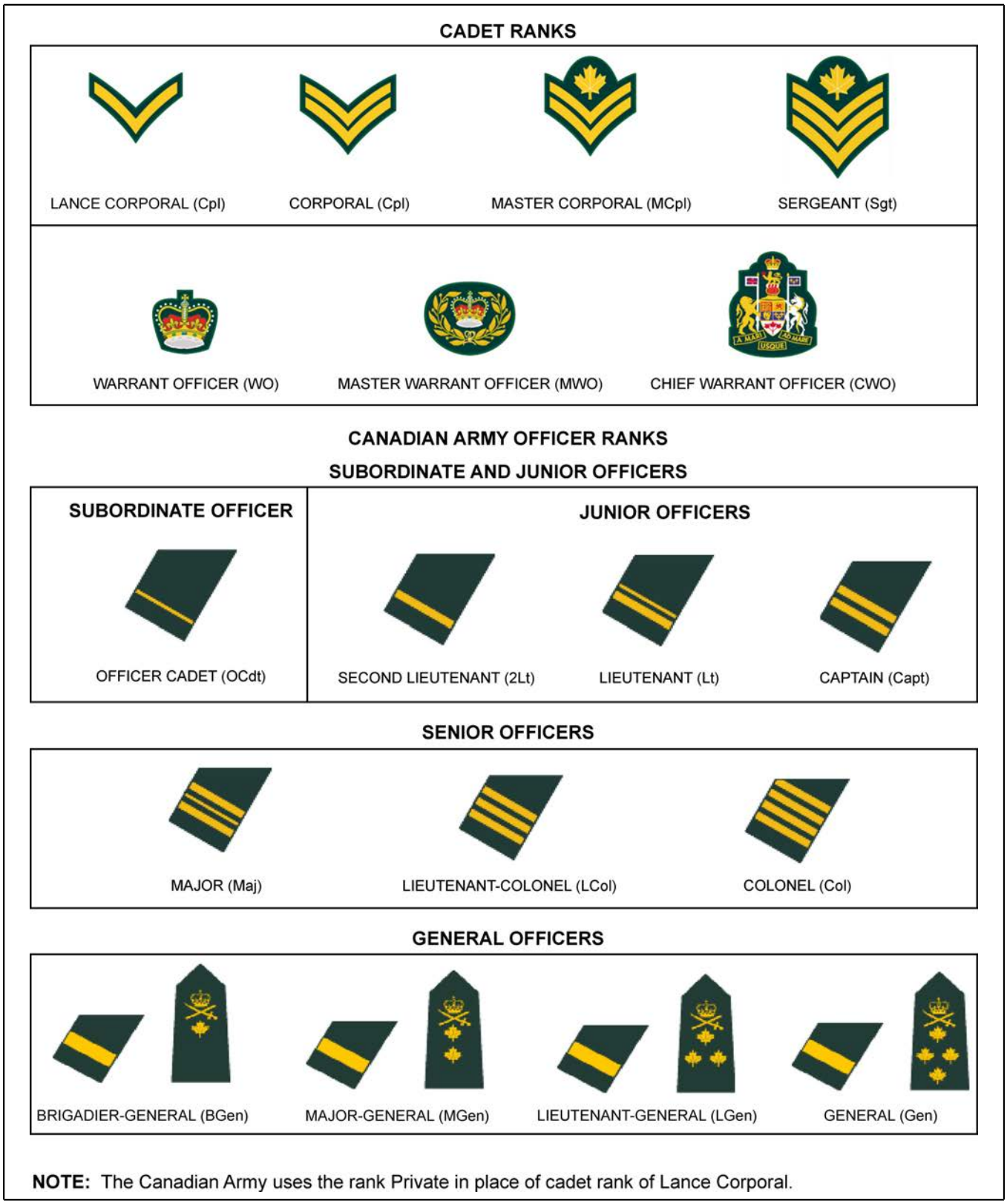


Figure A-1 Cadet and Canadian Army Officer Ranks

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