

Table of Military Ranks

American	British and Canadian		German Army	Waffen-SS
Private	Private/Trooper		Schütze/Kanonier/Jäger	Schütze
Private first class			Oberschütze	Oberschütze
	Lance-Corporal		Gefreiter	Sturmmann
Corporal	Corporal		Obergefreiter	Rottenführer
Sergeant	Sergeant		Feldwebel/Wachtmeister	Oberscharführer
Staff Sergeant	Staff /Colour Sergeant		Oberfeldwebel	Hauptscharführer
Technical Sergeant	Regtl Quartermaster Sgt			
Master Sergeant	Coy/Sqn Sergeant Major		Stabsfeldwebel	Sturmscharführer
	Regimental Sergeant Major			
2 nd Lieutenant	2 nd Lieutenant		Leutnant	Untersturmführer
Lieutenant	Lieutenant		Oberleutnant	Obersturmführer
Captain	Captain		Hauptmann/Rittmeister	Hauptsturmführer
Major	Major		Major	Sturmbannführer
Lieutenant Colonel	Lieutenant Colonel		Oberstleutnant	Obersturmbannführer
Colonel	Colonel		Oberst	Standartenführer
Brigadier General	Brigadier	*	Generalmajor	Oberführer
				Brigadeführer
Major General	Major General	**	Generalleutnant	Gruppenführer
Lieutenant General	Lieutenant General	***	General der Infanterie/ Artillerie/Panzertruppen	Obergruppenführer/ General der Waffen-SS
			Generaloberst	Oberstgruppenführer
General	General	****		
General of the Army	Field Marshal	*****	Generalfeldmarschall	

This can only be an approximate guide to equivalent ranks since each army has its own variations. Some ranks have been omitted in the interests of simplicity. In the British and US Armies the following ranks command the following sub-units (below a battalion), units (battalion or regiment) and formations (brigade, division or corps).

Rank	British and Canadian Army	US Army	Approx number of men at full strength
Corporal	Section	Squad	8
2 nd /Lieutenant	Platoon	Platoon	30
Captain/Major	Company	Company	120
Lieutenant Colonel	Battalion or Armoured Regiment	Battalion	700
Colonel		Regiment	2,400
Brigadier	Brigade		2,400
Major General	Division	Division	10,000
Lieutenant General	Corps	Corps	30-40,000
General	Army	Army	70-150,000
Field Marshal/ General of the Army	Army Group	Army Group	200,000-350,000