

Abbreviations and Acronyms

2Lt	Second Lieutenant
A/	Designation for an acting rank
AB	Able Seaman (now called Sailor 2nd Class)
AFP	Air Force Police (non-commissioned trade name used with RCAF from 1955 to 1968; sometimes generically used to include RCAF Security Officers)
APM	Assistant Provost Marshal (officer designated with special powers to lead military police activities and units)
BEM	British Empire Medal (meritorious service award)
CAF	Canadian Armed Forces (Canada's single unified military service from 1 Feb 1968 to present)
Camp MP	Camp Military Police (term use at some military camps in Canada during early years of First World War.; synonymous with Garrison Military Police)
Capt	Captain
CD	Canadian Forces Decoration (long-service award)
CFB	Canadian Forces Base (abbreviated BFC in French)
CFS	Canadian Forces Station (abbreviated SFC in French)
CMP	Canadian Military Police (operated in England from Nov 1914 until 2 Apr 1918; thereafter it was sometimes used a short form for the Corps of CMP)
CMPC	Canadian Military Police Corps (operated in North America from 1 Apr 1918 to mid-1920)
CMPC Spec Gd	Canadian Military Police Corps Special Guard (operated in Canada from Sep 1919 to mid-1920)
Corps of CMP	Corps of Canadian Military Police (operated overseas from 3 Apr 1918 to early 1920)
Cpl	Corporal
CProC	Canadian Provost Corps (operated from 1940 to 1968)
CQMS	Company Quartermaster Sergeant
CSM	Company Sergeant Major (used as a rank during the First World War; later used only as an appointment designation)
CWO	Chief Warrant Officer
GC	George Cross (award for heroism/courage in the face of danger)
DSO	Distinguished Service Order (award for meritorious or distinguished service by commissioned officers in wartime)
GMP	Garrison Military Police (operated independently within military districts across Canada from Aug 1914 to 14 Sep 1917)
LAC	Leading Aircraftsman (RCAF equivalent to LCpl)

LCpl	Lance Corporal
Ldg Ptlmn	Leading Patrolman (equivalent to the generic Leading Seaman rank in pre-unification RCN)
Lt	Lieutenant
LCol	Lieutenant-Colonel
LS	Leading Seaman (now called Sailor 1st Class)
MAA	Master-at-Arms (navy Chief Petty Officer or Warrant Officer who supervised and coordinated regulating duties; prior to 1920 they supervised the Ship's Police)
Maj	Major
MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire (1st level chivalry award for notable service or gallantry)
MC	Military Cross (award for distinguished and commendable service in battle)
MCpl	Master Corporal
MID	Mention in Dispatches (award for valiant conduct, devotion to duty, or other distinguished service in combat or near-combat conditions)
MM	Military Medal (bravery award)
MMP	Military Mounted Police (MPs who rode horses or bicycles for mobility; primality employed overseas during the First World War but to a lesser extent in Canada)
MP Br	Canadian Armed Forces Military Police Branch (2000 to present)
MP (CC)	Military Police of the Canadian Corps (operated in France and Belgium beginning in on 13 Sep 1915; on 3 Apr 1918 these personnel were merged into the Corps of CMP)
MP CEF	Military Police, Canadian Expeditionary Force (operated in Canada from 15 Sep 1917 to 31 Mar 1918; it amalgamated the previously independent GMP forces across the country)
MPO	Military Police Officer (commissioned officer classification name, used from 2000 onward)
MSM	Meritorious Service Medal (award for performing a deed or activity to a very high standard, which brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces)
MWO	Master Warrant Officer
NDHQ	National Defence Headquarters
NSPS	Naval Shore Patrol Service (operated in Canada only from 1943 to 1946)
OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire (2nd level chivalry award for meritorious or gallant service)
PO2	Petty Officer 2nd Class (naval equivalent of Sergeant)
Pte	Private
Ptlmn	Patrolman (equivalent to the generic Able Seaman rank in pre-unification RCN)
RCAF	Royal Canadian Air Force
RCN	Royal Canadian Navy

RCN Reg Br	Royal Canadian Navy Regulating Branch (operated from 1919 to 1960)
RPO	Regulating Petty Officer
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major (appointment designation)
Secur Br	Canadian Armed Forces Security Branch (1968 to 1999)
Secur O	Security Officer (commissioned officer classification name. Used in pre-unification RCAF until 1968 and by CAF from 1968 to 1999)
Sgt	Sergeant
SM	Sacrifice Metal (awarded for injuries or death related to military service)
SP	RCAF Service Police trade (from 1940 to 1953) and RCAF Security Police trade (from 1953 to 1955). Also use by RCAF Woman's Division for its Service Patrol trade form
SSgt	Staff Sergeant (pre-unification rank equivalent to WO)
Svc No	Service Number (also known as Regimental Number before unification)
WO	Warrant Officer
WO1	Warrant Officer Class I (pre-unification rank equivalent to CWO)
WO2	Warrant Officer Class II (pre-unification rank equivalent to MWO)
QMS	Quartermaster Sergeant (appointment designation)