

Non-commissioned officers should never be employed personally on any duty on fatigue, nor be seen holding or leading a horse, carrying a bundle, basket, etc., nor appear in any position beneath the dignity of their rank.

The following positions held by non-commissioned officers and men of our Militia are *ranks* in the Infantry:—

Sergeant-Major (Battalion).
Quarter-Master Sergeant (Battalion).
Sergeant-Major (Company).
Quarter-Master Sergeant (Company).
Colour Sergeant.
Sergeant.
Corporal.
Private.

All other positions, such as paymaster sergeant, orderly room sergeant, band sergeant, sergeant drummer, sergeant piper, sergeant bugler, etc., are *appointments*.

A non-commissioned officer or private, on receiving an appointment, will thereupon be vested with the rank attached to that appointment, and such rank will be his permanent grade. The rank attached to any appointment is indicated in the title of such appointment; in the case of paymaster sergeant, sergeant bugler, etc., it is that of *sergeant*.

A soldier may be removed from his appointment by order of his commanding officer, and will, in that case, revert to his *permanent grade, remaining as a supernumerary in that rank* until absorbed into the first vacancy, always providing that if his grade is higher than a corporal he is qualified to perform the duties of the rank, if not, he should be reduced to lower rank.

When additional non-commissioned officers are required to assist in the discharge of company duty, corporals may be *appointed* to act as sergeants, taking precedence of all corporals, and private soldiers as corporals, taking precedence of all privates; these are termed *lance sergeants* and *lance corporals* respectively.

The permanent grade of a lance sergeant is *corporal*, that of a lance corporal is *private*.