

All non-officer ranks:

Rank	Description
Appointe (abolished decree 2 frimaire an II)	Not so much a rank comparable to a soldier 1 st class
Anspressade (abolished in 1762)	This was the lowest rank in the hierarchy
Caporal in infantry or brigadier in cavalry	
Caporal Major (disappeared with the creation of Caporal fourrier on 17 th March 1798)	This was not a common rank, it only existed in certain regiments, like the caporal fourrier it served as aide and secretary to sergeant major.
Sergent in the infantry or artillery. Marechal des logis in the cavalry. Created by ordonnance 21 st December 1762	Their number varied from one to four between 1671 and the decree of 2 frimaire an II.
Fourrier created 10 th December 1762, abolished in 1782	Replaced the sergent d'affaires. Started off as the lowest sergent changed to be highest with the decree of 10 th August 1764. Had command over the other sergeants on the ordonnance of 12 th August 1765. Was abolished as doing the same job as sergeant major.
Sergent d'affaires (abolished by ordonnance of 10 th December 1762)	This was an accountant which did the work that was to be later the work of Fourrier and sergeant major.
Premier Sergent	Superior rank to that of sergent, it existed in 1789 in French and Swiss guard regiments.
Sergent Major (Created by ordonnance of 25 th March 1776)	Low ranked accountant officer with the command over the sergeants. It was a volunteer but no brevet nor qualifications. He was counted among the men of the troop, and was chosen amongst the sergeants. He performed the functions of adjutant de bataillon, and ended up by becoming sub-lieutenant of grenadiers.
Garçon Major or galopin. (abolished by ordonnance 10 December 1762, created in French army in 1704 following its creation in foreign armies)	
Sous-aide major (created by ordonnance of the 10 th December 1762 and abolished in 25 th March 1776)	Destined to replace the garçon major. It was in turn replaced by the adjutant.
Adjutant, (created by ordonnance of 25 th March 1776)	It replaced the sous-aide major. L'adutant sous-officer automatically became sous-lieutenant after ten years of service in peace time, after 5 years of service in times of war. There was one adjutant per bataillon
Porte-drapeau (created by ordonnance of the 25 th March 1776)	There were two per bataillon. By ordonnance of 17 th March 1788 they are considered as the lowest sous-lieutenants and soon abolished. They were taken from the sergeant majors directly, with the exclusion of adjutants.