

THE IMPERIALIST ARMY OF THE WAR OF THE SPANISH SUCCESSION

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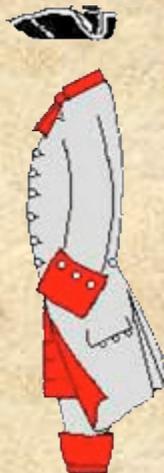
The limitations of web space mean that the coverage of this army is necessarily limited. We do have available for sale a much more in-depth treatment of the subject. Follow this link for more details. [>>>>click here](#)

The Foot

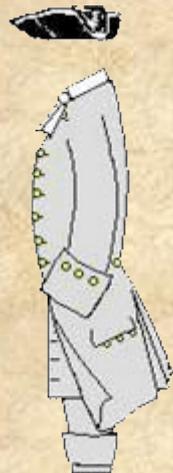
The line infantry was composed of two types of regiments: the "French" units recruited from within. From 1704 An Imperial Regiment was to consist of 15 companies of infantry each of around 140 men, and 2 companies of Grenadiers, each of 100 men.

The fusilier companies were divided into 3 battalions. The Spanish and Netherlands battalions taken over later on were weaker, having around 1500 men. The above are all paper strengths, and in practice many regiments operated at reduced strength, in only 2 battalions or even 1 battalion.

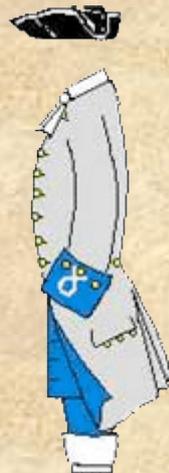
Equipment was usually buff leather, including the cartridge boxes, although some regiments had blackened cartridge boxes. Knapsacks were generally fur-covered. In the earlier part of the war, Officers and NCO and drummers tended to wear reverse colors to that of the men. Stockings were usually worn, but by late in the war, gaiters began to be worn and were standard by 1720.



Hasslingen 1716



Palfy 1716



Alt-Starhemberg 1710



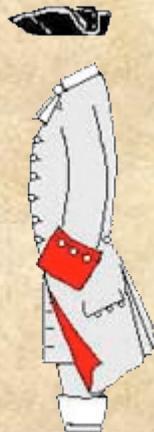
Guttenstein 1710



Heberstein 1716



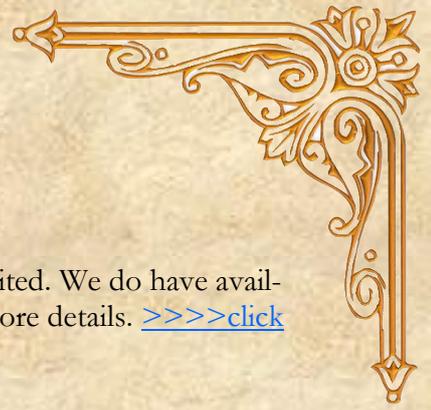
Guttenstein 1710



Kreichbaum 1706

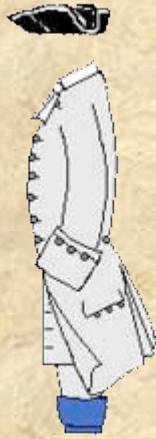


Jung-Starhemberg 1710





Baden Baden 1704



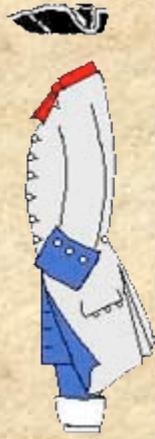
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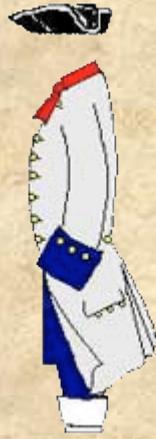
Wetzel 1705



Wuerttemberg 1702



Holstein Beck 1709 H



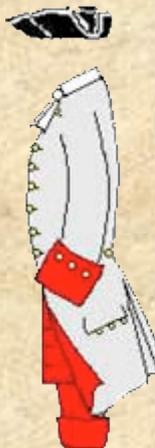
Harrach 1717



Alt-Heister 1704



Nigrelli 1701



Alt-Salm 1716



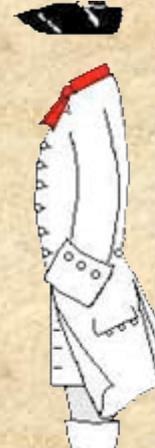
Hoffman 1706



Jorger de Tollet 1708



Wallis 1716



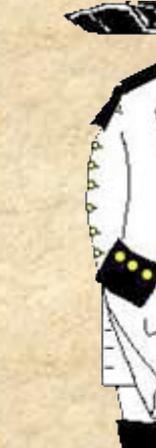
Geschwind 1716



Jung-Daun 1716

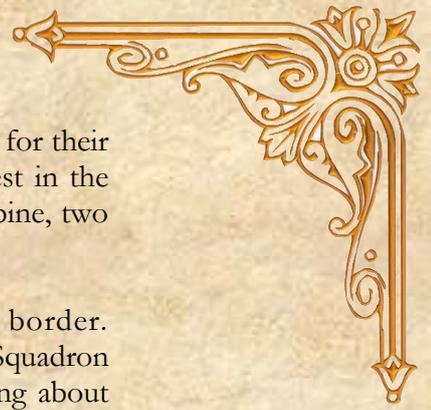


Nehem 17???



Sickingen 1716





The Horse

These heavy cavalry were the shock arm of the Austrian Army. Chosen for their size, the members of the Cuirassier regiments were amongst the largest in the Army. They were mounted on large horses and were armed with a carbine, two pistols and a long sword. The helmet and cuirass were blackened steel.

Saddle furniture was usually red with a coloured border. Regiments were organized in 6 squadrons, each of two companies. Squadron strength was between 170 and 210, with the regiment probably fielding about 1000 troops on campaign.

Regiments were commonly referred to by the names of their commander. As a result regiments changed names several times during this period. The uniform depicted is that most commonly worn during the period. Where changes to dress are known they are listed separately.

Musicians tended to wear different colours from the others members of the regiment and were not armoured. Hat plumes have been depicted where the information is available, though it is not known if these plumes were worn in the field.

My sources are limited and I would like to thank Robert Sulentic for his valuable assistance assembling this guide.



Breuner



Capara



Visconti



Hohenzollern



Lenningen



Cusani



Jung-Hannover



Alt-Hannover





Uhlefeld

Roccavione

Stainville

Neuberg

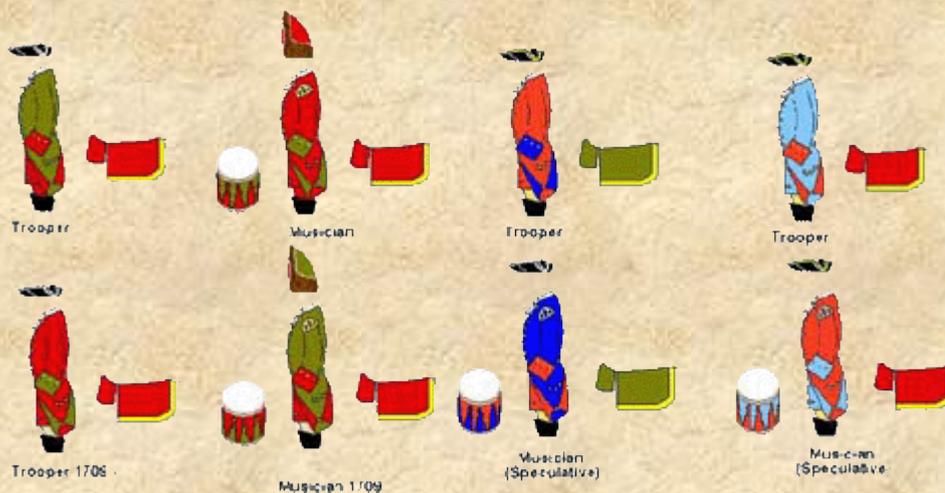
The Dragoons

Imperial dragoon regiments were organized similarly to the Cuirassiers. A Regiment was composed of 6 squadrons numbering between 150 and 200 men. On campaign a regiment would field between 900 and 1000 men.

After 1713 one company in each regiment was designated as Grenadiers. These companies were often combined into adhoc formations for specific missions with the companies being returned to their parent formations afterwards.

Horse furniture was red and leatherwork was buff with the exception of boots and scabbards, which were black. Musicians wore a cap similar to a grenadier cap though some regiments switched to a tricorn.

Where information is not available on a musician's dress, the drawing has been labeled as speculative. Officers and NCO's wore the same uniform as the troops with lace at the cuff and buttonholes.



Trooper

Musician

Trooper

Trooper

Trooper 1708

Musician 1709

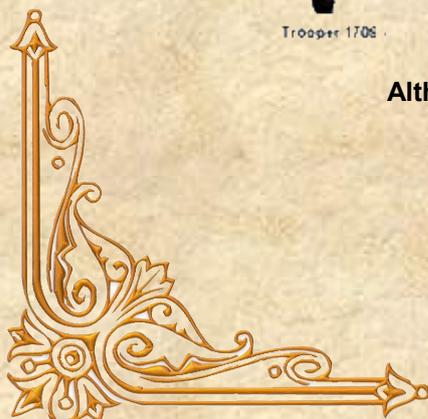
Musician (Speculative)

Musician (Speculative)

Althann

Anspach

Breuner





Trooper



Trooper 1709-



Trooper



Trooper 1713



Musician
(Speculative)

Batte



Musician
(Speculative)

Bayreuth



Trooper



Trooper 1709



Trooper



Trooper



Musician

Fels



Musician
(Speculative)

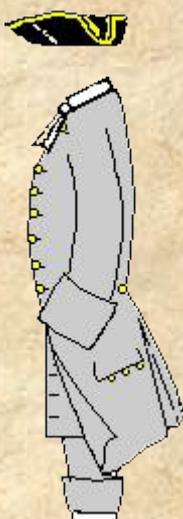
Heberville



Musician

Jorger

The Artillery



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