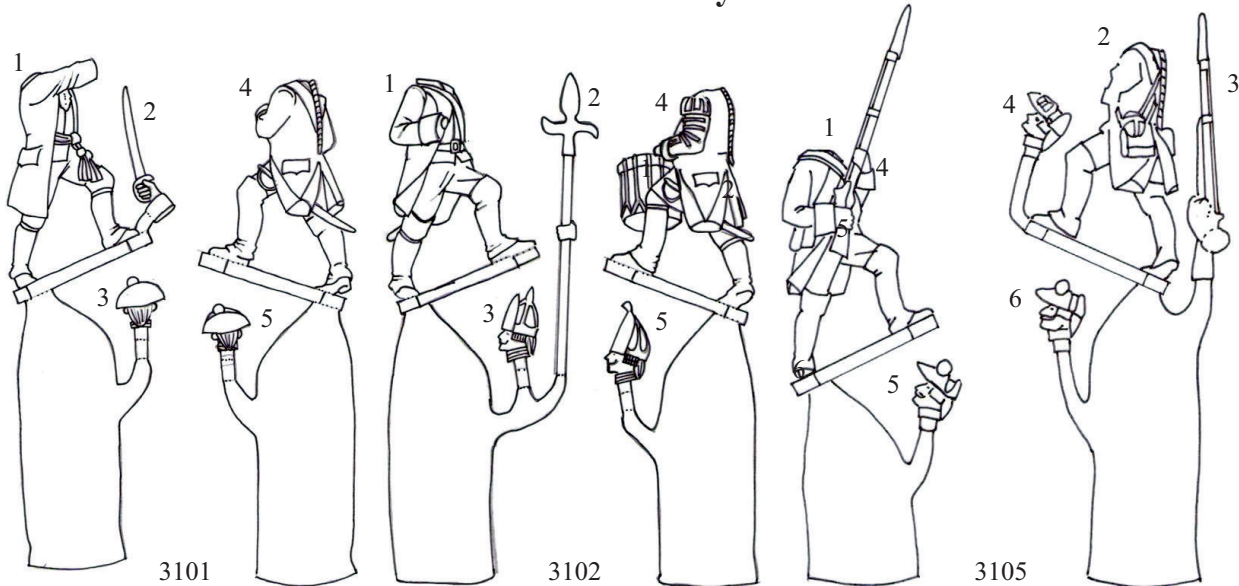


SEVEN YEARS WAR - Austria Introduction & Assembly Instructions



Prince August is pleased to present its new Seven years war series of moulds. Working in close collaboration with wargamers and experts on the period, we have produced a range of moulds whose flexibility is such that many troop types and variants can now be produced. This new system features much more detailed and accurate figures than ever before with heads, bodies and other accessories produced separately. The first five moulds allow you to create complete units (including officers, NCO's, standard-bearers and drummers) of Prussian infantry, Musketeers Grenadiers and Fusiliers in both advancing and March-attack forms together with Guards units: also complete units of Austrian fusiliers also in Advancing and March-attack pose.

Austria possessed one of the largest and best armies in Europe in the mid-eighteenth century. The rump of its large empire consisted of Austria and the lands of Hungary, and the composition of its army reflected this combination. Of its line regiments, 43 were German (Austrian) and 10 were Hungarian. Its line troops were referred to as Fusiliers rather than Musketeers. The line troops wore white coats, though with variations in cuff, facing and turnback colours according to each regiment. Each regiment comprised 18 companies two of which were Grenadiers. Company strength was 132 officers and men for the fusiliers and 106 for the grenadiers.

The seven years war:

The war took place in the mid-eighteenth century and involved most of the great European powers of the day. Prussia, allied with Britain faced a coalition of many other states, notably Austria and France but also Sweden, Saxony and later Spain. Two separate conflicts really stood at the root of the war. Firstly the struggle between an emergent Prussia and Austria over the Holy Roman empire and other disputes and secondly a developing colonial rivalry between Britain and France. The main focus of the war was Europe but it also spread to the New World and India. Russia also participated in the Seven years war at first on the side of Austria but later switching to an alliance with Prussia.

There numerous books and websites from which you can obtain more detailed information on the armies of the Seven years war, how to paint the various regiments and their standards etc. A good starting point might be the 18th century press who produce an inexpensive range of books which are packed with relevant information. See <http://www.18thcenturypress.com/syw.html> for more details. Osprey publishing produce an extensive range of the armies of Prussia, Austria and the other participants.

See <http://www.ospreypublishing.com/> at click the 18th century tab on the left side.

There are various sites from which you can download for free a variety of flags and standards. See <http://leuthenjournal.com/leuthenjournal/Flags/Flags.html>.

To create an Austrian Fusilier unit suitable for wargaming you will need:

- 12 fusilier infantrymen
- 1 fusilier drummer
- 1 fusilier standard bearer
- 1 fusilier NCO
- 1 officer

To make the fusilier infantryman use:

- 3105/1
- 3105/5*

To make the fusilier drummer use:

- 3102/4
- 3105/5

To make the fusilier standard bearer use:

- 3101/4
- 3105/5

To make the fusilier NCO use:

- 3102/1
- 3102/2
- 3105/5

To make the officer use:

- 3101/1
- 3101/2
- 3105/4

*In mould 3105 parts 5 and 6 are identical so either can be used.

To create a unit in March attack formation use 3105/2 and 3105/3 instead of 3105/1 above.

Officers and NCO's will remain the same as above.