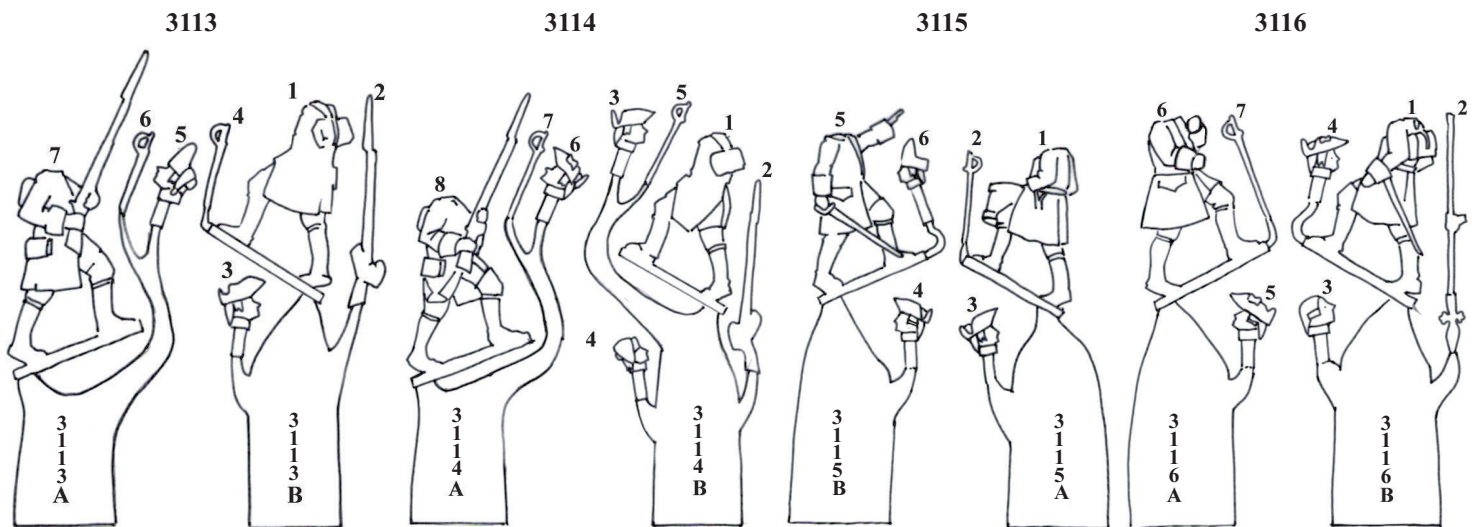


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SEVEN YEARS WAR - France Introduction & Assembly Instructions

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Assembling a French Infantry Battalion (Fusiliers)

During the Seven Years War the rank and file infantry mostly wore their coat tails turned back, however the officers and drummers mostly kept their coats without turnbacks. Early in the war (and in the War of the Austrian succession) the infantry could have their full coats: the range of moulds allows for both options.

During the Seven Years War a French infantry battalion contained 16 companies of fusiliers and 1 of grenadiers. It is not really worth representing this small proportion of grenadiers at this scale. To create a 16 man French (fusilier) battalion suitable for wargaming you will need:-

Early War

- 1 officer
- 1 standard-bearer
- 1 drummer
- 12 infantrymen (full coat)
- 1 fusilier NCO (full coat)

Late War

- 1 officer
- 1 standard-bearer
- 1 drummer
- 12 infantrymen (turn backs)
- 1 fusilier NCO (turn backs)

To make an officer use:

3115/5
3115/4

To make a standard-bearer* use:

3116/6
3116/5
3116/7
metal pole, 1mm diameter

To make a drummer use:

3115/1
3115/2
3115/3

To make the early war infantryman use:

3113/1 or 3113/7
3113/2 or 3113/3
3113/5

To make an early war NCO (by late war they carried a musket) use:

3116/1
3116/2
3116/4

To make the late war infantryman and NCO use:

3114/1 or 3114/8
3114/2 or 3114/6
3114/3 or 3114/5 - NCO only
3114/5 - NCO only.

If you wish to include some grenadier figures (4) in this unit use:

3113/7 or 3113/1
3113/6 or 3113/2
3113/5 or 3113/4
3113/5.

* Note that you will have to drill a 1mm hole through the gripping hands of the standard-bearer and insert a brass rod of similar diameter and of a length of 65mm to make the flag-pole.

French infantry mould contents:

3113 March attack and adv infantry with full coat:

1. M.A. inf body with full coat.
2. M.A. musket.
3. fusilier head.
4. inf. Sword.
5. Grenadier head.
6. inf. Sword.
7. adv.inf. body with full coat.

3114 March attack and adv.infantry with turnbacks:

1. M.A. inf. body with turnbacks.
2. M.A. musket.
3. fusilier head.
4. bonnet-de-police head.
5. Inf. sword.
6. Fusilier head.
7. inf. sword.
8. Adv. Inf. body with turnbacks.

3115 Drummer and officer.

1. Drummer body.
2. inf. sword.
3. Fusilier head.
4. Officer head.
5. officer body.
6. Grenadier head.

3116 Standard-bearer and NCO.

1. NCO body.
2. NCO partisan.
3. Officer bare head (with curled wig)
4. fusilier head.
5. Officer head.
6. Standard-bearer body.
7. Officer sword.

Note that: 3113/4 and 3113/6 are interchangeable parts.
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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>