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# PRINCE AUGUST

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.

## **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.

## **Composition of the Russian army,**

The Russian army in 1757 comprised three different types of Infantry: Grenadiers, Musketeers and Observation corps.

There were 46 musketeer regiments and 4 of Grenadiers. Each musketeer regiment was made up of three battalions and three grenadier companies, though by the end of 1757 the regiments were re-organised into two battalions each and two grenadier companies.

Each battalion comprised four companies and each of these had a paper strength of 160 officers and men.

In the field, as with other European armies of the time, the grenadier companies from various regiments were merged together to form grenadier battalions.

Grenadiers in winter uniform were distinguished from the musketeers not only by the distinctive Russian mitre cap but also by the cartouche box worn on the waist belt, over the buckle.

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>

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