Series designed by Prince August & Steve Metheringham.



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. We have already released Prussian, Austrian, Austrian-Hungarian, French and Russian infantry moulds as well as Artillery moulds. Now we are releasing our first cavalry moulds for this series. These are Austrian Cuirassiers and there are four different riders using the same horse. Series was designed by Prince August and Steve Metheringham.

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.

Cuirassiers were the heaviest cavalry in all European armies at the time of the Seven years war, riding the largest of horses and armoured with steel breast plates. There were 18 regiments of cuirassiers in the Austrian army. A regiment comprised six squadrons and an additional squadron of elite troops called carabineers. Each regular squadron comprised two companies and a company contained 90 men – thus a regiment had a field strength of 1080 men plus 212 troops in the carabineer squadron making a grand total of 1292. Cuirassiers were referred to as "German cavalry" in contrast to Hussars who were known as "Hungarian cavalry"

## **Austrian Cuirassier Unit Layout:**

Т	Т	TR	О	ST	Т	Т	Т
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T = Trooper
TR = Trumpeter
O = Officer
ST = Standard because

ST = Standard-bearer

