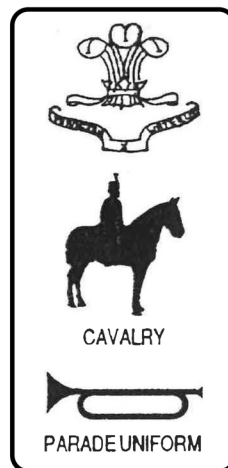


# Toy Soldiers - On Parade

## KETTLEDRUMMER

### 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) C.1900

54mm Figure



Kettledrummers came into being in the sixteenth century having been introduced by King Henry VIII, who had seen them used by the King of France's retinue of Guards.

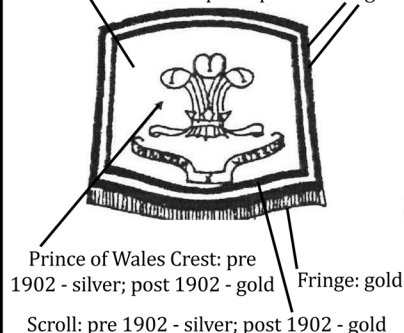
With the establishment of the modern British army after the restoration of Charles II, every troop in each Regiment of Horse or Dragoons had its standard or Guidon, but only a few elite corps were granted kettledrums and banners.

The first unit to receive such a privilege under Charles II was the 1st (or King's) troop of the Lifeguards, followed shortly by the 2nd (or Queen's) troop. Around 1686 kettledrums were granted to the Heavy Regiments of Horse, namely the Royal Horseguards (the Blues) and King's Dragoon Guard.

#### Drum banner of 10th Hussars

Background: pre 1902 - crimson;  
post 1902 - dark blue

Borders: pre & post 1902 - gold



The cost of providing these expensive banners and kettledrums, had to be met by the commanding officers (Colonels) of the regiments concerned, who were granted an annual clothing allowance to cover such contingencies.

By 1715 all Regiments of Horse possessed their own Kettledrummer, but the light Cavalry did not receive them until the end of the 18th century when they became universal for all cavalry regiments.

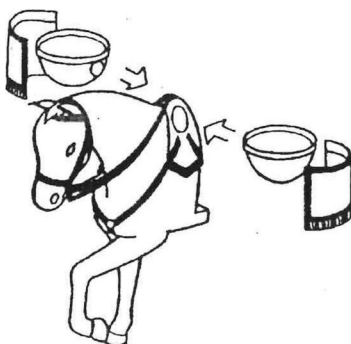
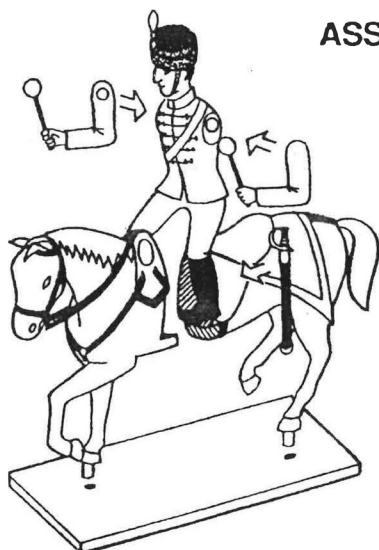
The kettledrummer, of which, by 1900 there was only one per regiment, was used exclusively on parade. Occasionally, when the whole regiment was present, the kettledrummer, and other musicians would be grouped together in a mounted regimental band, under a Drum Major.

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The kettledrummer was an ordinary trooper and not an N.C.O. and therefore had no chevrons on his sleeves.

The Colour of the horses originally depended on the personal preference of the Colonel of the regiment. However by the turn of the century the colours for each regiment were more or less set that of the 10th Hussars being dark brown.

#### ASSEMBLY



Use this kit in conjunction with kit no. 805 (Hussar on parade), to form a parade unit of 10th Hussars.

Use this kit in conjunction with Kits 805 (Hussar on parade), 802 and 803 (band accessories) to form a mounted band of the 10th Hussars.