

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 three moulds feature the Prussian infantry of Frederick the great and these three moulds alone can produce regular infantrymen, drummers, standard-bearers, NCO's and officers of the three main troop types; musketeers, grenadiers and fusiliers. Full assembly instructions for the various soldiers and their units are included with each mould. Future releases will include Austrian and Russian infantry followed by artillery and cavalry. 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.

The Prussian infantry comprised fifty-five regiments, of which 2 were guards, 32 were musketeers and 21 fusiliers. Each regiment was divided into two battalions and each battalion into six companies; five of these companies were musketeers and the sixth was a Grenadier company. In the field, the grenadier companies were separated from their parent regiments and grouped together in grenadier battalions. Each battalion contained four companies (representing the grenadiers from two regiments).

Prussian infantry types:

All the coats of the Line and Guard infantry were Prussian blue. Individual regiments were distinguished by differing colours on cuffs and collars.

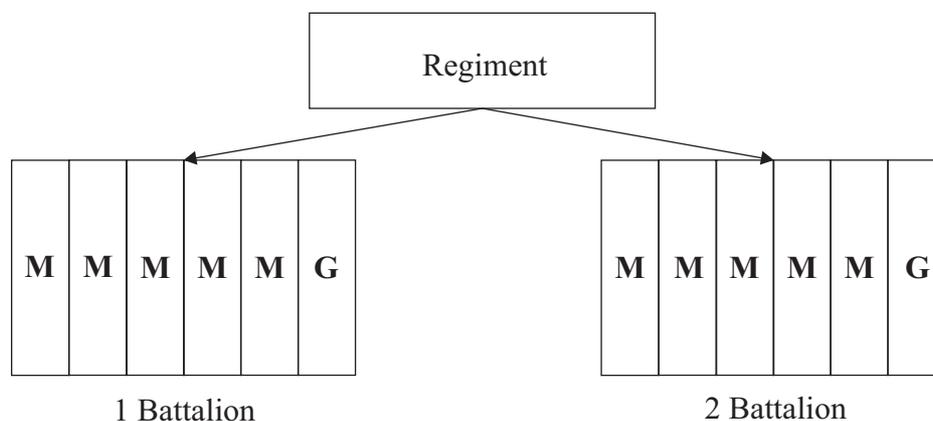
The three main infantry types were:

Musketeers: These troops were the standard regular infantry which comprised the first 32 regiments of the Prussian army. They formed the bulk of the troops in each regiment. They are distinguished by their tricorn hats.

Grenadiers: These were the elite troops of the Prussian infantry. They formed separate companies in the main infantry battalions but in the field were formed into distinctive Grenadier battalions (each battalion consisting of four Grenadier companies two from each regiment). They are distinguished by the tall mitre cap.

Fusiliers: These were lighter infantry but organized in the same manner as the musketeer regiments also with their own grenadier companies which were detached from them when in action. They wore their own distinctive smaller mitre-caps and comprised 21 regiments in the Prussian army.

Guard infantry: The guards units comprised regts 6 and 15. IR6 "Grenadier garde battalion" were, as the name suggests, a single battalion of grenadiers whereas IR15 had three battalions , the first two of musketeers and the third of grenadiers.



Each battalion was divided into six companies, 5 musketeers and 1 grenadier

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