

Prussian Foot Guards & Guard Füsiliers 1866

A Painting Guide



ORGANISATION, TACTICS & WEAPONRY

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UNIFORMS

Boots - black.

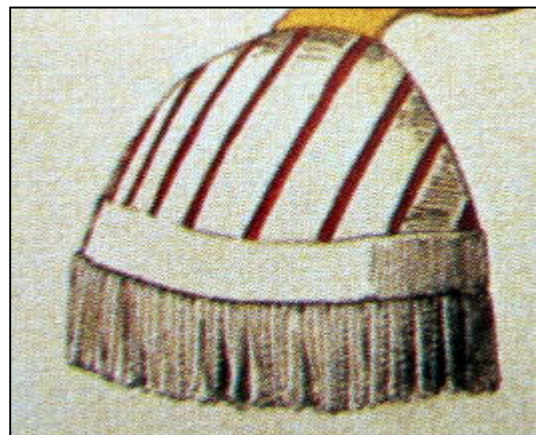
Trousers - dark grey with thin red seam.

Coat - dark blue with red piping down front of coat and on coat tail. **Cuffs** - so-called 'Swedish' cuffs, red with two white lace bars. **Collars** - red piped dark blue, with two white lace bars on each side.

Regimental distinctions as follows:

	<i>Buttons</i>	<i>Officers' cuff & collar lace bars</i>	<i>Shoulder straps</i>
1st Foot Guards	White metal	Silver	White
2nd Foot Guards	Brass	Gold	Red
3rd Foot Guards	Brass	Gold	Yellow
4th Foot Guards	Brass	Gold	Light blue
Guard Füsiliers	White metal	Silver	Yellow

Musician's wings - white with thin red lines in main body of swallow's nest (see picture to right).





Officers' distinctions -
Sash - silver with dark blue flecks.
Shoulder straps - regimental colour piped in the same colour as cuff and collar lace bars (see table above).
Buttons - gold

or silver depending on regimental button colour (brass/white metal, see table above). **Cuff and collar lace bars** - see table above. **Horse furniture** - dark blue shabraque edged in same colour as cuff/collar lace bars, with silver Guard star to corner (see picture above). Reins and pistol holsters were mid-brown with brass accoutrements.

HEADGEAR

Pickelhaube - black leather with brass fittings, including chin scales. The eagle plate was in the regimental button colour, with a silver Guard star overlaying it. The national cockade (white-black) was worn on the right-hand side.

Feldmütz (forage cap) - dark blue crown with red piping and band. The national cockade (black-white-black) was worn on the front of the cap. The officers cap identical save that it had a black leather peak.



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT & WEAPONS

Rifle - wooden stock stained light brown. Highly polished gunmetal barrel, breech etc. Brass bands and trigger/trigger guard. Sling light brown.

Officers' sword & scabbard - polished steel blade with brass guard and brass/black grip. Scabbard was black with brass fittings for 1st and 2nd battalions of 1st-4th Foot Guards; polished steel for Füsilier (3rd) battalions of 1st-4th Foot Guards, and all battalions of the Guard Füsilier regiment. Sword knot was silver & black.

Officers' equipment - black waist belt and pistol holster. Black, dark or mid-brown binoculars case. Black leather backpack with black or white straps to match leather harness colour of the battalion.

Ensign's equipment/flagpoles etc - black oilskin cover wrapped over the right shoulder in the form of a belt. Just below waist a brass plate bearing an Iron Cross (black edged silver). Flagpole was silver with a brass or gold finial which bore an Iron Cross, again black edged silver. On top of the pole would be tied the regiment's honour ribbons or battle honours. All ribbons were black silk edged silver.

Drum - brass centre shell. Red upper and lower bands with white triangles. On the upper band these were point upwards; on the lower band, point downwards. White skin. Black drumsticks tipped with brass at non-playing end. Drum attached to waist belt by brass holder.

Bugle - brass with red and white cords. Fife case (right hip) black leather with brass fittings.

Canteen - black felt or leather with black strap. Bung could be dull silver or dark brown.

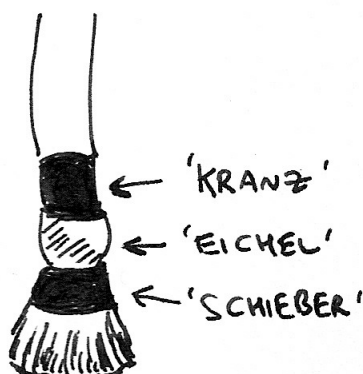
Side-arm - brass grip. Carried in a black leather scabbard tipped in brass. A belt crossing just below the crossbar attached scabbard to the waist belt. This was of the same colour as the rest of the harness belt (see below). Wrapped around the grip and hanging down was a white sword knot. At the end of this hung a 'troddel' or coloured bar. This was used to distinguish the battalions and companies within the regiment. It was coloured as follows:

<i>Battalion</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>'Kranz'</i>	<i>'Eichel'</i>	<i>'Schieber'</i>
I	1	White	White	White
I	2	Red	White	Red
I	3	Yellow	White	Yellow
I	4	Sky blue	White	Sky blue
II	5	White	Red	White
II	6	Red	Red	Red
II	7	Yellow	Red	Yellow
II	8	Sky blue	Red	Sky blue
III	9	White	Yellow	White
III	10	Red	Yellow	Red
III	11	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
III	12	Sky blue	Yellow	Sky blue

Backpack - mid-brown fur.

Bread bag and belt - worn on the right hip, this was of white canvas with two white metal buttons.

Harness belts - this harness consisted of the waist belt and under-and overarm straps holding backpack in place. Figures in the light kit will only be wearing the waist belt. Belt buckle



was brass. Belts coloured as follows: **Black** – Guard Fusiliers and 3rd battalions of 1st-4th Foot Guards. **White** - 1st and 2nd battalions of 1st-4th Foot Guards.

Cartridge boxes - black, attached to the waist belt by brass clip.

Blanket - dark grey. Tied by piece of leather of the same colour as the harness belts.

Mess tin - polished white metal attached by black leather straps to the backpack or blanket roll.

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