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A View From The Trenches...

As the end of the year approaches there is no "let-up" in the number of new and exciting K&C releases... This quarter's "COLLECTOR" is chockfull of dynamic and dramatic figures and fighting vehicles that are sure to find a happy home in collections all over the world this Christmas.

Let's take a closer look.. The long-awaited redesigned and resculpted lapanese infantry are now available to combat our US Marines as they battle for the tiny volcanic spit of land called IWO JIMA. Clint Eastwood's epic movie "Flags of Our Fathers", which retels the story of the iconic flagarising and the men who raised it, has brought many new collectors into this long needleed Pacific campaign.

From the warm waters of the Pacific to the freezing winter cold of war in the Ardennes in December 1944. It's back to Bastogne with a whole

batch of GI reinforcements of men and fighting vehicles.

From wartime Belgium go back almost a thousand years to the scorching desert sands of the Middle East and our new "Saracens"-a spectacular array of Saladin's Islamic Army, in all its finery, doing battle with the Infidel Crusaders

Jump forward in time to the "Age of Napoleon" and our latest Napoleonic releases... artillery and infantry. The field of Waterloo gives way to the "Streeds of Old Hong Kong" and more colourful characters from the "Pearl" of the Orient" including a brand-new version of our Chinese Wedding Procession.

There's also another visit to Hitler's pre-war Berlin with additional LAH figures and some excellent German Polizei "on panade". As if that's not enough there is even a couple of superb, new "Collector's Cith" figures.

So, I hope a little something for all tastes and all pockets. On that cheerful note I'll say "adios for now" and, of course, a very merry Christmas to one and all and a peaceful, prosperous and healthy New Year in 2007.

Happy Collecting!



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Andy C. Neilson Co-founder & Creative Director King & Country



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Horse handler included.

CRUSADER STATES

While later Crusading expeditions enerally failed, the survival of the Crusader States themselves was quite remarkable. Their problems were numerous and to some extent selfentire Middle East was an open frontier. Within a was essential for the proper development of a feedal society. This the Crusaders failed to do, largely because they lacked the manpower. The one 'open soon lost and none of the other great inland cities-Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aieppo, Diyarbakr or Mosul-ever fell. This left the Crusader States as a large feedal army. Great opened up for trade and urban but the compuerors were mentally for such a future, which was left



an-at-arms w/Sword & Shield

Attacking Knight w/Axe



manyower shortage and with a need for effective central government. Their states were slow to respond to such unfamiliar circumstances, and although the power of the major barons was



resisted changes which were essential to survival. The Kingdom of Jerusalem developed, in fact, a

agmented in the mid-12th century. that of the king also soon declined. At a time of military crisis the military elite

MK025



passion for writing laws to confirm a conserv increasingly unreal and essentially 'colonial' feudal structure. To the very end the Crusader States remained torn between an increasing need to co-exist with powerful Muslim neighbours and a persistent urge to conquer. This urge had been inherited from their early days and was constantly reinforced by Crusades from the West. The organization of the Court in Jerusalem

was based on that of France. Four major offices of state were the senechal, connectable, marecial and ceremonial and justice, though its holder also inspected castles in the king's name, organized their supplies and changed their garrisons. Chatelains (castle commanders) answered only to the king. In war the senechal fought alongside the ruler in the royal division or bataille. It was the connectable (regni constabularies) who actually commanded the army under the king, as well as taking military command and presiding over the High Court in the latter's absence. The marechal (regius marescalus) assisted the connectable, organizing the army, paying the mercenaries and holding regular reviews to check on equipment and discipline. He was also responsible for horses and pack animals, in turn being helped by the grand turcopolier who commanded the royal turcopoles. The chambellan was primarily concerned with the king's personal weil-being; while a fifth, non-military, high office was that of chancelier.

THE CHINESE WEDDING

PARTY ING &

COUNTRY's latest version of The Chinese Wedding Party can purchased either as a

complete 26 figure set or in smaller groups of two and six figures... the choice is yours.

Whichever option you select you can be sure of the quality and originality of this unique collection of miniature figures by King & Country.

Each individual piece has been skillfully cost and superbly painted by

This particular grouping is also just a small part of K&C's largest and most



extensive series... "Streets of Old Hong Kong" - depicting the colourful and exciting street life in turn-of-the-century Colonial Hong Kong





Into the inferno of Iwo Jima

By capturing Iwo Jima, the Americans would be one step nearer Japan's home islands and would remove a menace to US bombers attacking Japanese cities.

incredibly brave... always dangerous to

HE BATTLE for the island fortress of Iwo Jima during the months of February and March 1945 has gone down in history as one of the bloodiest of World War Two.

Most accounts focus on the wellknown heroism and sacrifice of the US Marines who took part in the mighty assault. Less well documented is the equally dogged and often suicidal bravery of their Japanese opponents.

Under the inspired leadership of General Tadamishi Kuribayashi the 21,000 defenders had dug and constructed over 18 kilometers (11 miles) of caves... tunnels... crevices... and carefully concealed pillboxes and bunkers that honeycombed the tiny volcanic atoll.

At the same time Kuribayashi had also imbued his men with the "Spirit of Bushido"-the ancient Japanese fighting

IWI026 Riffe Grenade



THE KNIGHTS OF BUSHIDO

Japanese military doctrine and discipline before and during the Second World War was brutal in the extreme

and fought under the harshest conditions. His weapons and equipment, by western standards, were basic. His superiors, at all levels, demanded obedience and his capacity endurance

legendary. All of this added up to a soldier who was

his enemies... physically tough... but lacking in personal initiative.

On Iwo Iima in those early months



K&C 's latest sets of Japanese fighting figures are based on Naval Infantry (Imperial Marines) who made up a substantial part of Iwo Iima's

garrison. IWJ025 "General Kuribayashi" The commander and "architect" of the Island's defense. From a noble "Samurai" family he perished with most of his men - his body was never found.

IWJ026 "Rifle Grenade Team" Two Japanese Marines prepare to fire their rifle attached Grenade

IWJ027 "Mortar Team" Another two-man set, this pair are firing their small squat "Type 99 (81mm) Infantry Mortar." IW028 "Machine Gun Set" These

two Naval Infantry are operating their "Type 92 Heavy Machine Gun"-known by Allied troops as " The Woodpecker" because of its firing sound.

IW029 "Anti Tank Team These two Marines are using

the "Type 97 Automatic Anti Tank Rifle" which fired a 20mm round. IW030 "Sniper Group"

A three-man section... one NCO "svotter" with binos plus two riflemen using their 6.5 mm "Arisaka rifles in both sitting and prone firing positions.



Recruits were often physically beaten

and assaulted for even the slightest mistake or perceived & weakness.

The ordinary Japanese soldier lived

W1030 Spiner Team



code of the Samurai...

quarter asked... no quarter

given." The stage was now set

for a brutal fight to the death.

"SWORD AND SCIMITAR

MEET IN A CLASH OF ARMS!"

In September 2006, at the world-famous "Old Toy Soldier Show" in Chicago, U.S.A., King & Country Jaunched their dramatic and colourful

"Old Toy Soldier Show" in Chicago, U.S.A., King & Country launched their dramatic and colourful "CRUSADERS" series to much acclaim from K&C collectors and dealers alike.

The last issue of "COLLECTOR" showcased the new range

and, at the same time, gave advance warning that the Moslem opposition... "The Saracers"... would be following shortly. Well, here they are. No less than 17 individual flighting Saracen warriors including the mighty "Saladin" himself.

As an added bonus there are also extra "Crusader" sets and figures being released simultaneously.

THE HISTORICAL

BACKGROUND

During the First Crusade, in the late 11th Century, the Christian armies of Western Europe took full advantage of a politically and militarily fragmented Islamic Middle East to seize control of a large part of the Eastern Mediterranean.

MK029 Saladin's Bodyguard Soldier w/Spear

Their ultimate goal and most highly prized jewel of conquest was the city of Jerusalem... sacred to Christian... Jew... and Moslem alike.

Throughout the lands they conquered on their way to Jerusalem these Crusaders established their own "fiefdoms"

city-states. These they intended to hold for "Christendom" and, of course, their own personal gain.

The defeated and dispirited Islamic states soon recognized their desperate need for a strong leader to unite and inspire them if they were ever to eject the Western invaders.

COMETH THE MAN.

In time that leader came forward in the form of a mighty Syrian warrior... "Salah- al- Din Ibn Ayyub"



simply known as - "Saladin". He brought together the many different, often feuding factions and forged them into a formidable fighting army the Westerners called... "The Sanacens". After being named "Sultan of Egypt" in 1174

and gaining political control of Syria later that same year "Saladin" was now ready to turn his considerable attentions towards dealing with these

Crusaders.
In the year 1187
Saladin mounted a series
of major assaults on
Crusader strongholds

MK032 Saracen Crosshow Ready



throughout the Middle East. With a huge army of Saracens he besieged Jerusalem itself later that same year. This culminated in the city's fall on October 2.

1187 ending more than 88 years of Crusader

occupation.
Saladin's
successes
prompted Pope
Gregory VIII to
call for another

call for another "Crusade"-the third, to expel the heathens from the

MK035 Saracen Attacking w/Axe call-to-arms brought the victorious Saladin faceto-face with another legendary medieval figure... Richard The

Lionheart, King of

holy city. This

Saracen

Attacking

England.

Both sides fought long and hard and occasional victories for the Crusaders could not stem the overall success of Saladin and his Saracen armies. Eventually the majority of the Holy Land including Jerusalem and the Crusader fieldoms fell to this mightiest of Islamic warriors.

KING & COUNTRY'S SARACENS

Saracen Brawing Sword

MKO31 Saracen Crossbow Ready our "Saracen" series

MK027 Here at

The Sultan is

dressed in an elaborate

golden bronze

K&C we aptly begin

with a mounted

figure of the mighty Saladin" himself. of this first release schedule. This archer takes careful aim. Special Note: All of our fighting Saracens carry richly decorated and painted shields featuring original

CRUSADER REINFORCEMENTS

K&C has added no less than six sets of individual and groups of fighting "Crusaders" to add on to our earlier Crusader release

MK021 "Wounded Man-at-Arms' MK022 "Man-at-Arms Fighting" MK023 "Attacking Knight with

MK024 "Mounted Knight with

MK025 "The Catapult Set" A Sergeant-at-Arms directs the loading of a catapult siege machine. This set also includes the three figures.

MK026 "The Scaling Ladder Set" Three Men-at-Arms attempt to scale the enemy's walls. These figures can also be used with "MK007 The Siege Tower."

THE ASSASSINS

A group of warriors who took part in the tangled military struggles of the Middle East in their own neculiar manner were the so-called

Assassins. This name is misleading in its modern connotations, and is also inaccurate in its original derivation. The Isma'ilis of Suria and

Iran were originally closely allied to the Fatimid Caliphate of Egypt Both belonged to the Shi'a branch of Islam and both originally relied as much on missionari as on soldiers to propagate their beliefs. But they also had their differences. The worst of these developed after the death of Fatimid Caliph al Mustansir in 1094. His eldest son Nizar was dispossessed and subsequently murdered in favour of a younger son, a Musta'li. The Fatimid Caliphate had already MK042 largely abandoned attempts at expansionism and had set about rebuilding its prosperity Firing under the guidance of cautious Armenian viziers. Yet the murder of Nizar caused horror among many eastern Isma'ili minorities. Many now shunned the Fatimids, and became known as Nizaris. It was they who began the campaign of political and religious murder for which they are chiefly remembered. They were also, it should be noted, great patrons of literature, theology, poetry and mystical philosophy. Their first military base was the great castle of Alamut in northern Iran. The Nizaris of Suria were closely linked to those of Iran and usually accepted the authority of the Iran at Alamut An exception was the period when Sinan Rashid al Din controlled the Nizaris' Syrian nountain castles from his headquarters at Masuaf (1162-1192)

Since these Syrian Nizaris pursued their military struggle by, on the one hand, sending men to kill their foes individually and, on the other, by seizing and holding a string of strong castles, cavalry had virtually no part in their operations. Their organization was, however, strictly

regulated. The leading da'is or missionaries became military leaders and administrators supported by secondary da'is. Below these were the rafias or comrades, who owed total obedience to their da'i. Next came the fida'is who were the active arm of the movement but who had only been initiated into the Nizari religious musteries up to a certain point. They were trained not

only in comba skills but also languages and

Saracen Crossb

cultural buckgrounds, a skill that sent ripples of fear across he entire Middle East. story that they courage with

This enabled them

to merge into most

kashish, thus being termed hashishin and by derivation 'assassins', is a myth. The lowest rank of active Nizaris were the lasigs or 'beginners', and below them came the non-participating remainder of the community.

After Sinan's death the Syrian Nizaris developed an even more sophisticated structure, probably concentrating their training in the castle of al Kahf, and sub-dividing the da'i rank into naqib (officer), janah (wing), nazir (inspector) and well (commander of a castle). It is also interesting to note the number of similarities between Nizari organization and that of the Crusader Templers. Rafiqs were white tunies with red finishings, caps and girdles that seem astonishingly similar to the red and white uniforms of the Temple

Islamic art patterns.

suit of armour and mounted on one of his favourite Arabian steeds.

MK028 "Saladin's Bodyguard Officer". The Sultan's personal guard are never far from his side. This officer

carries battleaxe... scimitar... and shield. MK029 "Bodyguard with Lance and Shield." Another of Saladin's

Lifeguards. MK030 "Saracen with Sword," This warrior prepares to draw his

MK031 "Saracen with Crossbow." These particular Defending archers were Saracen w/Axe noted for their

skill and accuracy with either bow or crossbow. MK032 "Saracen loading Crossbow." Another archer preparing his

weapon. MK033 "Saracen defending". With sword and shield this warrior parries an

attacker's blow MK034 "Saracen attacking." This soldier goes on the offensive with sword and

shield.

MK035 "Saracen attacking with Axe." Another fiercesome Islamic warrior. MK036 "Charging Saracen." With sword and shield.

MK037 "Attacking Saracen." One more colourful and dramatic action pose. MK038 "Defending Saracen." With battleaxe and shield.

MK039 "Saracen Fllagbearer." Another of the Sultan's bodyguards-this time with an Islamic banner

MK040 "Saracen Casualty." A warrior pays the ultimate price.. MK041 "Wounded Saracen with Flag." This Saracen ■ MK037 flagbearer

Attacking

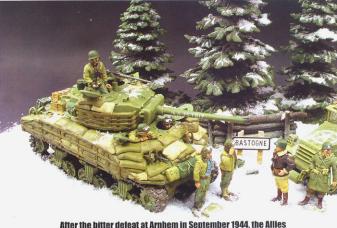
Saracen

stumbles as he receives a powerful

blow. MK042

"Saracen firing Crossbow." The last of the fighting Saracens





pressed on owards Germany in the gathering cold of a European winter.

Winter of Attrition

HE WINTER of 1944 was one of the coldest and most miserable on record in north-western Europe. For the soldiers of both sides who had fought the long and bloody battles of earlier in the year there was little respite... Now that Montgomery's bold (and reckless) plan to seize vital bridges over the Rhine had failed Eisenhower (the Supreme Allied Commander) had decided on his original "broad front" strategy much favoured by his own Americans generals.

Although this strategy appeared "safe" on paper, it was also slower... it provided the Germans more time to prepare their defenses. This they did.

THE GERMANS

By this late stage in the European War the German Army, although a shadow of its former self, was still a formidable fighting machine. Lacking in armour of all descriptions... short of valuable fuel for all its vehicles... it still possessed plenty of manpower albeit older men and younger boys to fill its depleted ranks.

Many of these older Home Guard units (The Volksturm) and Hitler Youth (Hitler Jugend) conscripts were liberally supplied with two outstanding hand-held shoulder-fired anti tank weapons-"The Panzerfaust" and its heavier cousin "The Panzerschrek". Even in young and old inexperienced hands these two weapons **BBA012** began to take a "Fnemy fearful toll of

in Sight" Allied armour and other vehicles.

THE AMERICANS

The American Forces had other problems as well. After D. Day a rapid build up of US Divisions in Europe had



percentage of Allied forces. However many of these units had not been in action before and lacked the necessary battlefield experience that would allow them to dominate and defeat their enemy.

At the same time those divisions that did have the



onslaught in December 1944...

Covering an important crossroads is BBA012 "Enemy in Sight!"-A threeman .30 calibre machine gun team... fighting off the biting cold... as

well as the Germans.

BBA011 "M10 Tan Destroyer" Built on the ubiquitous M4 Sherman chassis our snow-camouflaged U.S. tank destroyer mounts a 76 mm gun and comes with four full crew

BBA013 "Jes' make sure he's dead!" Out on forward patrol two GI's discover a German corpse... They carefully check it out.

figures.

BBA014 "Surprise, surprise." Two German infantrymen stumble across a pair of GI's planting mines. for the Yanks they are quicker on

by its five-man crew... much to their disapproval.

In late 1944 and into 1945 US tank crews were being "decimated" by German rocket propelled grenades-

"Panzerfausts" and "Panzerschrcks". Many armoured crews took to protecting themselves and their vehicles by "sand-bagging" their mounts.

The "Top Brass" however hated this and indeed forbade it on many occasions. It is said Gen. George S Patton was particularly incensed by it as he believed it put an unnecessary strain on the tank's engine and performance. He also believed it made his tank crews "less aggressive"

Needless to say the tankers themselves disagreed and the practice continued.

Our "SL" set shows a confrontation between a couple of the "Brass" and a "sand-bagged" Sherman and its hapless crew.

Just 1250 of this superb model have been produced.

BBA016 "M3 White Scout Car" A forerunner of the M3 Halftrack this little reconnaissance vehicle comes with three full-bodied figures and... three machine

> BBA017 "Helping a Buddy." After an enemy mortar attack a GI rushes over to help his wounded comrade

An American General

and his staff Officer come upon

M4A3 Sherman being

M3 White Scout Car the trigger and the two Krauts bite the dust (or snow in BBA015(SL)

new sets make worthy and useful additions to our other earlier "Winter GI's." Put them all together and you have an authentic and accurate representation of the winter war campaigns of 1944 and 1945 better known as ... "The Battle of the Bulge".

December 16, Inspection". This is our final "Strictly Limited" release of 2006 and it's a real beaut!

"Surprise, surprise

German

ttack in the

rozen

1944...

early hours of

K&C'S BATTLE OF THE BULGE' CONTINUES...

experience had also been severely depleted by casualties and were themselves exhausted by almost constant fighting since D. Day. As the first snows of winter fell

little did these GI's or indeed

any of the

Allied High

Command

COUNTRY released our first sets of "Winter GI's" back before Christmas 2004 this series has grown and developed into one of our most collected!

SINCE KING

These latest figures and fighting vehicles once more return to that desperate time of struggle to contain and defeat the German

Tank Destroyer

The Rise and Rise of the Third Reich

HE GREAT MASS of people will more easily fall victim to a big lie than to a small one...'

Adolf Hitler, Fuhrer of the Greater German Reich, wrote these ominous words in his personal manifesto "Mein Kampf," When the book first appeared in 1925, few if any could have imagined the suffering and terror the book's author and his followers would inflict on the world over the next two decades.

Yet Hitler's rise to power did not happen overnight... far from it. The rise of Hitler and his Nazi Party was boosted and, to some extent, created by the harsh terms inflicted on a defeated Germany by the victorious Allies in the aftermath of World War One. The Treaty of Versailles, which ended that terrible conflict

made Germany almost solely responsible and financially

accountable for the huge cost of the war. The fledgeling republic (the Kaiser had abdicated in November 1918) was made to pay crippling monetary reparations.

At the same time large parts of the country were placed under British and French control--- including the industrial heartland of Germany... The Rultr. A Police General weak central government Kurt Daluege was installed, which became known as "The Weimar Republic". The old order was dismantled... in



its place came chaos and confusion for millions of ordinary Germans especially in the working and middle classes.

Almost out of nowhere came Adolf Hitler and the Nazis offering a return to stability... employment for the unemployed ... and a renewed pride in Germany and its people. The stage was now set for a disaster of epic proportions...

THE TERRIBLE PRICE

In time, of course, the German people would realize that this better life came at a horrific cost... their liberty. Police Virtually as soon as Hitler became Sergeant Chancellor in 1933 he used the "tools" of the Nazi Party to control and enforce his will on the population of Germany.

None of his "tools" was as sharp or as ruthless as the "Schutzstaffel", better known by its sinister initials... the S.S.

Originally formed as a small, selective branch of the much larger SA (the Sturmableilung or "brownshirts", the SS was Hitlers's own personal bodyguard troops. Under the inspired and fanatical leadership of Reichsfuhrer **LAH074**

Marching SS Rifleman



Marching Officer with sword drawn

Heinrich Himmler, a failed Bavarian chicken farmer, the SS rapidly grew to become one of the largest and most feared organizations of the Nazi state.

As well as being Hitler's own "Practorian Guard" it began to infiltrate and eventually control all of the German States many police forces - both local and

K&C's LATEST BERLIN 38 RELEASES ...

These latest "Berlin 38" figures reflect the reality of this situation in pre war Germany.

LAH069 SS Polizei General Kurt Daluege. Daluege became the Chief of all German Police Forces in 1936. Here he wears the traditional polizei green uniform and gives the "Nazi" salute.

Following the assassination of Reinhard Heudrich, the dreaded Reich Protector of Czechoslovakia. Daluege took over his role... he was hung for war crimes in Prague in 1946.

LAH070 SS Polizei Officer with Sword at attention and on parade. LAH071 SS Polizei Standard Bearer





LAH072 SS Polizei presenting Arms. Police with rifle and bayonet on parade. LAH073 SS Polizei Sergeant, A veteran police NCO prepares to inspect his men. In addition to

these SS Polizei figures K&C are also releasing several more "Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler" figures, this time wearing their long black winter greatcoats. It is said that the elegant but sinister all-black uniforms of the "Schutzstaffel" were originally designed and tailored by none other than Hugo Boss, the famous German clothes designer and manufacturer

in the late

LAH074 Marching SS Man in long greatcoat with K98 Mausser rifle

LAH075 Marching SS Officer with

LAH076 Marching SS flagbearer. Carrying the red, black and white national flag.

LAH077 At attention SS Officer with sword

LAH078 SS Man Presenting Arms.

All of these new figures extend and broaden any collection of "Berlin 38" figures- especially if used in multiples for "parade" scenes.

LAH077 Officer at Attention



SS Riffeman presenting Arms



IF YOU LIKE really original military miniatures that are not widely available and very, very collectable welcome to The King & Country Collectors Club.

Only members of our club are eligible to purchase these special pieces, which we produce in relatively small amounts.

Existing fully paid-up members can purchase all of these new figures immediately. Brand-new members get the opportunity to select one of the "foot" figures completely FREE! Plus the opportunity, if they wish, to buy the other one

(or any other Club figure) while stocks last!

ABOUT THE NEW PIECES...

CF009 is a superb study of an early First World War German Infantryman, rifle on shoulder, cloth covered "pickelhaube" helmet on his head... ready to march on Paris in the days of August, 1914.

CF010 "Jumping Jack Flashman"the illegitimate half-brother of arch cad "Harry Flashman"-the villain of "Tom Brown's Schooldays" and the hero of George Macdonald Fraser's hugely successful series of "Flashman" novels.

The lesser-known but equally adventurous lack Flashman also took part in the ill-fated "Charge of the Light Brigade" during The Crimean war and was an officer in the 11th. Hussars... Lord Cardigan's "Cherry Bums

His many military exploits will be chronicled in later K&C Collector Club figures... look out for them!

TO FIND OUT MORE ...

If you want these pieces and are" still not a Club member, simply go onto the King & Country website www.kingandcountry.com and get the details. It's

that easy!



K ING & COUNTRY 's latest Napoleonic releases bring some welcome and much needed additions to this popular series.

On the British side we have the men and guns of The Rogal Here Artillery. The main difference between the RHA and The Rogal Artillery was that the principal "raised after of Horse Artillery was to accompany fast moving cavalry and provide mobile fire support around the battlefield. The more slow moving Rogal Artillery usually manned 'fixed' artillery positions and defense works and utilized heavier guns.

Our K&C Royal Horse Artillery comprises...

NA096 A mounted RHA officer standing in his stirrups and surveying the "fall of shot" of one of his guns across the battlefield.

NA097 shows an RHA Sergeant,



telescope in hand, directing the artillery fire.

NA098 is our "Gun Crew Set" portraying four artillerymen manning their light 6 pounder field piece... about to fire.

NA099 is a single figure of an RHA Corporal sword in hand giving



instructions to the gun crew.

All of these RHA
gunners are dressed in
typical light cavalry-style
uniforms and wearing the

typical light cavalry-style uniforms and wearing the distinctive "Tarleton Helmet" first seen during the American Revolutionary War. INFANTRY

OPPOSITION In addition to the Royal

Horse Artillery we have also not neglected their French opponents. In this case 11 soldiers of a typical French Line Infantry Regiment. These highly animated figures are available either singly or in multiples and can be formed up to attack in a wide

range of battle formations.

ABOUT NAPOLEON'S LINE INFANTRY The Emperor's line infantry was

founded on the same system as the prerevolutionary "Ancien Regime". Each regiment usually consisted of 3 battalions... each battalion fielded one company of Gernalders (the strengest, talkest and steadiest men)... one battalion of Votigeurs (scouts and skirmishers) plus eight companies of fusiliers (riflemen).

In addition to the "fighting" battalions, the Regiment usually had a "depot" battalion of just four companies, which undertook to train recruits and to provide reinforcements for the "fighting" battalio

As the Napoleonic Wars lengthened additional battalions were added to these Line Regiments however the quality of the extra units was often "diluted" by the low standard and extreme youth of many of the young conscripts.

00 French Line Infantry Sergean Advancing

> NA101 French Line Infantry Charging w/Bayonet

ARMS & EQUIPMENT

The basic arm of the Line
Infantry was the 1777 pattern
musket firing a 17.5 mm
calibre ball. Attached to
the weapon could be a
45cm long, steel, sockettype bayonet.

Selected "Voltigeurs" would be equipped with the more accurate "rifled" muskets while the "Sapeurs" (or engineers) of the battalion would carry light "musketoons" more usually favoured by Cavalry units.

Officers and senior NCO's would carry sabres and, if lucky, a brace of pistols. There were though many weird and wonderful variations of sword and sabre carried.



