

The Seven Years War in 6mm

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Heroics & Ros do produce a specific Seven Years range, but not all nationalities have figure codes. This document provides guidance on the use of miniatures from other Heroics & Ros ranges. The ranges suggested, apart from the Seven Years Wars range, include the Renaissance, English Civil War, Marlborough Wars and Napoleonic Wars ranges.

For those wishing to model infantry deployed in two ranks, with figures in different poses, codes are presented as front rank and rear rank, those listed as rear rank are marching. For those wish both ranks to be in a single pose miniatures in marching poses are generally recommended.

BRITISH

The following are suitable for the British in Europe from 1745 to 1763.

Line Infantry: MSY 11 Prussians Musketeers Attacking (1st rank) or MSY 12 Prussian Musketeers Firing or MSY 5 Austrian musketeers. MSY 1 Prussians musketeers marching (2nd rank). By experience, Prussian Musketeers seem to be the best choice.

British Grenadiers: MSY 13 Prussian Grenadiers Attacking (1st rank) and MSY 2 Prussian Grenadiers Marching .

Highlanders: MECW 13 Scots Musketeers (from the ECW range in pants) or if in kilts British Highlanders in Napoleonic range (MBN 5, 8, 25 – though none of these are perfect).

Line Cavalry: MSY 7 Austrian Dragoons and MSY18 Prussian Dragoons Charging (cut the plumes on tricorns).

Household Cavalry: MSY 7 Austrian Dragoons and MSY27 Austrian Dragoon Grenadiers (for guards in mitres).

Light Cavalry: MFN 19 French Dragoons or MBN 2 British Dragoons both from the Napoleonic range). Some work is needed on headgear.

Artillery: MSY 4 Prussian Foot Artillery or MSY 9 Austrian Artillery. Add MSY 28 gun teams and marching gunners.

Mounted Generals: MSY20 Prussian General Staff.

FRENCH

Line Infantry: MSY 11 Prussian Attacking (1st rank) or MSY 22 Austrian Firing with MSY 29 Hungarian Marching (2nd rank).

Grenadiers in Fur Caps: MSY 23 Grenadiers Attacking or 24 Austrian Grenadiers Firing (1st rank) and MSY 6 Austrian Grenadiers (2nd rank)

Light Infantry: MSY 8 Austrian Croat Grenzers, or MSY 17 Prussian Jaegers or MSY 23 or MSY 24 Austrian Grenadiers.

Light & Medium Cavalry: Hussars MSY 10 Prussian Hussars; Dragoons MMF4 French Dragoons or MMF 3 Cuirassiers. For dragoons on foot MSY 17 Prussian Jaegers.

Heavy Cavalry: MMF 3 Cuirassiers or MSY 7 Austrian Dragoons or MSY 18 Prussian Dragoons Charging (plumes on tricorn have to be cut off). Royal Allemand MSY 27 Austrian Dragoon Grenadiers.

Artillery: MSY 9 Austrian Artillery or MMO 1 Artillery (Marlborough Wars Range).

Staff & Generals: MMB 5 Marlborough and Staff or MSY 20 Prussian General Staff

Special Troops: Marechal de Saxe units Lancers MFN32B French Napoleonic Tartars. For Dragoons MSY 27 Austrian Dragons Grenadiers (some work needed on headgear).

RUSSIAN:

Russian Infantry: MSY 1 Prussian Musketeers Marching.

Russian Observation Corps Infantry: MSY 1 Prussian Musketeers Marching and/or MSY 11 Prussian Musketeers Attacking or MSY12 Prussian Musketeers Firing. If to be modelled without fixed bayonet use MSY17 Prussian Jaegers.

Russian Grenadiers: MSY 2 Prussian Grenadiers Marching.

Pandours: MSY 8 Austrian Croat Grenzers (though not perfect).

Another option for Russian SYW infantry with a more modern headgear may be MPN 12 Prussian Musketeers and MPN 13 Prussian Musketeers Attacking all from the Prussian 1806 Jena Campaign range.)

Russian Cuirassiers: MSY 25 Austrian Cuirassiers Charging.

Russian Horse Grenadiers: There is no equivalent here. If you want mitres, in this case use MSY27 Austrian Dragoon Grenadiers, otherwise MSY 25 Austrian Cuirassiers Charging.

Russian Dragoons: MSY 25 Austrian Cuirassiers Charging

Russian Hussars: MSY 26 Austrian Hussars (1st to 6th regiments) and MSY10 Prussian Hussars (7th and 8th regiments).

Russian Cossacks: Mix of MSY 19 Prussian Bosniak Lancers (some work on headgear needed) with MRN 6 Napoleonic Cossacks.

Artillery: MYS 9 Austrian Artillery and we strongly suggest to use the lightest guns/licorns in the Napoleonic MRN 4 Russian Artillery pack as well.

Staff Officers: MSY 20 Prussian General Staff and some figures from MMB5 Marlborough and Staff pack.