

Paraguayan War 1865 - 1870 in 6mm

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This guide references the Heroics & Ros (H&R) range of miniatures. Figures are drawn from the Napoleonic British range (MBN), Napoleonic Spanish range ((MSN), Franco-Prussian War range (NCF) or American Civil War range (MACW).

PARAGUAY

Infantry: MBN 22 Infantry Belgic Attacking, MBN 7 Line Infantry Light Company in Belgic shako (some work needed on headgear). Some figures in kepis can be added for variety from MACW 1 Federal Infantry and/or MACW 18 Federal Infantry Attacking.

Cavalry: The majority of Paraguayan cavalry had lances, use MACW 15 Rush’s Lancers. There were two elite Paraguayan cavalry regiments in shakos, use MBN 11 British Light Dragoons, the plume on the shako has to be removed.

Artillery: MBN 3 British Foot Artillery for crews. For guns use a mix of 18 Century and Napoleonic guns, howitzers, along with some ACW guns.

BRAZIL

Infantry: MACW 1 Federal Infantry and/or MACW 18 Federal Infantry Attacking. MACW 17 Zouaves Skirmishing, MACW 19 Confederate Infantry Attacking, NCF 3 French Chasseurs Attacking, NCF 8 French Guard Infantry Marching.

Cavalry: Regular cavalry in shakos with plumes MBN 11 British Light Dragoons (5 regiments). MACW 15 Rush Lancers or other cavalry in kepis MACW 4 Federal Cavalry or , MACW 14 Cavalry in Kepi Charging. MACW 7 Confederate Cavalry can be used for the semi gaucho dress. MSN 6 Spanish Lancers can be used as “Dragoes de la Independencia” (in parade dress).

Artillery: Figures and guns can be represented by a mix of figures and guns from MACW 22 Artillery - 10pdr Parrots and NCF 7 French Artillery.

ARGENTINA

Infantry: NCF 3 French Chasseurs Attacking

Cavalry: NCF 5 French Hussars, MACW 4 Federal Cavalry and MACW 14 Cavalry in Kepi Charging.

Artillery: NCF 7 French Artillery (to represent foot artillery) and MACW 22 Artillery – 10pdr Parrots (horse artillery).

URUGUAY

Infantry: MACW 1 Federal Infantry and/or MACW 18 Federal Infantry Attacking.

GENERAL NOTES

When dismounted cavalry are when needed, dismounted cavalry can use MACW 13 Cavalry in Kepi Dismounted, MACW 23 Confederate Cavalry Dismounted and MACW 12 Dismounted Horses With Horse Holders.