



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

002: City of Barcelona Infantry Regiment

«Regiment de la Ciutat de Barcelona» or «la Ciutat»



Traditionally raised and funded by Barcelona town Municipality or *Consell de Cent* (=Council of The Hundred), also known as *Generality* (a permanent committee of the Catalan Parliament, or *Corts*), either at king's request or by its own. It numbered some 600 men in 8 companies –one of which, of grenadiers.

Raised in 1706 to support Archduke Charles' claim to the throne under the name of *El Rey* (=King's Own). This was the other one of the two Imperial regiments which remained in Catalonia after the Austrian retreat in 1713.

Uniform element	Colour description	Painting suggestion *
Coat	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Facings	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Waistcoat	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Neckcloth	White	70-951 White
Trousers	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Stockings	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Buttons	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Hat	Black	70-950 Black
Hat border	-	-
Hat lace	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Gaiters (if worn)	Off-white	70-918 Ivory
Officers' sash	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Officers' hat plume	Red	70-908 Carmine Red

* According to Vallejo's Model Color 70 Range chart



According to Hernández & Riart

Prior to 1705

Tercio de la Ciudad de Barcelona

Uniform unchanged

King's colour until 1706, as per regulations

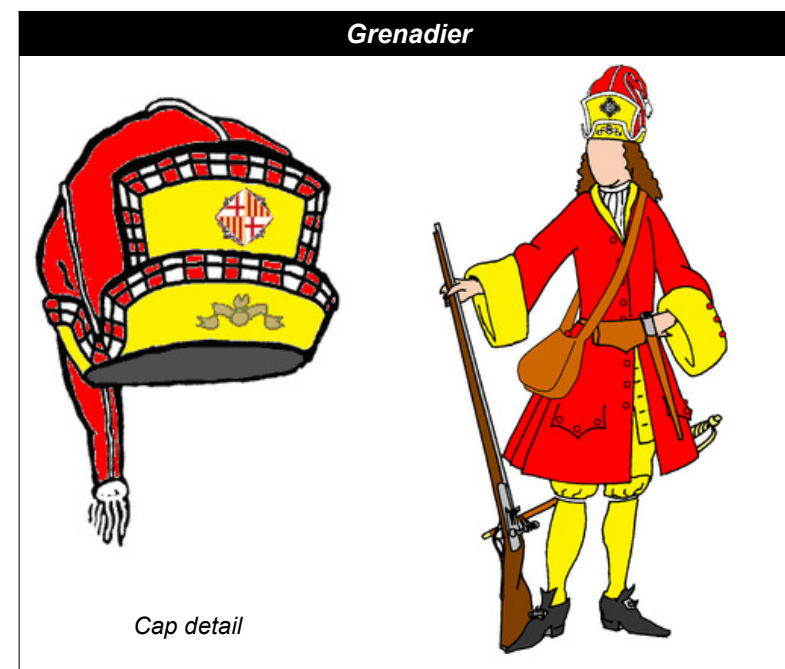
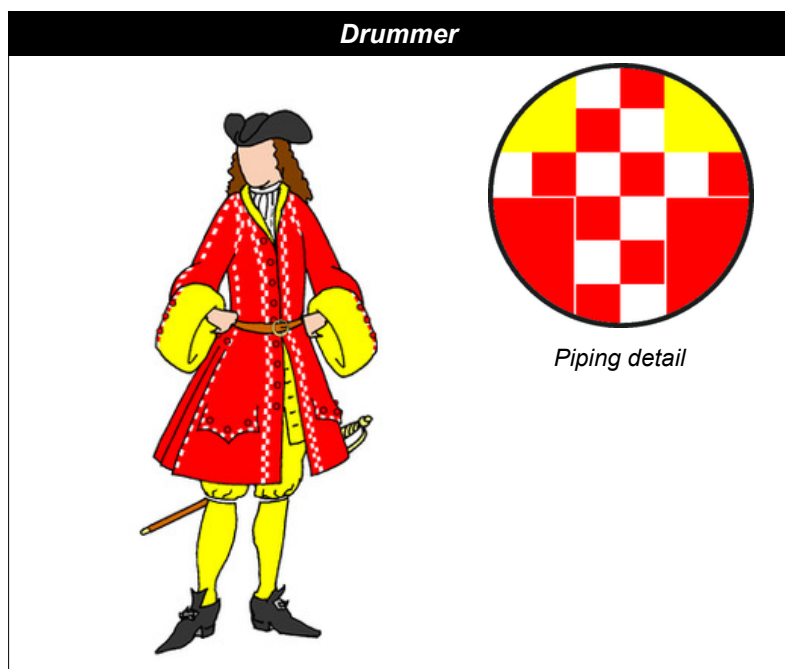
Regiment's colour unchanged

Colonels

1706: Jaume de Cordelles

1713: Francesc d'Asperer †

August 1714: Jordi de la Bastida †



Late war catalan infantry regiments were organized, following Archduke Charles' 1706 Ordnances, into a single battalion divided into up to 11 companies, with a theoretical full strength of 1,000 men. Every regiment was supposed to have one grenadier company, although it seems that at least a couple had two. Although most of the new units probably never achieved their full theoretical strength, it has been estimated that many managed to maintain a strength of 50-75% all through the war.

Units were dressed, equipped and armed following typical trends in armies of the period, taking Allied features as a model; the Imperial Army for internal organisation and the English for a number of tactical and equipment solutions. Some elements were common to all peninsular armies, such as frontal cartridge pouches. The main weapon was a musket with socket bayonet, supplemented with a sword; no records exist about the use of pikes by any unit.

The grenadiers' most distinctive features were a grenadier cap (with a lower frontal plate than the Spanish one) and the ubiquitous grenade bag. It seems that in some units grenadiers wore shoulder laces –following Spanish trends too. Grenadier wore a saber as secondary weapon.

Drummers' coats and facings were usually the same as rank and file, being distinguished by various pipings.

Officers wore a yellow sash around the waist as a symbol of rank and their hats were decorated by red plumes.