



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

008: Busquets' Infantry Regiment

«Regiment Busquets»



Francesc Busquets aka “*Mitjans*”, who was a Colonel in Archduke Charles' Army from 1710, obtained a warrant in 1713 to raise a line infantry regiment in the central countryside of Catalonia. The plan was for this unit to harry the Barcelona besiegers' lines from the rear, along with several others assembled around Montserrat Range -mostly irregular *Miquelets* or *Sometents* peasant militias, as well as some regular Foot and Horse detached from other regiments.

Uniform

As a consequence of Barcelona town blockade, Busquets' unit could never be formally confirmed as a Line Regiment, given ordnance flags nor assigned any budget or equipment by the Catalan *Junta de Guerra*.

Nevertheless, it shouldn't be completely discounted for this Regiment to have enjoyed some kind of uniforms, for these could have been supplied by the grant owner himself, Colonel F. Busquets.

If such the case, most probably coats would have been blue, as usual for other regiments. Facings would have been in a colour easy to find locally, like red or yellow for example.

According to F. X. Hernández & F. Riart, one single sample is known according to contemporary hospital records, about a patient dressed in blue coat (no facings recorded), red waistcoat and light brown trousers.

* According to Vallejo's Model Color 70 Range chart



Uniform unknown

It was expected that this mobile expeditionary force actions could, if not damage the invading Army, at least be able to weaken the siege on Barcelona and break the Two Crowns blockade.

In spite of some successes (battle of Talamanca, August 13th 1714), the expeditionary force could never succeed in its mission, being therefore constrained to guerrilla actions in Central Catalonia until their ultimate surrender in mid September 1714.

Busquets' regiment most probably numbered around 300 men.

Colonels

1713-1714: Francesc Busquets i Mitjans