



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

101: Walloon Guards

“Reales Guardias Valonas”



This elite unit was created in October 1702 by the Marquis of Louville, personal advisor to Philip d'Anjou, on the model of Louis XIV's **Gardes Françaises**. The regiment numbered some 2,800 to 3,000 enlisted men –at first divided into two battalions.

Their uniform was identical to that of Louis XIV's French Guards --except for the cockade, that was black & red instead of white.

Uniform element	Colour description	Painting suggestion *
Coat	Dark Blue	70-899 Dark Prussian Blue
Facings	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Waistcoat	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Neckcloth	White	70-951 White
Trousers	Dark Blue	70-899 Dark Prussian Blue
Stockings	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Buttons	Silver?	70-790 Silver
Hat	Black	70-950 Black
Hat border	White	-
Hat lace	Black & Red interlaced	70-950 & 70-908
Gaiters (if worn)	-	70-918 Ivory
Officers' sash	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Officers' hat plume	Red?	70-908 Carmine Red

* According to Vallejo's Model Color 70 Range chart



According to M. Giménez González, J. Hinds, C.A. Sapherson & al.

Colonels

1702: Duke of Havre

Battalion flag since 1728



Incidentally, the Walloon Guards colours remained without major changes until 1728, when the battalion flags design was equalled to that of the King's colour.

Officer



(source:vintage lithography)

Drummer



(source:vintage lithography)

Grenadier



Cap detail



The Walloon Guards Regiment was gradually expanded during the War of Spanish Succession, so that it soon reached a number of six battalions. Since the end of war, however, the unit's size was reduced again to up to three battalions numbering some 4,000 men. One of these battalions was permanently quartered in Catalonia.

As the elite fighting unit it was, the Walloon Guards were present on most of the major engagements in the Peninsula: Almansa (1707), Almenar, Saragossa / Monte Torrero and Villaviciosa (1710); as well as some significant sieges: Gibraltar (1704-1705), Lleida (1707), Tortosa (1709) and Barcelona (1713-1714).