



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

102: Spanish Guards

“Reales Guardias Españolas”



This elite unit was created in December 1703 by the Marquis of Louville, personal advisor to Philip d'Anjou, with the same size and internal organization than the *Walloon Guards*.

Their uniform was identical to that of Louis XIV's *French Guards* --except for the cockade, that was 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	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
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

1703: Count of Aguilar

1714: Marquis of Aytona

Battalion flag since 1728



Incidentally, the Spanish Guards colours remained without major changes until 1728, when the flags design was equalled to those of the Walloon Guards.

Officer



(source:vintage lithography)

Drummer



(source:vintage lithography)

Grenadier



Cap detail



The Spanish Guards Regiment was gradually expanded during the War of Spanish Succession, so that it soon reached a number of six battalions – just as its brother regiment, the Walloon Guards.

This elite infantry regiment fought many of the major engagements in the Peninsula: Almansa (1707), Almenar, Saragossa / Monte Torrero and Villaviciosa (1710). They also played a role in the siege of Barcelona (1713-1714).