



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

191: Castelar Infantry Regiment

“Regimiento de Castelar”



This was another Irish Jacobite regiment commissioned by Philip V, probably better known by its later name of *Hibernia*. It was formed in 1709 with a single battalion, but it quickly expanded to three. This regiment was very active, fighting at Balaguer, Saragossa-Monte Torrero, Brihuega and Villaviciosa (1710), Benasque and Calaf (1711), Morella (1712), counter-insurgency in Valencia (1713) and Barcelona (1714). Later, it took part in the invasion of Sicily (1718) and the siege of Gibraltar (1727).

Uniform element	Colour description	Painting suggestion *
Coat	Red	70-947 Vermilion
Facings	Green	70-891 Intermediate Green
Waistcoat	Green	70-891 Intermediate Green
Neckcloth	White	70-951 White
Trousers	Green? White?	70-891 Intermediate Green
Stockings	Red?	70-908 Carmine Red
Buttons	Silver	70-970 Silver
Hat	Black	70-950 Black
Hat border	White	70-951 White
Hat lace	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Gaiters (if worn)	-	70-918 Ivory
Officers' sash	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Officers' hat plume	White?	70-951 White

* According to Vallejo's Model Color 70 Range chart



According to Delorme, Hinds and Sapherson

Colonels

1709: Lucas Patiño marquis of Castelar

Battalion flag 1718-1728



According to several sources, there was also the unit name inscribed in capital letters between the Burgundian Cross' lower arms – so perhaps there was actually an intermediate stage in design.

Battalion flag since 1728



New regulations issued in 1728 came to set a further design for either King's and Battalion's flags, that survived with only minor changes until the Napoleonic Wars. All Irish units shared the same flag design.

Officer



Grenadier



Cap detail
(speculative)



General information

The Irish regiments in Spanish service, as foreign troops, wore the same red jacket as the Swiss and Neapolitan ones – albeit showing distinctive facings. Their regimental symbol was the Coat of Arms of Ireland – a gold harp on a blue field, and such was also their first regimental or «sencilla» flag.

In 1806 the red uniform switched a sky blue coatee with varying facings and buttons depending on the regiment. *Regimiento Irlanda* had a yellow collar and lapels and gold buttons, *Regimiento Hibernia* of this booklet sky blue collar, yellow lapels and silver buttons, while the *Regimiento Ultonia* had a yellow collar, sky blue lapels and silver buttons.