



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

192: MacAuliffe Infantry Regiment

“Regimiento de MacAulif”



Following the Treaty of Limerick in 1691, thousands of Irish soldiers left Ireland for Europe. France and Spain were at war with England and both countries eagerly recruited these tough soldiers. This one, perhaps better known by its later name of *Regimiento Ultonia* (“Ultonia” standing for Ulster), was commissioned by Philip V in 1709 and with time became a permanent unit of Spanish Army. This regiment fought at the battle of Villaviciosa (1710), as well as the sieges of Cardona and Barcelona (1714), or the invasion of Majorca (1715). 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	Blue	70-809 Royal Blue
Waistcoat	Blue	70-809 Royal Blue
Neckcloth	White	70-951 White
Trousers	Blue? White?	70-809 Royal Blue
Musketeer stockings	Blue?	70-809 Royal Blue
Grenadier 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
1709-1715: Dermot MacAuliffe
1715: Teige (=Tadeo) MacAuliffe

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