



WSS Know-Who & Painting Guide

201: Catalan Guards

«Reials Guàrdies Catalanes»



Created in November 1705, this elite and bodyguard unit brought together the hardest supporters of Archduke Charles in Catalonia –the so-called «vigatans». This regiment got to have up to 1,000 men in two battalions and was involved in several major battles, such as Almenar (1710), Monte Torrero (1710) and Brihuega-Villaviciosa (1710).

After the signing of Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, the Catalan Guards were formally evacuated to the Kingdom of Naples, but most of its troops chose to stay at home and keep the fight, joining the Regiment of Our Lady of Rosary raised by the Catalanian Authorities for them.

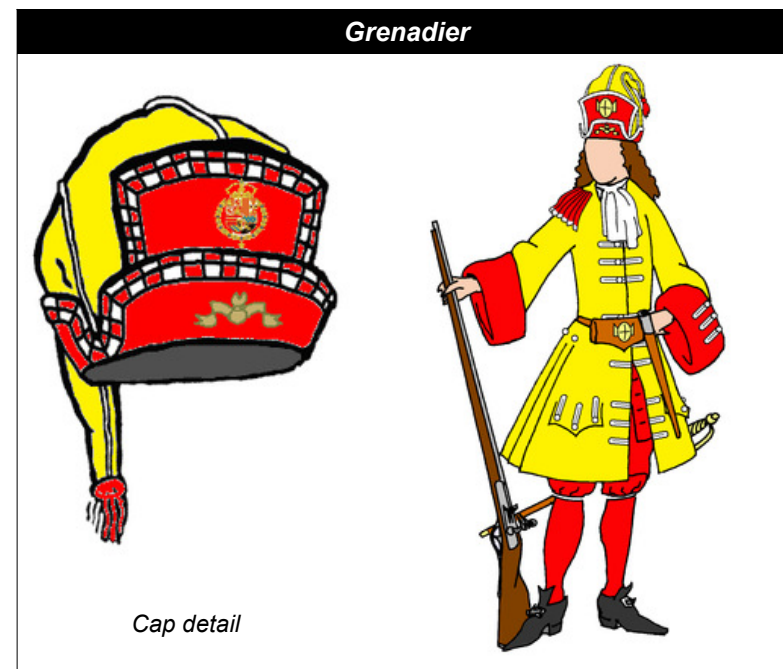
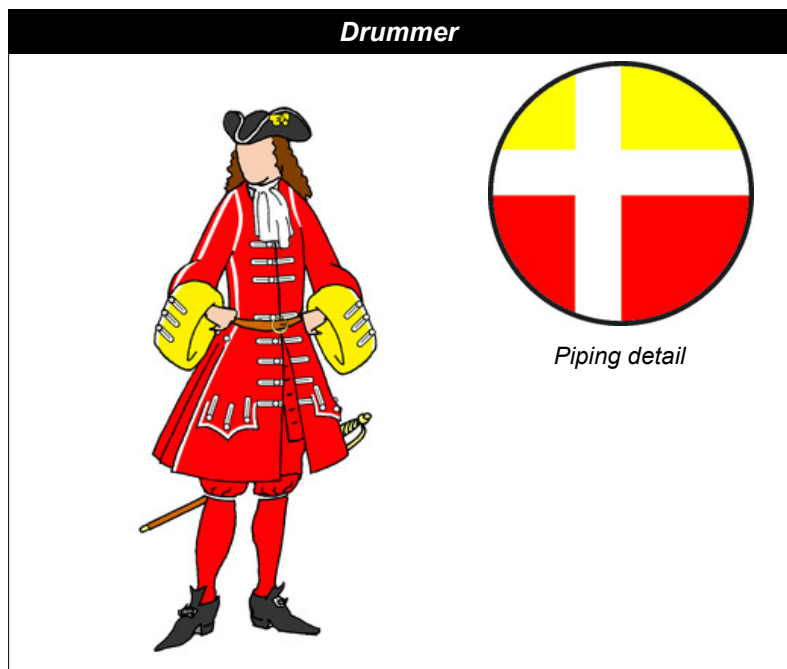
Uniform element	Colour description	Painting suggestion *
Coat	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Facings	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Waistcoat	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Neckcloth	White	70-951 White
Trousers	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Stockings	Red	70-908 Carmine Red
Buttons	Gold?	70-996 Gold
Hat	Black	70-950 Black
Hat border	White?	70-951 White
Hat lace	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Gaiters (if worn)	Off-white	70-918 Ivory
Officers' sash	Yellow	70-915 Deep Yellow
Officers' hat plume	Red	70-908 Carmine Red

* According to Vallejo's Model Color 70 Range chart



According to Hernández & Riart

Colonels
1705: Antoni de Peguera i Aymerich †
1707: Heinrich von Hessen-Darmstadt
1709: Antoni de Meca i Cardona



Apparently, drummers' coats and facings were reversed, according to F. X. Hernández and F. Riart.