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THE PRUSSIAN ARMY

Kurassiers

The single breasted tunic or Koller was white. The regimental facing colour was displayed on the 'Swedish' cuffs and the collar. Buttons were white or yellow metal depending on the regiment. Officers wore similar uniforms. Trumpeters were dressed similarly with the addition of 'swallows nests' in the facing colour trimmed with button colour, and no cuirass. All ranks wore white breeches and black knee boots.

Cuirasses and helmets were of polished steel except for the two Guard regiments and regt no 6 which were bronze. Equipment belts were white leather. Scabbards were steel.

Shabraques were square cut with decorated pistol holsters. These were of facing colour edged with button colour as follows:

Dragoons

The single breasted tunic was cornflower blue. The

regimental facing colour was displayed on the 'Swedish' cuffs, shoulder straps and the collar. Buttons were white or yellow metal depending on the regiment. Officers wore similar uniforms. Trumpeters were dressed similarly with the addition of 'swallows nests' in the facing colour trimmed with button colour. All ranks wore black-blue trousers and black knee boots. Helmets were black with fittings in button colour. Equipment belts were white leather. Scabbards were steel.

Shabraques were round cornered. These were blue edged with facing colour.

Hussars

Hussars wore a short Attila jacket with five rows of braid across the front in button colour. The regimental facing colour was displayed on the piping and the 'Polish' cuffs. Trumpeters were dressed similarly with the addition of 'swallows nests' in the jacket colour trimmed with button colour, and no cuirass. All ranks wore blue-black breeches and black knee boots.

White and black barrel sashes were worn by all ranks. Equipment belts were white leather. Scabbards were steel. Sabretaches were black with a monogram in button colour. Shabraques were rounded at the front with pointed rear corners. These were of jacket colour except for the Guards and Regt no 3 who used dark blue.

Headgear was a black fur busby with bag in regimental colour hung from the left.

The following chart shows the Tunic colours for each regiment, surrounded by the button colour with the busby colour indicated by the oval.

Uhlans

The double breasted tunic was dark blue. The regimental facing colour was displayed on the piping, collar and the 'Polish' cuffs. Metal epaulettes were worn on each shoulder. Trumpeters were dressed similarly with the addition of 'swallows nests' in facing colour trimmed with button colour. All ranks wore mid-grey overall trousers. Dark blue girdles with a central strip in facing colour were worn by all ranks. Equipment belts were white leather. Scabbards were steel. Lance Pennons were white over black. Shabraques were round-cornered, dark blue edged with facing colour. Headgear was a black lancer cap with brass fittings and a black and white cockade. Cap lines were of white cord.

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