

WSS Range : Notes on the flags & regiments included

The period from the late 17th century to the middle of the 18th seems to be very short on evidence for the flags of quite a number of European states so researching this range hasn't proved to be as straightforward as I had hoped. Of necessity I have had to use conjecture (either mine or that of other writers) to assemble an adequate number of flags so that an army could be provided with suitable numbers of units from representative states. I have missed units that I would have liked to include because I have found no clues to the appearance of their flags but have still ended up including units whose colours are little more than guesswork.

Many reconstructions of flags from this period seem to be based upon flags captured in battle during the 1690's as these were often documented for propaganda purposes. I have my doubts that new flags issued to those broken regiments would have been the same as those captured but many others, with more experience of the period than I have, seem to accept that no changes were made prior to the start of the WSS. This is generally the approach that I have taken where such evidence is all that is available.

Other sources, particularly for some smaller German states, seem to assume the more 'uniform' flags to some standardised pattern began to appear this early. To my mind this is unlikely and I have not followed that trend – not that my assumptions are any more valid than others but users should know why I may be 'bucking the trend' at times.

British flags proved surprisingly awkward as hardly any designs are known with any certainty – I really wasn't expecting that. Add in the changes with Union in 1707 and I got thoroughly confused with so many different interpretations of the limited evidence available. I have my doubts about the plain colours with canton – I feel that they would have had some design on them, continuing the tradition of the previous century, but have included some as no evidence points to what designs may (or may not) have been used. In the post 1707 sheets I have assumed that a more standardised pattern had been adopted but I have no real evidence to support that theory.

The French sheets in this range include only regiments that were in existence during the WSS but not during the 7YW. Many of the flags on the Ancien Regime sheets (AF range) will be the same as those during the WSS but it isn't always that easy to determine which ones had which flag design for certain. Generally the lower numbered regiments were the ones that had been around since the 1680's.

I have included Colonel's flags (white cross on a white field) for the French on 6mm & 8mm sheets but not on 10mm and bigger. What I have done is to provide a PDF file of them that can be downloaded (with a page each of 10, 12, 15 & 18mm) from the website for self-printing. They are all greyscale so any printer will give an adequate result. If you do want to purchase sheets of these then I suggest buying AF404 (10mm), AF504 (12mm), AF610 (15mm) or AF710 (18mm) as these have the largest number of Colonel's flags on them. If there is a demand I will make these extra sheets available for sale – let me know if you are interested.

What I have tried to do is produce a range that is colourful, captures the period and is as authentic as I can find evidence for (which, to be honest, is less than I'd like). Comments, corrections and requests are welcome as always.

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Regiments included in the range

Please note that not all regiments listed are included in all sizes. Regiments listed in *Italics* have only one flag (usually a company colour), the rest have two (Colonel's or Leibfahne as appropriate and a Company colour). Regimental names varied with commander so you may find these regiments listed under a different name. British regiments had no number at this time, I have used the number that regiment became later along with one Colonel of the period to ID them.

Each regiment has a 2 character code that identifies the flag on the sheet – this info is also included on the sheets.

Imperial SI - Scharfenstein/Sickingen SO - Solari/Harrach KR - Kreichbaum AS - Alt-Starhemberg GU - Gutenstein HO - Holstein-Plon KO - Konigsegg-Rothenfels HD - Hoch und Deutschmeister WE - de Went BR - Brandenburg-Bayreuth TH - Thurheim MA - Marulli	VE - Vegelin <i>HB - Holstein-Beck</i> <i>LI - Lindeboom</i> <i>SL - Slangenburg</i> <i>VB - Van der Beke</i> Dutch Auxiliaries Scots <i>CL - Colyear</i> <i>LA - Lauder</i> <i>HA - Hamilton</i> <i>PO - Portmore</i>	22 - 22nd Norfolk 24 - 24th Marlborough 26 - 26th Ferguson 33 - 33rd Wades 35 - 35th Gorges Denmark <i>PG Prinz Georg</i> <i>PK Prinz Karl</i> <i>SJ Sjaellandske</i> <i>LG Livgarden</i> France <i>AL - Albigeois</i> <i>BL - Blacons</i> <i>SI - Sillery</i> <i>BU - Bugey</i> <i>CA - Carne</i> <i>CO - Cotentin</i> <i>RO - Rosieres</i> <i>DB - Durfort-Boissiere</i> <i>GA - Gassion</i> <i>FA - La Farre</i> <i>MC - Marcilly</i> <i>OR - Orleansais</i> <i>RU - Rousilles</i> <i>GB - St Germain-Beaupre</i> <i>VO - Vosges</i> Bavaria <i>LE - Leibregiment</i> <i>ME - Mercy</i> <i>KU - Kurprinz</i> <i>MA - Massei</i> <i>TA - Tattenbach</i> <i>GR - Grenadier</i> <i>BE - Bettendorf</i> <i>LU - Lutzenberg</i>
Brandenburg-Prussia FU - Fusilier Garde GR - Grenadiers AD - Alt-Dohna LO - Lottum DO - Doenhoff AD - Anhalt-Dessau JD - Jung-Dohna CN - Canitz	German BR - Brandenburg <i>HE - Heidebrecht</i> <i>KB - Kurprinz Brandenburg-Prussia</i> Huguenot <i>LM - de L'Isle Marais</i> <i>VI - Viçouse</i> Swiss <i>AL - Albemarle</i> <i>CA - de Capol</i> <i>LO - Lochmann</i> <i>MU - de Muralt</i> <i>SA - Sacconay</i> <i>ST - Sturler</i> <i>TS - Tschamer</i>	<i>CA - de Capol</i> <i>LO - Lochmann</i> <i>MU - de Muralt</i> <i>SA - Sacconay</i> <i>ST - Sturler</i> <i>TS - Tschamer</i>
Hanover LC - Guard : Luneburg-Celle HC - Guard : Hanover-Calenburg MC - Mally de Charles SP - St Pol HU - Hulsen TZ - Tozin	Britain <i>SC - Scots Guards</i> <i>1G - 1st Guards</i> <i>01 - 1st Orkney / Royal Scots</i> <i>02 - 2nd Kirke</i> <i>03 - 3rd Churchill</i> <i>05 - 5th Pearce</i> <i>08 - 8th Webb</i> <i>10 - 10th North & Grey</i> <i>15 - 15th Howe</i> <i>16 - 16th Derby</i> <i>17 - 17th Blood</i> <i>18 - 18th Royal Irish</i> <i>21 - 21st Scots Fusiliers, Rowe</i>	<i>SC - Scots Guards</i> <i>1G - 1st Guards</i> <i>01 - 1st Orkney / Royal Scots</i> <i>02 - 2nd Kirke</i> <i>03 - 3rd Churchill</i> <i>05 - 5th Pearce</i> <i>08 - 8th Webb</i> <i>10 - 10th North & Grey</i> <i>15 - 15th Howe</i> <i>16 - 16th Derby</i> <i>17 - 17th Blood</i> <i>18 - 18th Royal Irish</i> <i>21 - 21st Scots Fusiliers, Rowe</i>
Dutch GV - Garde te Voet SC - Schratenbach BE - Beijnheijm PA - Pallandt FA - Fagel CO - Coehoorn		