



EARLY RUSSIANS 1805-1808



We are pleased to show some of our fabulous Russian figures painted by Andrés of Einar Olafson Painting.

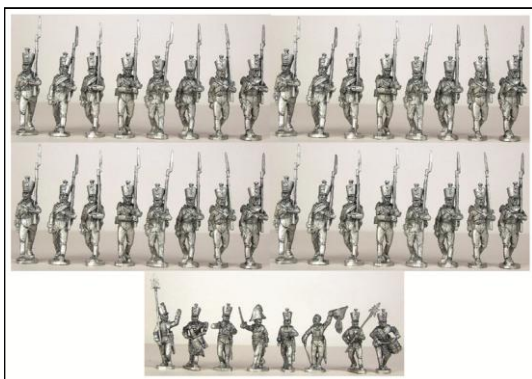


The Russian infantryman was a steadfast soldier and very hard to break in combat. Mostly raised from the peasant population, they were used to hardship and could march and fight without complaint. They were loyal to their Czar, their commanders and the church. They were aggressive in action but were very disciplined and were fiercely brave. Everything that made a good soldier of the Napoleonic age!



Russian Napoleonic Infantry Battalion and Brigade Deals

Now that we have completed our command packs for the Grenadiers and Pavlovski Grenadiers we have put some great value Battalion and Brigade deals online, which will enable you to raise your Russian Brigades to refight Austerlitz, Eylau and Friedland.

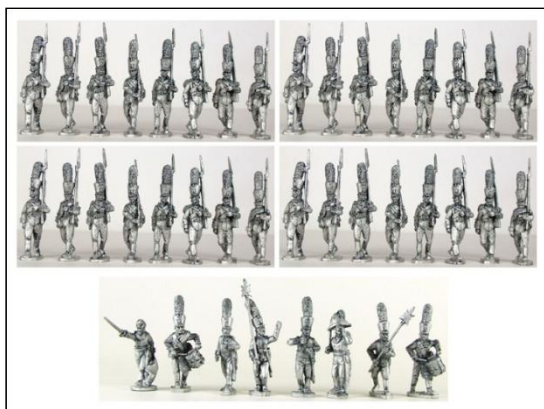


VXPD0006 Russian Line Battalion Deal:

32 x Russian Line Musketeers
8 x Russian Line Command
2 x Mounted Colonels and Foot Colonel (image not shown)

43 figures in total. Normal retail price is £50. You can get this superb value deal for £40 which is 20% off. In addition you also receive the mounted colonels and foot colonel free.

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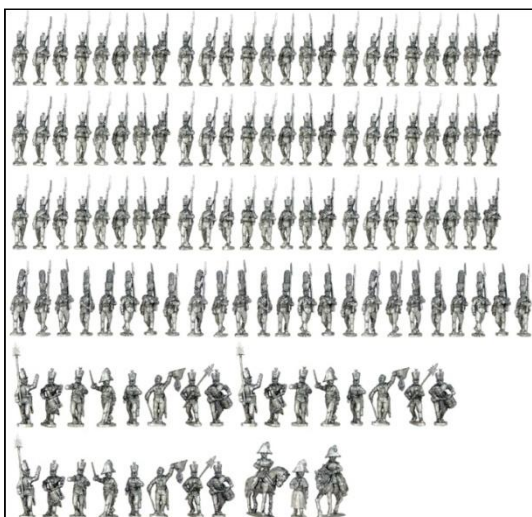


VXPD0008 Russian Pavlovski Grenadier Battalion Deal:

32 x Russian Pavlovski Grenadiers
8 x Russian Pavlovski Grenadier Command
2 x Mounted Colonels and Foot Colonel (image not shown)

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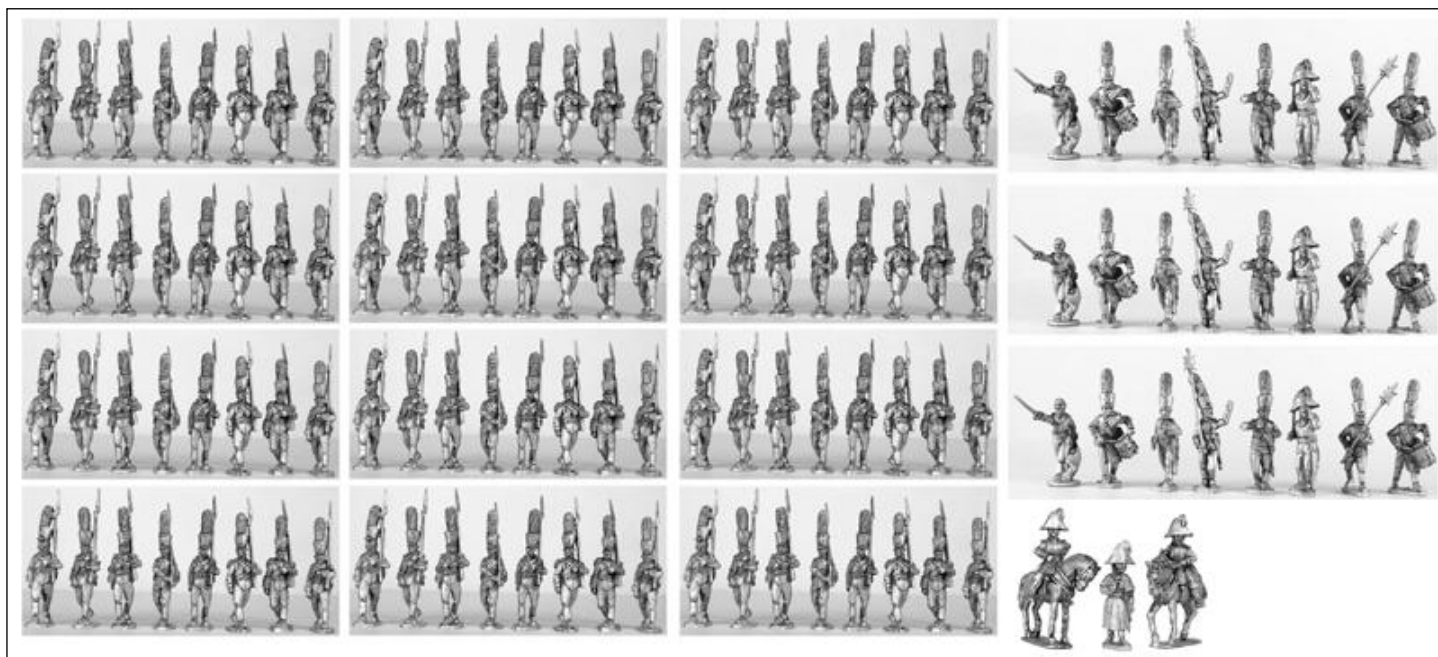


VXPD0009 Russian Infantry Brigade Deal:

72 x Russian Line Musketeers
24 x Russian Grenadiers
24 x Russian Line Command
2 x Mounted Colonels and Foot Colonel

123 figures in total. Normal retail price is £157.50. You can get this fantastic value deal for £126 which is 20% off.

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Due to the great response we had to the Russian line Battalion deals we have decided to reinstate the free pack of Russian colonels when you purchase a Russian Musketeer, Grenadier or Pavlovski Battalion deal; this will run until the end of December.

Russian Napoleonic Organisation and Regimental Facings

In 1805 the Russian army consisted of 77 Regiments of Musketeers and 13 Regiments of Grenadiers. All Regiments consisted of 3 Battalions. Each Regiment, be it Musketeer or Grenadier, had 2 Musketeer Battalions and 1 Grenadier Battalion. (The Musketeers of a Grenadier Battalion were called Fusiliers).

Collars and cuffs were coloured according to the regional inspection the Regiment belonged to.

St Petersburg inspection = Red	Livonia inspection = Turquoise
Lithuania inspection = Light Green	Ukraine inspection = Pink
Dniester inspection = Red	Caucasus inspection = Medium blue
Smolensk inspection = White	Moscow inspection = Orange
Finland inspection = Yellow	Brest inspection = Straw yellow
Crimea inspection = Light ochre	Kiev inspection = Raspberry
Orenburg inspection = Buff	Siberia inspection = Grey

The shoulder straps were coloured in accordance with seniority of the Regiment. The shakos had a pompom that was white with a regimentally coloured centre. Above the pompom was a white tuft which also had a regimentally coloured centre. Grenadiers had Black plumes and Grenadier drummers had Red plumes. Turn-backs of coats were red.

Below is an example of 15 Regiments' colour distinctions. These 15 Regiments match the flags that we have currently produced and can be found in the flags section of the Victrix Website.

Russian regimental colour guide 1805-1808



Well, this concludes our latest newsletter but coming soon will be a new one covering the British Highland regiments of the Napoleonic Wars with a particular emphasis on the 92nd Foot and a newsletter introducing our subscribers to British Artillery of the Napoleonic Wars.

Finally we have several other newsletters (should we call them Victrix Gems ?) at various stages of creation so expect much more from Victrix over the coming months.

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