

# PAINTING GUIDE

## AUSTRIAN LINE INFANTRY (HUNGARIAN REGIMENT) ITALIAN UNIFICATION WARS 1850'S



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# AUSTRIAN LINE INFANTRY REGIMENTS 1850-1860

IN 1850 THE AUSTRIAN ARMY HAD 58 LINE INFANTRY REGIMENTS, WHICH BORE THE REGIMENTAL NUMBERS OF 1-63. SOME NUMBERS WERE UNUSED; FOUR MISSING REGIMENTS WERE RAISED AGAIN IN 1851 FROM CONVERTED BORDER GUARD INFANTRY REGIMENTS, AND NR. 63. WAS RENUMBERED TO NR 55. IN 1852.

FROM 1852 A TOTAL OF 62 LINE INFANTRY REGIMENTS EXISTED, 19 OF WHICH WERE RECRUITED FROM THE HUNGARIAN PART OF THE EMPIRE. THE DRAFTING WAS DONE BY A DRAW. THOSE WEALTHY ENOUGH TO PAY A SUBSTITUTE COULD AVOID THE 8-YEAR SERVICE IN THE ARMY. LINE INFANTRY REGIMENTS CONSISTED OF 4 FIELD BATTALIONS (EACH 6 COMPANIES STRONG) AND A GARRISON BATTALION (4COMPANIES STRONG). THE FORMERLY INDEPENDENT GRENADIER COMPANIES WERE MOVED BACK UNDER DIRECT COMMAND OF THE REGIMENT.

EACH BATTALION HAD A GRENADIER COMPANY. THE COMPANY STRENGTH WAS AROUND 129 MEN IN PEACETIME AND 221 MEN IN WARTIME. A LINE INFANTRY REGIMENT'S TOTAL STRENGTH WAS AROUND 2830 SOLDIERS IN PEACETIME AND 6886 SOLDIERS IN WARTIME.

## UNIFORM:

### SHAKO:

THE M1850 SHAKO WAS MADE OF WATERPROOF FELT WITH LEATHER TOP AND VISOR. ABOVE THE VISOR A LEATHER BAND WAS ATTACHED WITH A BUCKLE AT THE BACK. ATTACHED TO THE FRONT WAS A BRONZE IMPERIAL EAGLE SURMOUNTED BY A BRASS COCKADE. ON CAMPAIGN, AN OAK (SUMMER) OR PINE (WINTER) BRANCH WAS STUCK BEHIND THE COCKADE.

### TUNIC:

THE TUNIC (WAFFENROCK) WAS WHITE WITH TWO ROWS OF BUTTONS (ORIGINALLY 8, LATER REDUCED TO 6) WITH COLLAR, CUFFS, SHOULDER STRAPS AND PIPING IN FACING COLOUR. HUNGARIAN REGIMENTS HAD A DECORATIVE WHITE BRAIDING ON THE CUFFS CALLED 'BEAR PAWS'. EACH AND EVERY REGIMENT HAD A FACING AND BUTTON COLOUR COMBINATION WHICH IDENTIFIED THE REGIMENT.

### TROUSERS:

HUNGARIAN REGIMENTS WORE THE TIGHT, LIGHT BLUE HUNGARIAN TROUSERS WITH A YELLOW/BLACK BRAID (VITÉZ-KNOT) ON THE THIGHS AND SEAMS ON THE SIDES.

### SHOES:

EARLIER THERE WERE "HUNGARIAN" AND "GERMAN" SHOES, BUT FROM THE 1850'S ONLY THE "HUNGARIAN" STYLE WAS USED BY ALL REGIMENTS. MADE OF BLACKENED COW-SKIN, ONLY ONE TYPE FOR BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT LEG.

## EQUIPMENT:

### KNAPSACK:

THE KNAPSACK HAD A SIZE OF APPROXIMATELY 25 X 30 X 10-13 CM AND WAS MADE OF CALFSKIN LINED WITH CANVAS. THE STRAPS WERE WHITENED LEATHER.

### CARTRIDGE BOX AND BELT:

MADE OF WOOD LINED WITH CANVAS INSIDE AND COVERED WITH BLACK LEATHER. THE BELT AS WELL AS THE BAYONET BELT WERE MADE OF WHITENED LEATHER.

### MUSKET:

THE WEAPON OF THE SOLDIER WAS AN M1842 AUGUSTIN INFANTRY MUSKET.



**COLLAR AND CUFFS IN REGIMENTAL COLOUR**



**'BEAR PAWS' DECORATION  
FOR HUNGARIAN REGIMENTS**

**HUNGARIAN TROUSERS WITH  
'VITEZ' KNOT DECORATION**

**OVERCOAT**

**KNAPSACK**

**CARTRIDGE BOX**



<b>FACING COLOUR</b>	GERMAN		HUNGARIAN	
	REGIMENT			
	YELLOW	WHITE	YELLOW	WHITE
	BUTTONS			
BLACK	14.	58.		
SCARLET	45.		37.	39.
DARK RED	1.	18.	52.	53.
CHERRY-RED	43.	23.		
ROSE-RED	13.	38.	5.	6.
MADDER-RED	15.	44.		34.
LOBSTER-RED	35.	20.		
PALE RED	57.	36.		
IMPERIAL YELLOW	27.	22.	2.	31.
SULPHUR-YELLOW	16.	41.		
ORANGE-YELLOW	59.	42.		
SKY-BLUE	4.	3.		
LIGHT BLUE	40.	29. <sup>1</sup>	32.	19.
ASH-GREY	11.	24.	51.	33.
GRASS-GREEN	8.	28.	61.	62.
APPLE-GREEN	9.	54.		
PARROT-GREEN	26.	10.	46.	50.
SEA-GREEN	21.	25. <sup>2</sup>		
STEEL-GREEN	56.	47.	48.	60.
DARK BROWN	12. <sup>3</sup>	7.		
RED-BROWN	55.	17.		
PIKE-GREY	30.	49.		