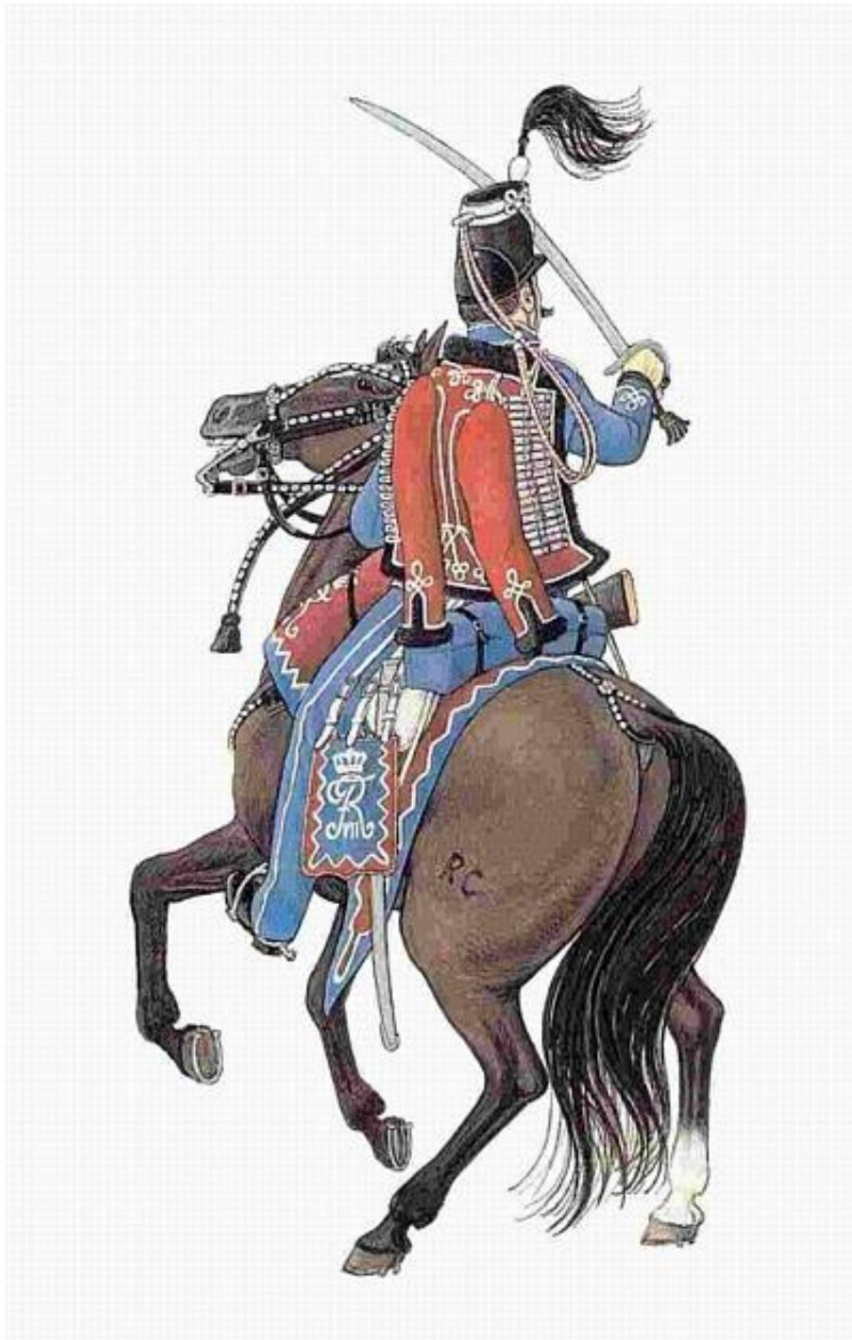


# The Guard Hussar Division

of Højberg  
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In 1845 certain changes had taken place in the uniform of the hussars. Among other things, the high cylindrical chakot (model 1837) had been replaced with a new lower and almost conical shape - a "stiff" version of the soft Hungarian field hat. The uniform regulations of 1845 for "Service under gun" prescribe the following dress:



"Fur or dolman, light blue dress trousers with white piping, chacot with lanyard and ponytail, but with cover, cartridge case, saber and in saber case with cover. When dolman is worn, also sash."

In addition, it must be noted that only officers had covers (of black wax cloth) for chakot and saber bag. From several pictures from the Three Years' War, it also appears that the sash has not been used, and that the ponytail (the black sweep) has not been used in the field either.

The uniform shown on the plate with the fur pulled on was the one in which the Gardehussar division paraded for Frederik VII on the Rosenborg Exerccerplads before the march to the theater of war in 1848.

**The chakot** is of model 1845. Made of leather, covered with black felt. Black leather shade, black leather neck guard, black chinstrap, black leather trim top and bottom. Above 2 circular white gallons, the upper one slightly wider than the lower one. In front below the cockade (red with white ring) a crowned shield of white metal, displaying three lions and hearts. The double cordon and lanyard should actually have been white with a red thread, but the red color has disappeared due to washing and piping. The lanyard is placed around the man's neck and attached to the chakot with a gag, inserted through a metal ring at the top of the chakot at the back.

**The fur** is crimson with black lambskin edging. White cords etc. On the chest 19 rows of 5 pewter buttons. The double carrying cord (mantel chain or manteket) is worn around the neck. It is white and tied at the back with a gag.

**Trousers** Light blue with white piping along the outer seams of the legs.

**Boots** Black with iron spurs.

All **leather clothing** White with white metal buckles. The waist belt is fastened under the coat, the carabiner strap lies above the cartridge bag strap. Black cartridge case.

**Rider's saber** model 1843. Iron mount, leather-clad grip with grooved brass wire. Iron spoon with 2 carrying rings. Total length of the saber 105 cm. Black-brown wrist strap with leather tassel.

Saber bag : Light blue with crimson serrated edge and white cord. The king's crowned name digit in white. Back and outer edge around the front of brown leather.

**Carbine:** The hussars were standard with smoothbore carbine M 1830. This had the old flint lock system. Since 1842, when the hussar regiment's shooting squadron was disbanded, each squadron's 4th platoon should have been equipped with breech-loading rifles, chamber-loading carbine M 1841 (Løbnitz). In contrast to other equestrian carabiner models, the Løbnitz carabiner did not have a carabiner rod with a ring (on the left side of the carabiner, for attachment to the carabiner bandoleter's carabiner hook), but only a ring on the left side of the stock, behind the lock. Hegermann-Lindenchrone's volunteer hussar squadron (reserve squadron) was fully equipped with these carbines. The front-loading carbines had a steel charging stick, which hung on the right side in a strap from the cartridge bag. During marching, the carbine was carried on the horse, with the barrel inserted into a cylindrical carabiner shoe at the right front edge of the saddle (brown leather) and otherwise secured to the saddle's saddle with a strap that was twisted around the carabiner at the lock. The stock thus came to rest against the rider's thigh.

**On the horse**

**Harness:** Black with iron buckles. Decorated with woodwork - also known as snogpans.

**Iron bit.**

**Iron stirrups.**

**The valdrap**, which is secured to the saddle with black straps, is crimson with light blue, jagged edge and white cord. Frederik VI's crowned name digit in the front corners. Light blue mantel bag, fastened to the back of the saddle with 3 black leather straps. Behind the rider, but in front of the mantle sack, hangs on each side a white fodder sack.