

Hanseatic Legion 1813-1814

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In general

Where not stated otherwise, litewkas (overcoats), dresses, sweaters and trousers are green. All leather clothing, saber hand straps and boots black. Fittings for bandoliers and hangers, as well as butt fittings and gun hangers in brass. Furthermore, sabers and scabbards are made of steel, as are metal parts on rifles and pistols. Cockades are white with a red cross.



Fig. 1 and 3 from the left

Infantryman of a hamburger battalion and cavalryman of a hamburger squadron, both until the end of 1813.

Dark grey: Hood and coat roll.

Light blue: Hat band, collar and trouser stripe (this not visible). No buttons, everything is hooked.

Black: Riding crew and hood visor.

Fig 2 from the left

Infantryman of a hamburger battalion from early 1814.

Dark grey: Trousers and coat roll.

Sort: Kiwer-hakot.

Ponceau red: Lower part of the stud, the cross in the chacot sign, collar, sleeve cuffs, edging on the dress hem, on the shoulder and sleeve flaps, and on the lap cuffs, as well as trouser stripes.

White: Stud top, cord with mirror and tassels.

White metal: The sign of Chakot.

Yellow metal: brass knobs and buttons.

Fig 4 from the left

Cavalier of the Cossack squadron, from the beginning of 1814.

Ponceau red: Kolpak puld, collar, sleeve cuffs, sash, edging on shoulder flap, trouser stripes (these not visible) and fringes on the lance.

Black: Kolpak leather brim.

The lance rod in wood color.

Sources

Drawing and color description are based on images and information in GF Gaedeche's book: *Das hamburgische Militär bis zum Jahre 1811 und die hanseatische Legion*. Hamburg 1889. (Kgl. Bib1iotek, cat. 131, p. 56.)

Incidentally, see also Knötel's uniform planche, Neue Folge # 54 "*Infantry from the Hamburg contingent*" shown at Grosser Generalstab.