

Cavalry for the 28mm Perry Miniatures Danish-Norwegian range

Perry Miniatures have now launched next stage of their "Danish-Norwegian Army" Range, for the Napoleonic wars: "Danish Light dragoons" for the 1812-14 period.

This is a natural step for those wishing to build an Army adding more variation to the range.

There are 3 codes in this first batch of Danish cavalry:



DAN 20 Light Dragoon command galloping 1812-14

There is an Officer, an NCO as standard bearer and a bugler. The uniform is the M1808, but with the new model of cavalry helmet introduced in 1810-12, without the horsehair tail at back of the helmet and a slightly more voluminous crest. From the 5th of September 1813 the feather was not to be carried anymore, but several facts indicate that it may have been carried anyway, or at least it was kept to wear on parades and on formal duties. So here it has been left on, but it's easy to remove with a pair of wire cutters or a modelling knife, if anybody which to (which I for one will do so). From 1st. November 1812 all epaulettes for officers were abolished and new signs of rank were worn together with the new pointed cuffs which were to be used in the future and officers were not allowed to wear the officers' sashes anymore.

Except for the new cuffs, which are not visible anyway because of the gloves, the rest of this uniform reform is shown on the command group.



DAN 21 Light Dragoons galloping shouldered swords 1812-14

Note that one detail from 1812 it was officially ordered that the turban cloth was no longer to be made of a foreign made cloth (Dutch) called "Tamis", as it was too expensive. In the future, a Danish made cloth called "Chalon" will be used instead. This was only made **in red**. So, from same year all light dragoon regiments now only had only red turbans and they continued to do so until 1842. Here this is painted correctly. Note also that they were to all wear the new grey overalls, already in use from 1808, replacing the older dark blue ones (which if they had them stock they were allowed "To be worn out, before new ones were distributed").



DAN 22 Light Dragoons charging 1812-14

Note a detail missing on the horses' bridle, the "X-strap" on the front of horses head is missing. During the planning and production of these sets, there was no clear evidence if this was generally used on Danish horses of the period, so were in the end left of. But my latest research in the official archives clearly shows that from 1804, this was an official part of the horse harness, and in all probability, it had been from at least 1799. But this little detail so must be either added on with a little "Green stuff" or with a couple of layers of carefully painted strokes of black paint should do the trick!

Future releases:

Danish Light dragoons” for the 1802-12 period

Danish “Ryttere” (Heavy cavalry) 1802-08/Norwegian Dragoons 1804-10

Danish “Ryttere” (Heavy cavalry) 1808-14/Norwegian Dragoons 1810-14

Danish Infantry Colonels 1802-08

Danish Infantry Colonels 1808-14

I have included a couple of pictures of the “Greens” of the next planned batch of releases.



Danish Infantry Colonels 1802-08 (These may change a little before Casting/issue)



Danish “Ryttere” (Heavy cavalry) both 1802-08 and 1808-14 (now nearly clear for casting).