



## INTRODUCTION TO OUR PAINTING GUIDE No 2

This WWII painting guide has been produced for use with our exciting late war German Infantry 1943-45 range of 20mm scale figures. It will enable you to paint your new figures with a high degree of accuracy. This guide describes the typical German infantryman suitable for the late war battles of WWII in the USSR, Poland, Western Europe, Italy and Germany itself. The figure shown is a Rifleman carrying most of his personal equipment on the M39 set of Y-straps. With transport in short supply the German rifleman is expected to carry most of his personal equipment on his person.

The chemically treated gas cape is shown wrapped around the M38 gas mask case. It is attaché with Black rubber bands.

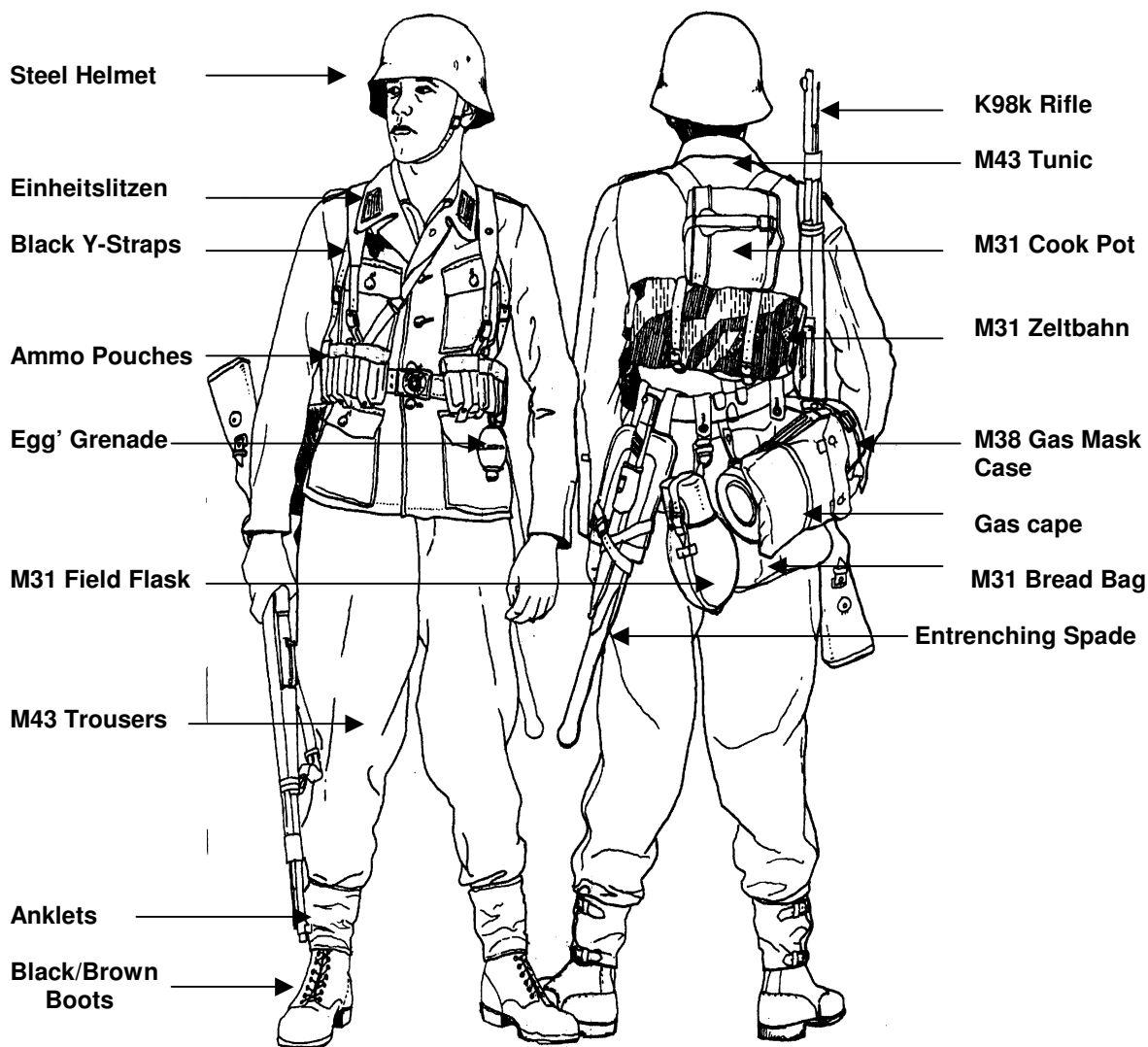
UNIFORM DETAIL	HUMBROL	VALLEJO	COLOUR PARTY
M42 Steel Helmet	32 Dark Grey	995 Grey	MA60
Einheitslitzten	196 Grey	992 Grey	MA20
Belts and straps	H/L 145 Grey	H/L 994 Grey	MA50
Cartridge pouches	H/L 145 Grey	H/L 994 Grey	MA50
M39 Grenade	102 Green	975 Green	MA51
M31 Field Flask	98 Brown	822 Brown	MA41
M43 Tunic/Trousers	31 Slate Grey	920 Ger uniform	MA65
Anklets	102 Green	975 Green	MA51
Black ankle boots	H/L 145 Grey	H/L 994 Grey	MA50
Brown ankle boots	186 Brown	879 Brown	MA14
M31 Cook pot	11 Silver	790 Silver	MT2
Buckles	11 Silver	790 Silver	MT2
M38 Gas Mask Case	91 Green	896 Green	MA60
Gas cape	102 Green	975 Green	MA51
M31 Bread Bag	103 Cream	819 Sand	MA63
M31 Zeltbahn	30 Matt Green	823 Cam Green	MA49
(Splinter pattern)	H/L 70 Brick Red	H/L 846 Brown	MA14
	H/L 90 Green	H/L 885 Green	C9
Canvas straps	93 Desert Yellow	819 Sand	MA63
Waffenfarbe	34 White	951 White	MA1
Spade holder	H/L 145 Grey	H/L994 Grey	MA50
Wooden items	186 Brown	879 Brown	MA14

### SOME USEFUL TIPS!

To achieve the best results from your painting we recommend that you clean the figure with water and remove all flash/mould lines before undercoating the figure with Matt Black paint. To achieve the best results from your painting we recommend you use a good quality Kolinsky type paintbrush.

Any colour applied to the Matt Black will appear brighter and provide added depth to the model. Once the base colour has dried it is a good idea to highlight your work. Mix a little White to your original colours then highlight the creases and raised part of your earlier work with this lighter colour. If done carefully this will give the figures a nice finish. Remember to varnish all finished work.

## German Infantry 1943-45



Personal Weapons also included the K98k Rifle, MP38/40 SMG and Gewehr 43 Rifle. For squad support the MG34 or MG42 Light/Heavy Machine guns was used. Also available in very small numbers at the end of WWII was the MP43/44 Assault Rifle.

### UNIFORM NOTES

Mid to late war M43 uniforms were produced in many shades of Field Grey/Drab Greens, towards the end of the war shades of Drab Brown were very common. The collar and shoulder straps were made from the same material. The Arms of service colour was attached to the outer edge of the straps and was either White or Grass Green, (Infantry or Motorized troops). Helmet decals were not usually attached by this stage of WWII. Outwardly the German soldiers uniform had not changed much from the earlier uniforms. In reality the uniform was made simpler and constructed from cheaper materials, usually recycled cloth.

The Light Grey National Eagle was sewn above the right hand pocket. Officers and NCO's attached their rank insignia to their shoulder straps; enlisted men wore their rank devices on the upper left arm. For more information on this exhaustive topic I would refer you to the Osprey MAA books 'The German Army 1939-45' numbers one to five.