



INTRODUCTION TO OUR PAINTING GUIDE No 7

This WWII painting guide has been produced for use with our range of mid to late war 1942-45 Luftwaffe Field Division Infantry range of 20mm scale figures. It will enable you to paint your new German airforce frontline infantry with a high degree of accuracy.

This guide describes a typical NCO of the German Luftwaffe who has transferred to a hastily raised Luftwaffe infantry Divisions. He wears the Luftwaffe splinter pattern camouflage smock unique to the Luftwaffe and the Hermann Goring Panzer Corp. He wears the normal set of Military equipment except that many items are dyed or painted Luftwaffe Blue distinguishing them from the Heer.

Our NCO has survived the bitter Don Front campaign, transferred to Army control and is engaged against the Red Army or waiting for the Allied invasion of Normandy. If he survives the reversal of Germany's fortunes on these fronts he will lead his men during the 1944 defensive fighting in the low countries and struggle on until the final end.

If you are interested in more information on this little known Corps of German Infantry we recommend the Osprey men at arms No229 by K. Ruffner.

UNIFORM DETAIL	HUMBROL	VALLAJO	COLOUR PARTY
Steel Helmet	96 RAF Blue	816 Luft. Blue	C11
Smock (Splinter pattern)	30 Matt Green H/L70 Brick Red H/L90 Green	823 Cam. Green H/L846 Brown H/L885 Green	MA49 MA14 C9
Y- Straps	H/L145 Grey	H/L994 Grey	MA50
Boots	H/L145 Grey	H/L994 Grey	MA50
Bayonet frog	H/L145 Grey	H/L 994Grey	MA50
M31 Field Flask	98 Brown	822 Black Brown	MA41
M38 Gas mask case	96 RAF Blue	816 Luft. Blue	C11
Gas Sheet case	96 RAF Blue	816 Luft. Blue	C11
MP40 Ammo pouches	96 RAF Blue	816 Luft. Blue	C11
National Eagles	34 White	951 White	MA1
Collar rank patches	101 Mid Green	968 Flat Green	MA4
Buckles	11 Silver	790 Silver	MT2
Wooden parts	186 Brown	879 Brown	MA14
M31 Cook Pot	96 RAF Blue	816 Luft. Blue	MA41

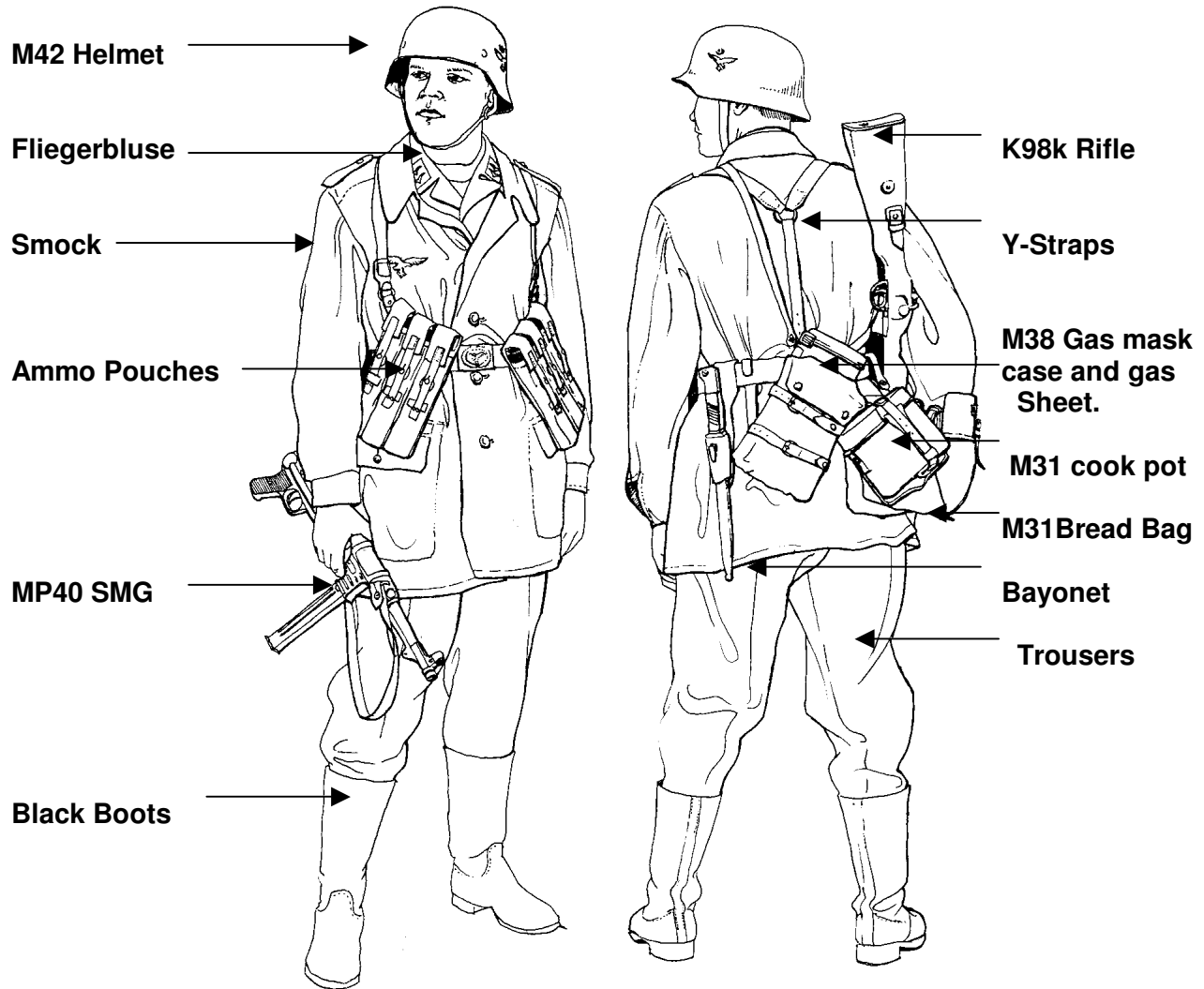
SOME USEFUL PAINTING TIPS!

To achieve the best results from your painting we recommend that you clean the figures with water and remove all flash/mould lines before undercoating the figures. We suggest that you use a good quality paintbrush such as a Kolinsky type brush.

Any colour applied to the Matt Black undercoat will appear brighter and provide depth to the model. Once the base colours have dried it is a good idea to highlight your earlier work. Mix a little white to the original colours then highlight the creases and raised parts of your work with this new colour. If done carefully this will give the figure a nice finish. Remember to varnish all finished work, as this will protect your figures from any damage.

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Luftwaffe Field Division 1942-45



Personal weapons included the popular K98k Rifle, MP40 SMG, and Gewehr 43 Rifle and for squad support the MG34 or MG42 Medium/Heavy Machinegun.

UNIFORM NOTES

The Luftwaffe white on Blue national eagle was worn on the right hand side of the camouflage smock and applied to the left side of the M42 Steel helmet. Early volunteers also wore the Red, White and Black tricolour helmet decal on the right hand side. This was removed as the war progressed.

The arms of service colour or Waffenfarbe was Grass Green and was worn on the straps of the Fliegerbluse, and was the base colour of the collar rank patches. Officer and NCO rank could be worn on the camouflage smock shoulder straps, and was the same design as the rest of the Armed forces. Rank could in theory be worn on both or either smock arms in the form of stylised white bars and wings on a Blue or Brown patch. This is more common on paratrooper's smocks and is rarely seen on LFD smocks.

The LFD webbing could also be made of Brown leather or constructed of khaki/Green canvas, as the war progressed the LFD were issued more and more Army designed equipment as shortages become more apparent.

Shortages and general streamlining towards the end of WWII forced the Army to issue many items of Army clothing to the men of the LFD's. So it was not uncommon at the end of the war to see Luftwaffe infantry wearing Field Grey trousers, Tunics and bread bags.