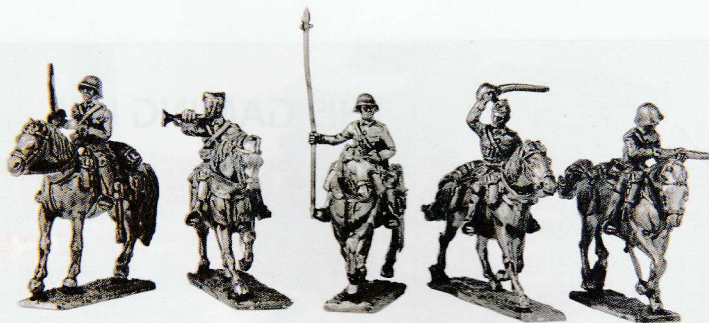


NATIONALIST CAVALRY

Company: Minairons Miniatures
Size: 1/72 scale (20mm), cavalry are 32mm tall
Era: Spanish Civil War
Price: €15.95 per set
www.minairons.eu



The rough terrain of Spain made cavalry units very useful for reconnaissance and counter-insurgency work. Both sides in the conflict used mounted troops. The Nationalists even formed their own cavalry division. Minairons has released two cavalry sets in 20mm to go with their growing Spanish Civil War range in this scale. The standard boxed set contains five white-metal cavalry figures. Casting is good and the horses fit together well. The command boxed set contains four (officer, standard, bugler and a dismounted horse holder) but includes a paper sheet of cavalry pennants. The models are armed with either sabre or carbine to the ready and come with a mixture of headgear (in both helmet and cap). Each horse and rider is different; there are no repeats. This is truly an excellent set, and if you fight the Spanish Civil War in 20mm, then you'll be needing a box or three of these.

COLD WAR RUSSIANS

Company: Eureka Miniatures
Size: 27mm 'foot to eye' or 34mm tall
Era: Cold War (Modern)
Price: AU\$ 2.95 per miniature
eurekamin.com.au



The latest release in the Eureka moderns range are Soviet motorized infantry, suitable for the Cold War era. The set consists of Russians in either SSH 68 steel helmet or *panamka* (the 'boonie hat' worn in Afghanistan). The soldiers are dressed in minimal kit, as you'd expect with motorised troops, and are armed with AK-74 assault rifles. Support weapons are available, such as the RPG-7, SVD sniper rifle, 30mm underslung GL, and RPD LMG. Both the casting and the sculpting on these models are good. This new release fills a much needed gap in the 'cold war' moderns market, as these will do equally for 1980s Soviets (perfect for Cold War 'what if?' and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan) and for Soviet equipped satellite state armies. The models are available individually or in a squad pack. Five variants of dismounted tank crew in gasmasks are also available. The Soviets and other Eureka products can be purchased in the UK through Fighting 15's.

CHASSEURS AND GUARD

Company: Warlord Games
Size: 28mm 'foot to eye' or 29mm tall, cavalry are 42mm tall
Era: Napoleonic
Price: £20.00 for twelve cavalry, £28.00 for 24 Guard infantry
www.warlordgames.com



More Napoleonic goodness is now available from Warlord, in the form of *chasseurs à cheval* cavalry in plastic and Old Guard grenadiers in metal. Both are suitable for Napoleon's later campaigns (1812-15). The chasseurs come two to a sprue, with head variants (including standard shakos, covered shakos and the furskin colpac, for elite companies). The horses are in two halves and may be assembled with four variations, by swapping left and right bodies. The chasseurs come with a metal commander and enough parts to make up an eagle-bearer and hornist. The Old Guard in their bear-skin shakos are all in advancing poses and come with full command. The sculpting and casting of all of these is very good, with little flash to be cleaned. They are mid-sized for 28mm and thus will be very compatible with most existing French Napoleonic ranges, both in plastic and metal. WSS has been reliably informed that the chasseurs are the first of many Napoleonic cavalry releases. Lancers are next and then, who knows? We eagerly await the outcome.