



Miniatures

INTRODUCTION TO OUR PAINTING GUIDE No 8

This painting guide has been produced for use with our extensive 20mm scale range of mounted and dismounted WWII German Panzer crewmen. It will enable you to paint your new elite figures with a high degree of accuracy.

This guide describes the Panzer trooper's uniform from 1939 to 1945. Figure a) wears the tight fitting Black two piece M34 panzer uniform, designed to be worn in the small fighting compartment of an AFV typical of the period 1940-45. The Jacket has the national eagle on the right hand breast and wears pink edged patches with its silver deaths head badges on the wide collars. The pink waffenfarbe or arms of service colour is worn on the shoulder straps denoting service in this small elite branch of the German Army, (Heer). Up-to 1942 the pink waffenfarbe was also worn around the outside edge of the jacket collar. A mouse Grey shirt is worn under the jacket with a Black tie.

Figure a) wears a M38 style side cap with the national eagle attached. Waffenfarbe has been applied either side of the national cockade.

Figure b) from 1939 wears the short lived crash helmet with its black beret covering helmet, unpopular and bulky the young men of the Panzer troops preferred the light M38 cap. Later in the war the Field Grey M38 cap was partially replaced by the Black version.

During 1943/44 the Panzer Corp began to receive stocks of the Black M43 (cap). This cap is shown on Figure c). He is wearing the self propelled Field Grey armoured uniform, (this has red waffenfarbe and Grey Litzen on the collar). Figure d) is a Waffen SS officer wearing the officer's Schirmmütze or service cap. An officer of the Armies Panzer arm would have the national eagle above the national cockade. Silver cords would be added and the edge of the cap would have the pink arms of service piping attached. For further information please read the Osprey men at arms book 24 The Panzer Divisions by Martin Windrow.

UNIFORM DETAIL	HUMBROL	VALLAJO	COLOUR PARTY
M38 Cap	40 Pale Grey	992 Grey	MA20
Black Beret	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
Officers cap	31 Slate Grey	920 German Uniform	MA65
M43 Cap	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
M34 Tunic	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
M34 Trousers	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
Waffenfarbe	51 Sunset Red	802 Sunset Red	MA61
Belt	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
Boots	H/L 145 Grey *	H/L 994 Grey	H/L MA50
Badges/buckles	11 Silver	790 Silver	MT2
Shirt	40 Pale Grey	992 Grey	MA20
Gloves	40 Pale Grey	992 Grey	MA20

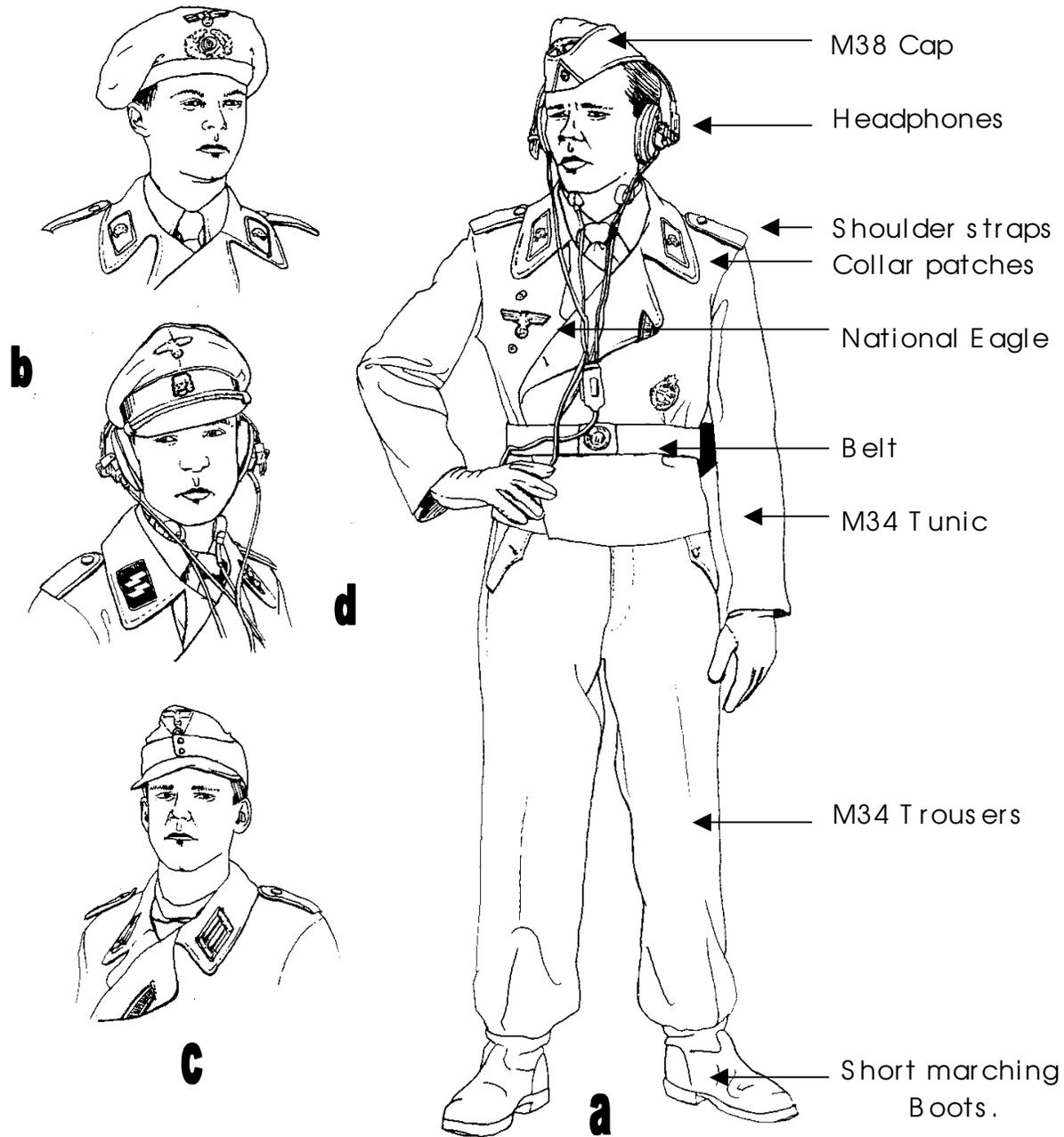
* Note : we use dark grey as a highlight over the black under coat.

SOME USEFUL 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 applying the Matt Black undercoat to the figures. We also 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 added depth to the model. Once the paint has dried it is a good idea to highlight your earlier work. Mix a little white to the original colours then dry-brush the paint across

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German Panzer Crew 1939-1945



Personal weapons included the MP38/40, K98k Rifle and the 08 Pistol for personal defence outside the armoured fighting vehicle.

UNIFORM NOTES

Field Grey cotton twill and camouflage versions of the M34/38 Panzer uniform exist for use in summer or outside the AFV. Field Grey or camouflaged cotton overalls were also issued to panzer crews to be worn with or without the Black panzer uniform depending on the weather. M42 Steel helmets were also issued for use outside the AFV.

The general lack of vehicles in the panzer arm forced many panzer crews to act as infantry. These soldiers were equipped as ordinary infantryman and issued the full range of webbing and equipment available to the Wehrmacht. Officer and senior NCO rank was worn on the shoulder straps, junior NCO's wore their 'stripes' on the upper left arm. NCO braiding or tresse was not worn around the jacket collar.