



## INTRODUCTION TO OUR PAINTING GUIDE no 12

This WWII painting guide has been produced for use with our early war 1939-40 Dutch Infantry range of 20mm scale figures. It will enable you to paint your new Blitzkrieg Dutch soldiers with a high degree of accuracy.

Our guide describes a typical Infantryman found defending the Dutch border, bridges and cities against the German air and land assault during May 1940. He wears the M1927 steel helmet and the field Grey field uniform little changed from the previous twenty years. His webbing and equipment is little different from the type worn by the German Army during this period.

Officer's rank and branch colours are worn on the collar, NCO's wear a series of yellow braid on the lower left arm to denote rank.

If you are interested in more information on this little known subject we recommend Andrew Mollo's World Army uniform since 1939 for some good colour guides.

| UNIFORM DETAIL     | HUMBROL        | VALLAJO          | COLOUR PARTY |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| M1927 helmet       | 32 Dark Grey   | 995 German Grey  | MA60         |
| Tunic and trousers | 31 Slate Grey  | 920 German Grey  | MA65         |
| Puttees            | 31 Slate Grey  | 920 German Grey  | MA65         |
| Webbing            | 102 Green      | 975 Green        | MA51         |
| Leather            | 186 Brown      | 879 Brown        | MA14         |
| Boots              | H/L 145 Grey   | H/L 994 Grey     | MA50         |
| Leather belts      | 186 Brown      | 879 Brown        | MA14         |
| NCO braid          | 99 Matt Yellow | 952 Lemon Yellow | MA7          |
| Officers stars     | 34 White       | 951 White        | MA1          |
| Infantry braid     | 89 Blue        | 844 Blue         | MA43         |
| Metal parts        | 11 Silver      | 790 Silver       | MT2          |
| Wooden parts       | 186 Brown      | 879 Brown        | MA14         |
| Officer's buttons  | 55 Bronze      | 801 Brass        | MT1          |
| Water bottle       | 98 Brown       | 822 Brown        | MA41         |
| Gas mask bag       | 102 Green      | 975 Green        | MA51         |

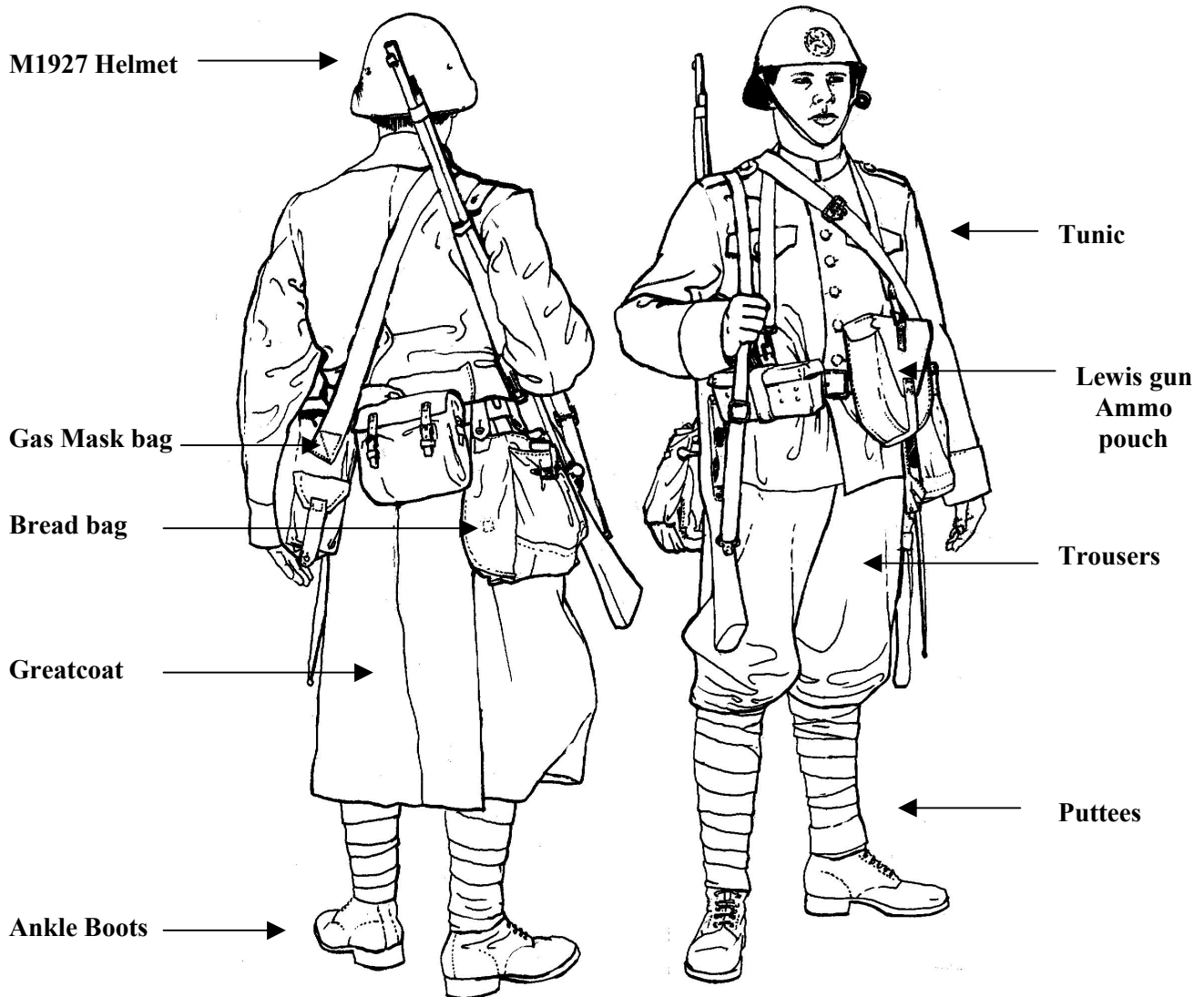
### SOME USEFUL PAINTING TIPS!

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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## Dutch Army 1940



Personal weapons for the Dutch infantryman included the Mannlicher rifle, and for squad support the antiquated Lewis light machine gun. Officer's were issued a side arm usually a pistol.

### UNIFORM NOTES

Dutch officers wore their rank insignia on their collars, arms of service piping was worn around all the edges of the collar and around the sleeve. NCO's wore their rank braids on the lower arm of their tunic or greatcoat. Helmets had a metal oval lion motif on the front and this was painted a dull Matt Green or Dark Grey, (Dark Blue for marines).

Although webbing is a light green colour it is possible to see some webbing fading to a sandy colour over time in a similar fashion to British 37 webbing?

At the time of writing we know of no special unit badges, a more in depth study of this topic may produce special unit insignia for police units and guard units.