

Soldiers of the Ottoman Empire



A Painting Guide by Mark Kernan

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Introduction

'**Soldiers of the Ottoman Empire**' was written by Mark Kernan in 2006 primarily with wargamers in mind and released in conjunction with a range of miniatures now owned and available from Vexillia.

This guide does not claim to be an exhaustive study on the topic, but a good reference aid to painting your own army for the tabletop. All major units of the Ottoman field army are represented here, as are many of the provincial forces.

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Shifflick Regiment (VXN006-007)



Background - The uniform pattern of the Shifflick regiment reflects the trend towards the modernisation of Ottoman military dress and equipment in the latter period of the 18th century.

Headgear - Blue fez with red cloth turban with a small brass plume holder with a single white feather.

Jacket - Dark blue short jacket with gold epaulettes and a single gold hoop on the upper sleeve. Cuffs were plain blue.

Trousers - Flared dark yellow or sand coloured trousers tucked into black or red leather calf length boots.

Belts and straps - All of whitened leather.

Officers - There seems to be the usual trend towards officer uniforms being more ornate in terms of embroidery and quality of material. Shifflick officers are illustrated wearing red boots and a triple white feather on his turban. Sword belt also gilded leatherwork instead of the whitened leatherwork of other ranks.