

Cold Steel



Tactical Rules For the Horse and Musket Period 1690-1850

Module 2—Conflict in the 18th Century 1690—1792

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This module is an amendment to Cold Steel for battles conducted in the 18th Century (1700—1792), and is meant to be used in conjunction with it. Changes are listed by section with new rules highlighted.

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Modifications by Section

1.4.2 Units of any nationality that did not march in step must be rated as Militia for movement only. Rate the unit normally for all other purposes.

1.4.3 Irregulars include North American Indians, Austrian Grenz/Pandours and all tribal based units.

3.3.2.1 Only Prussian post 1740 units can oblique march.

3.3.2.3 Only post 1760 French units can detach skirmishers.

4.1 Infantry threatened by cavalry will not form square. However, infantry threatened by cavalry on its flank will either form square or turn to face the cavalry unless in close combat with a unit to its front.

4.1 Only melee oriented irregulars (eg. North American Indians, Turkish Eskaris) threatening an enemy unit will move to close combat.

4.1 Prussian units will not activate automatic order to halt and fire after taking casualties from small arms fire.

4.1 Threatened artillery will not limber and move away, rather the limbers will abandon the battery leaving it to fend for its self.

4.4 Treat Division Effectiveness Test as an option only for armies deployed in Divisions. Substitute Brigades for armies organized in Brigades only. Substitute Columns for Austrian/Reichs Armee forces organized into Columns.

6.2 For movement only, all artillery except battalion guns are considered heavy (\geq 12pdr)

6.3 All nations cavalry often deployed in three ranks

6.3 Austrian infantry prior to 1757 forms in 4 ranks so calculate frontages accordingly. For example, a unit of 900 men would have a frontage of 225 in four ranks or 300 in three ranks.

7.2.1 Early period artillery (eg. Malburian) cut all basic fire % in half.

7.2.1 Russian Secret Howitzer optional rule +10% to artillery fire at P3.

7.2.2 Ignore optional national modifiers.

8.1 GNW Swedish units employing the GåPå charge may fire in the Small Arms Phase, move into P3 and conduct close combat in the same turn.

8.2.2 Units employing walking fire (eg. Prussia's) may only move at march step and cut their movement rate in half. However, such units do not suffer the negative modifier for "Firing unit moved at March/Quick rate"

8.2.3 GNW units such as Sweeds and Russians that include pikes do not count pike armed figures

when calculating small arms fire.

8.3 (New) Advancing fire trained cavalry fires in the small arms phase then advances to P3 and conducts close combat in the same turn. It incurs 1 disorder prior to close combat resolution. Defending fire trained cavalry will fire at an advancing enemy in the small arms fire phase and will incur 1 disorder.

9.2.1 Cavalry trained to charge at the gallop +2

9.2.2 Cavalry trained to charge at the trot and who win close combat receive 1/2 the normal disorder (i.e. in cavalry vs. infantry combat disorder is not doubled for winning cavalry).