

- Hussar Regiments -

-1st Leib Hussar Regt # 1

Formed in August 1741.

- **ORIGINS/DEVELOPMENT:** The first cadre of 2 sqdns were ex-Austrian POW; they expanded as a Regt of 5 sqdns in Aug 1741, increased to 10 sqdns in Sept. From 1745 to 1788 had an attached uhlan unit, the "Bosniak Corps", which finally became independent in 1788 as HR # 9; the Corps strength varied (see old HR # 9 for details). In 1808 the old HR # 5 was still intact after the war with Napoleon; it was reorganized with 8 sqdns (4 per Bn); in Sept 1808 it became the Leib Hussars, and in Dec 1808 was divided into Leib HR # 1 and 2 (ex I & II Bns). For HR # 2, see next entry.
- **TITLES:** Had no Chef until 1744, and were simply called the "Black Hussars." HR Ruesch, 1744-58; in Sept 1758 Ruesch was arrested - no new Chef was appointed, and the unit was called the "Black Hussars" again (led by Beust until late 1759, then Lossow); became HR Lossow, 1762-83; Hohenstock, 1783-88; Goecking, 1788-94; Guter, 1794-1804; Prittwitz, 1804-07. Leib HR # 1, 1807-1918
- **PEACETIME HQ/RECRUITMENT:** In East Prussia with HQ at Goldap, 1741-96; then moved to Poland - HQ at Wirballen 1796-1806, at Warsaw 1806. Back at Goldap, 1808-15; Posen, 1815-18; Danzig, 1818-1914 (from 1859, parts always detached at Langfuhr). In 1914 Regt was under XVII District
- **FINAL DISPOSITION:** In Jan 1921, cadre to 1st Comp/5 Cav Regt

ACTIONS:

1741-42: In Silesia - no major actions

1744-45: In 1744 in Bohemia; in 1745 at Hohenfriedberg; the "Bosniaks" joined in Aug 1745; Regt in Saxony in late 1745

1756-62:

- 1756-57 - East Prussia: Gross Jägersdorf [the Bosniaks fought detached], retreat to Pomerania
- 1758 - Sent 3 sqdns, along with 2 sqdns of HR # 7, to aid the allies in the West in a combined Bn under Beust (they fought at Krefeld in June); the 7 sqdns of the main body were at Zorndorf & the Relief of Colberg [without the Bosniaks]
- 1759 - The group in the West (combined # 5/7) was led by Narzyusky - no major actions. In the main body, 6 sqdns & the Bosniaks fought at Kay, leaving 1 sqdn on the Swedish/ Pomeranian front
- 1760 - 3 sqdns still with Narzyusky in the West: no major actions. Main body served with Prinz Heinrich
- 1761 - The group in the West (combined # 5/7) was led by Jeanneret - no major actions; the main body was in Silesia, then Pomerania