

-CR Toulangeon was really formed in 1679 **

Part II - From 1700 to 1823

The year 1700 was significant because a new dynasty (the Bourbons) took over Spain; this meant that in foreign affairs Spain was normally closely aligned with France rather than with Austria. In the military sphere, the histories of individual regiments can be traced in detail for the first time beginning in 1700. The period ends in 1823, when most of the Army was disbanded as a punishment for participating in a revolt against King Ferdinand VII.

First Sub-Part: A Chronology of Developments

A. *UNDER PHILIP V, 1700-1746*

1. General Developments

The new Bourbon regime made sweeping changes based on French models. The bayonet rapidly replaced the pike. White uniforms were introduced. In 1704 the ancient title "Tercio" was replaced by "Regiment." The Regts were uniformly organized into battalions and companies for the first time.

a. Guard Troops

- Ceremonial: The old "German" Comp was (of course) dissolved; the two remaining (Spanish) comps were merged into one, the "Guard Halberdiers." The mounted comps (Estradiots and Archers) disappeared. The new "Guard Musketeer Comp" was formed around 1700 with Flemish aristocratic personnel (see below)
- Field: Two Guard Inf Regts were raised - the Spanish and Walloon

b. Infantry

This arm expanded rapidly in 1700-03 to prepare for the Succession War (see unit list for details). Each Tercio (from 1704 each Regt) had just one bn, of 13 (later 12) companies. However many Regts soon raised II Bns. From 1708 the Regts received permanent (mostly territorial) titles, although the process was gradually implemented in some cases. There was a considerable reduction in force in 1713-15.