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Cavalry Charge, Édouard Detaille

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THE SAINT HELENA MEDALS

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New Collection: The Saint Helena Medals

During the years of Napoléon I's reign, well over a million men from France and conquered territories in Europe were recruited for the Grande Armée. In 1857, veterans were awarded the Saint Helena Medal by the emperor's nephew Napoléon III. Explore our new collection of over 200,000 men -- a few with photographs!

At Geneanet, we have a number of genealogical resources from the Napoleonic period (1799-1815) — over 1.1 million indexed soldiers, monuments, postcards, and of course the Emperor's genealogy at Geneastar — and we are excited to present our newest collection: an index of over 200,000 recipients of the Saint Helena Medal!

The “Grogards”

In 1857, Napoléon III, nephew of Napoléon I, decided to honor military veterans in the era between the Révolution (1792) and Waterloo (1815) which marked the end of the Napoleonic Wars. All men of arms — French, but also Belgian, Italian, even German — who could prove military service between 1792 and 1815 were eligible for the Saint Helena medal, named for the tiny remote island in the South Atlantic Ocean where the deposed emperor was exiled and died in 1821.

Some 405,000 former soldiers were proud recipients of the medal. Our new collection is an index to over half of them; many entries are linked to archival documents and some have photographs or illustrations. French volunteers are working on indexing missing soldiers from Archives Départementales (county archives) throughout France. Be sure to read our FAQ for more information.

These soldiers often referred to themselves as the “Grogards” — the Complainers — as Napoléon had called them when they protested about late pay, mud, and the freezing temperatures of the disastrous Russian campaign!



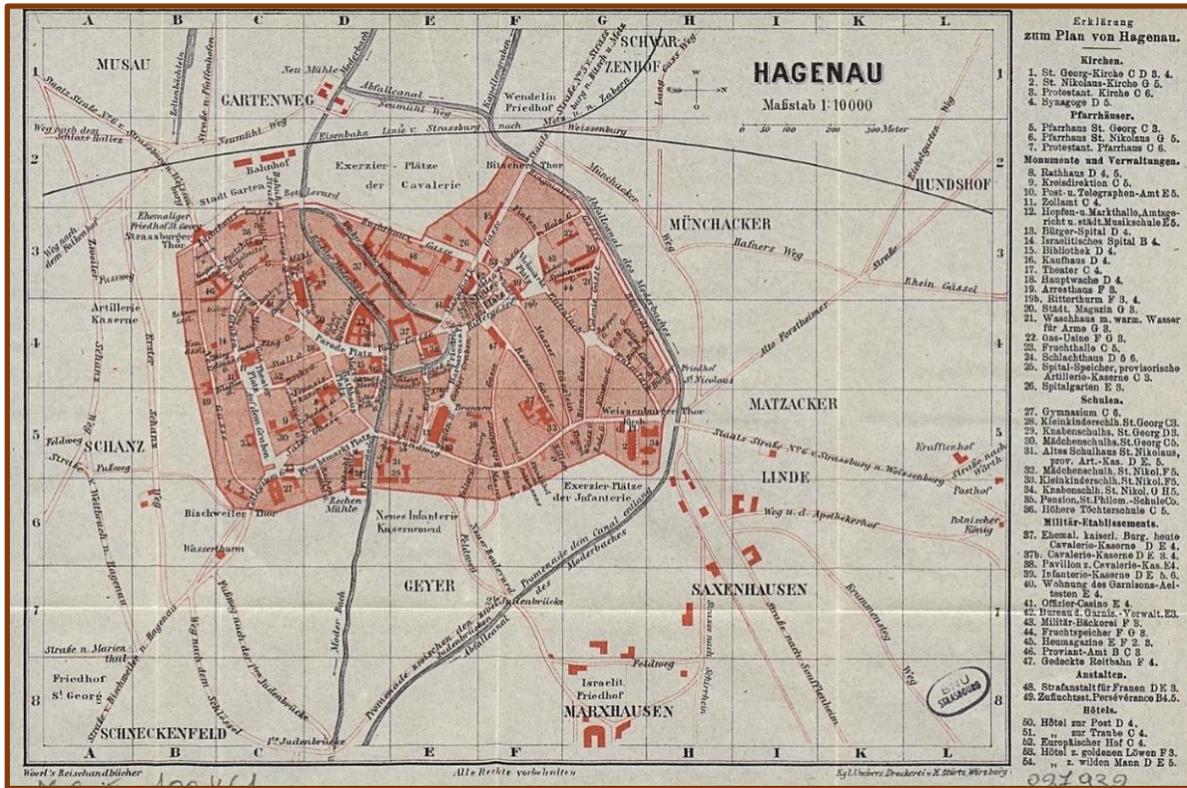
Fifty years or more after their first military service, the Saint Helena Medal recipients were old men by 1857.

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Most records have the birthplace and date of the soldier, an important clue for reaching further back to parish records — try a search today!

HAGUENAU MILITARY MAPS

Military and another establishments in Haguenau, and cavalry, infantry and artillery training areas outside the city.



Hagenau, from *Guide through Alsace-Lorraine, into the Vosges and to the German-French battlefields*, Leo Woerl, 1893
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Plan des Attaques près d'Hagenau, & Richshoff depuis le 13. Jusqu'au 25 décembre 1793. Avec la retraite de l'armée Impériale & Prussienne.

A. Attaques des français de l'armée Impériale commandée par le général Würmsfer depuis le 14 jusqu'au 22 décembre. B. retraite des Impériaux. C. le 22 décembre les français forcèrent le poste tenu par Richshoff, Franschweiler, et Weerth défendu par le général Hase, qui fut obligé de se replier, de manière que le corps du général Würmsfer se retira D. près de Dörnbach le 26 décembre; une partie de l'armée Impériale passa le Rhin à Philipshurg, mais autre se retira; en E. au fort Louis, le 27 décembre, finit le blocus de Landau. F. G. lignes de Weissenburg & Lauterbourg.

Plan of attacks near Hagenau and Richshoff, December 13-25, 1793, Military Maps, France, Hagenau gallica.bnf.fr / Bibliotheque et universitaire de Strasbourg, photo 454



Historical and geographical theater of the war in Lower Alsace where, after a trouble-free crossing of the Rhine, all the camps and marches of the royal Hungarian army in 1744 are shown, with all the lines and fortresses. With representations of the fortifications of Strasbourg, Fort Louis, Haguenau and Landau, as well as that of the movement of the armies (episode of Pandours, 1744). By Christoph Riegel.
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COINS OF THE TOWN OF HAGUENAU

A selection of coins from the imperial workshop and mint at Haguenau, which produced its own coins prior to French control. Found at Strasbourg Library and University at BnF Gallica: <https://gallica.bnf.fr/>



Kreuzer : Feudal currency, City of Haguenau, no year given.

Front: Shield with the Haguenau rose.

Reverse: FERD. II. ROM. IMP. SEM. AVG. In the field, in 3 lines: II. - KREUTZ - ER.



Feudal currency, City of Haguenau, 1666

Front: MY. NOV. CIV. HAGENOIENSIS. Rose shield; above: 1666.

Reverse: LEOPOLD. IDG RO. IMP. SE. AVG.. Spread and crowned eagle.



Author(s): Town of Haguenau (1620s (?)). Undetermined function

Title(s): Dicken from the town of Haguenau; "Kipperzeit"; 1620s (?); type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1669

Hardware description: 4.79 g: Two-sided coin. ; 28mm

Note(s): (star) HAGENOIA (star) IMPERII (star) CAMERA. . - R: (rosette) IVSTITIA (small flower with five petals) MANET (rosette) IN (rosette) AETER (rosette) . - Money; Strike
Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely beaded net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely beaded net; in the center of the field is the crowned and crowned imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



Author(s): Leopold I (Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire). Undetermined function
City of Haguenau (1658 - 1673). Undetermined function

Title(s): Gulden from the town of Haguenau; 1669; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1669

Hardware description: 19.26 g: Two-sided coin. ; 37mm

Note(s): * NVM: ARG: IMP: CAME: AC: CIVIT: HAGENO: . - A: . LEOPOLD: I: DG: ROMAN: IMP: SEM: AVG. . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely pearly net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms above which is read . LX. K. ; on each side of the shield, the date 16 - 69 // R/:

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely pearly net; in the center of the field is the crowned and crowned imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



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Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Haguenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): Thaler from the town of Haguenau; 1635; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1635

Hardware description: 29.11 g: Two-sided coin. ; 41mm

Note(s): (small flowered cross) NVMMVS. SILVER . IMP: CAM: AC: CIV: HA . - A: FERDINANDVS. II. D: G: ROM: IMP: S: AVG: . - Money; Strike

Circular legend surrounded by a guilloché circle; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms above which the date 1635 is read in a cartouche // R/: Circular legend surrounded by a guilloché circle; in the center of the field is the crowned and crowned imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



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Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
 City of Hagenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): "Raths - Geld" from the town of Hagenau; before 1621 (1619 - 1621?). type with the shield with the arms on the right and the inscription RAHTS GELT in two lines on the reverse. [cash]

Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, 1619-1621?

Hardware description: 2.48 g; Two-sided coin. ; 24mm

Note(s): (rosette) MONETA: SILVER: CIVIT: HAGEN: . - R: (rosette)
 FERDINAND. II. ROM. IMP. SEM. AV: . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely beaded and full double fillet; in the center of the field appears the shield with the arms of the city // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely beaded and full double fillet; in the center of the field is the inscription * / RATHS / . /GELT/* in five lines in the field



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Author(s): Leopold I (Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire). Undetermined function
 City of Hagenau (1658 - 1673). Undetermined function

Title(s): 30 kreutzer from the town of Haguenau; 1667; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1667

Hardware description: 9.72 g: Two-sided coin. ; 32mm

Note(s): * NVM: ARG: IMP. CAM. AC. CIV: HAGE NO: . - A: LEOPOLD. I. D:G. NOVEL
. IMP. SEM. AVG . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely pearly net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms above which reads XXX. K. ; on each side of the shield, the date 16 - 00 // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely pearly net; in the center of the field is the crowned imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



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Author(s): City of Haguenau (17th century). Undetermined function

Title(s): Heller (?) from the town of Haguenau; 17th century. century ; rose type containing the letter H [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 17th century. century

Hardware description: 0.26 g: Single-sided coin. ; 13mm

Note(s): Without registrations . - A: Without registrations . - Money; Frappe
Rose with five petals surrounded by a circle of large pearls; in the middle, the letter H // R

References) : ENGEL and LEHR, p.84, n 95



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Author(s): Rudolf II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Hagenau (1576 - 1612). Undetermined function

Title(s): Batz from the town of Hagenau; 1607; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, 1607

Hardware description: 2.54 g: Single-sided coin. ; 26mm

Note(s): (rosette) MONETA. ARGEN. CIVIT. HAGEN . - A: RVDOL. II. ROM. IMP. AVG. P. F. DEC . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms; above the date, 1607 // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full fillet; in the center of the field appears the imperial eagle, haloed and crowned, charged at the heart with a cruciger globe on which is read the number 4



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Author(s): Rudolf II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Hagenau (1576 - 1612). Undetermined function

Title(s): Groschen from the town of Haguenau; 1600; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1600

Hardware description: 2.13 g: Single-sided coin. ; 22mm

Note(s): 'V. MONETA. HAGENOIENSIS . - A: . RVDOL. II. RO. IMP. AVG. P. F. DEC . - Money; Strike Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms surmounted by the date: . 1600 // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full fillet; in the center of the field appears the imperial eagle, haloed and crowned, charged at the heart with a cruciger globe in which is read the number 3

References) : ENGEL and LEHR, variant p. 75, n 17 et pl. XIII, no. 6



Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Haguenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): Zwölfer from the town of Haguenau; 1619 - 1637; type with rose on the right and imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1619-1637

Hardware description: 3.42 g: Single-sided coin. ; 26mm

Note(s): (small flower with five petals) MONETA (rosette) SILVER (rosette) CIVIT (rosette) HAGEN . - A: . FERDINAND: II: ROM: IMP: SEM: AV . - Money; Strike Circular legend between a guilloché circle lined with a full net and a corded net lined with a full net; in the center of the field there is a rose with five petals // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a corded net; in the center of the field is the imperial eagle, haloed and crowned, loaded at the heart with a cruciger globe on which is read the number 12

References) : ENGEL and LEHR, variant p. 79, no. 52



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Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Hagenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): 12 kreutzer from the town of Hagenau; 1625; type with rose on the right and imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, 1625

Hardware description: 5.13 g: Two-sided coin. ; 28mm

Note(s): (rosette) MONE. ARGEN. CIVIT. HAGEN. 1625 . - A: (XII)

FERDINAND. II. ROM. IMP. SEM. AVG . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a double fillet (one finely guilloché and the other full); in the center of the field is the five-petal rose, emblem of the city // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely twisted net; in the center of the field is the haloed imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



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Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Hagenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): 2 kreutzer from the town of Haguenau; 1619 - 1637; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the indication of value in three lines on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1619-1637

Hardware description: 0.78 g: Two-sided piece. ; 18mm

Note(s): (three intertwined rings) MONETA. HAGENOENSIS . - A: * FERDI. II. ROM. IMP. SEM. AVG . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a corded net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a corded net; in the center of the field is the inscription * II * / KREUTZ / ER in three lines

References) : ENGEL and LEHR, variant p. 81, no. 63



Author(s): Ferdinand II (Holy Roman Emperor). Undetermined function
City of Haguenau (1619 - 1637). Undetermined function

Title(s): 12 kreutzer from the town of Haguenau; 1625; type with rose on the right and imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Haguenau: Haguenau, 1625

Hardware description: 5.51 g: Two-sided coin. ; 28mm

Note(s): (rosette) MONE. ARGEN. CIVIT. HAGEN. 1625: . - A: (XII)
FERDINAND. II. ROM. IMP. SEM. AV. . - Money; Strike

Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a double fillet (one finely guilloché and the other full); in the center of the field is the five-petal rose, emblem of the city // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a finely twisted net; in the center of the field is the haloed imperial eagle, carrying the cruciger globe in its heart



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Author(s): Leopold I (Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire). Undetermined function
City of Hagenau (1658 - 1705). Undetermined function

Title(s): Kreuzer from the town of Hagenau; 1669; type with the shield with the arms on the right and the imperial eagle on the reverse [currency]

Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, 1669

Hardware description: 0.61 g; Two-sided coin. ; 17mm

Note(s): *MONETA. HAGENO . - A: LEOPOLD. I. D. G. RO. IM. S. HAS . . - Money; Strike
Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full net; in the center of the field is the shield with the city's arms surmounted by the date 1669 // R/: Circular legend between a guilloché circle and a full net; in the center of the field is the crowned imperial eagle, carrying at heart the cruciger globe in the middle of which is read the number I



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Author(s): Imperial workshop of Hagenau (around 1220 - 1250). Undetermined function

Title(s): Anepigraph denarius from the time of the Hohenstaufen emperors; imperial workshop of Hagenau, type at the palace [currency]

Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, approximately 1220-1250

Hardware description: 0.38g; 17mm

Note(s): Without registration . - A: Without registration . - Money; Frappe

Two full circles containing a series of points surround a rose with five petals // R/: Building composed of two series of three superimposed openings, surmounted by two side turrets and a central tower; all in a full circle

References) : NESSEL, variant, p. 14, no. 30 and VERBEKE, 2001, t. II, p. 210



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Author(s): Frederick I Barbarossa (Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire). Undetermined function
Imperial workshop of Hagenau (second half of the 12th century). Undetermined function

Title(s): Denarius from the second half of the 12th century. century ; imperial workshop of Hagenau; type with imperial bust facing right and portal surmounted by three turrets and cross on reverse [currency]

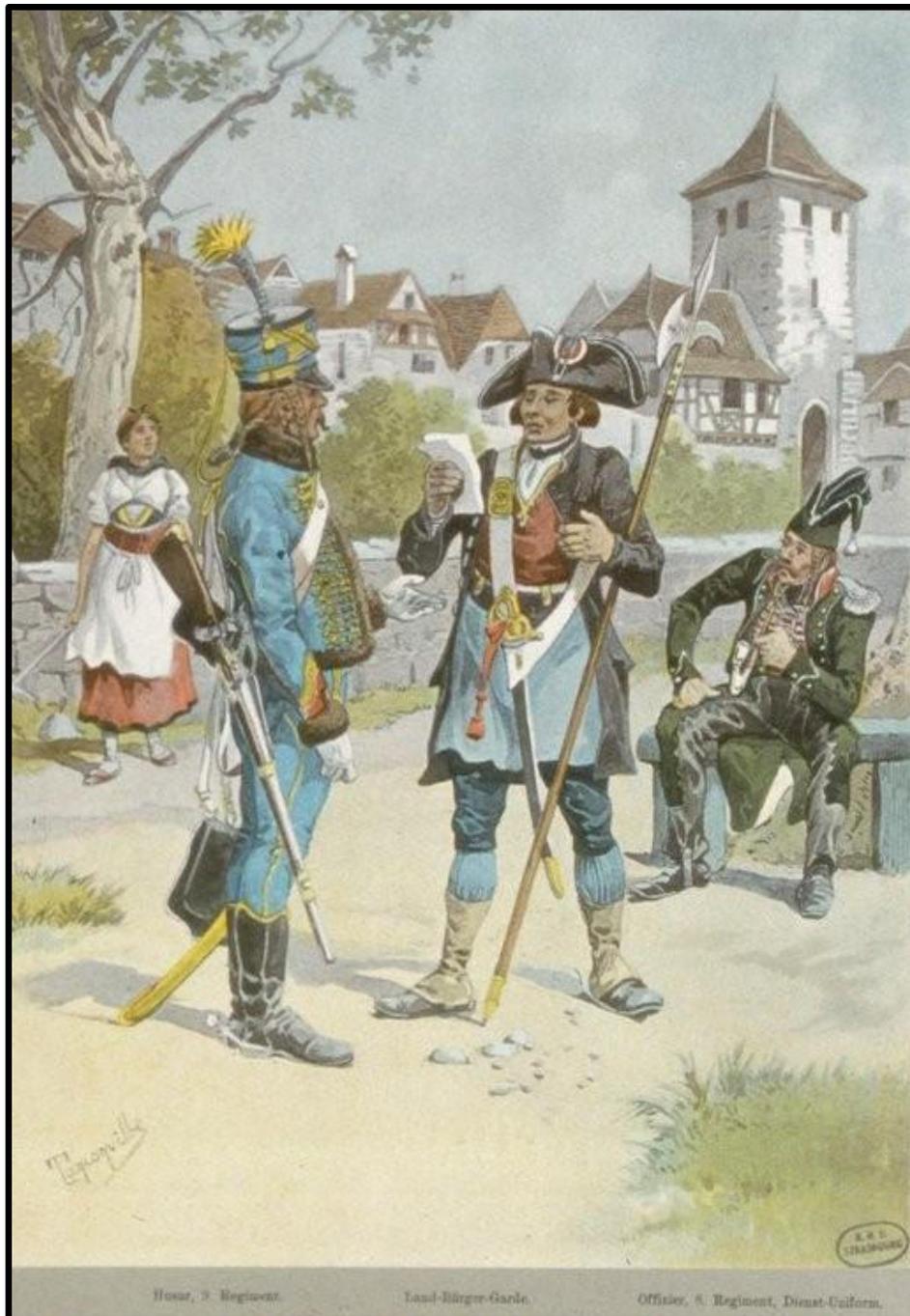
Emission : Hagenau: Hagenau, Second half of the 12th century. century

Hardware description: 0.70 g: Two-sided piece with three folded edges. ; 17mm

Note(s): IMPERATOR . - A: HAGENOVWE . - Money; Strike

Figure of the emperor, crowned, half-length, facing; in his right hand he holds a large cross (?) and in his left, the cruciferous globe; all in a finely beaded circle // R/: Circular legend between two finely beaded circles; in the center of the field there is a portal surmounted by a central tower topped with a cross, and two side turrets

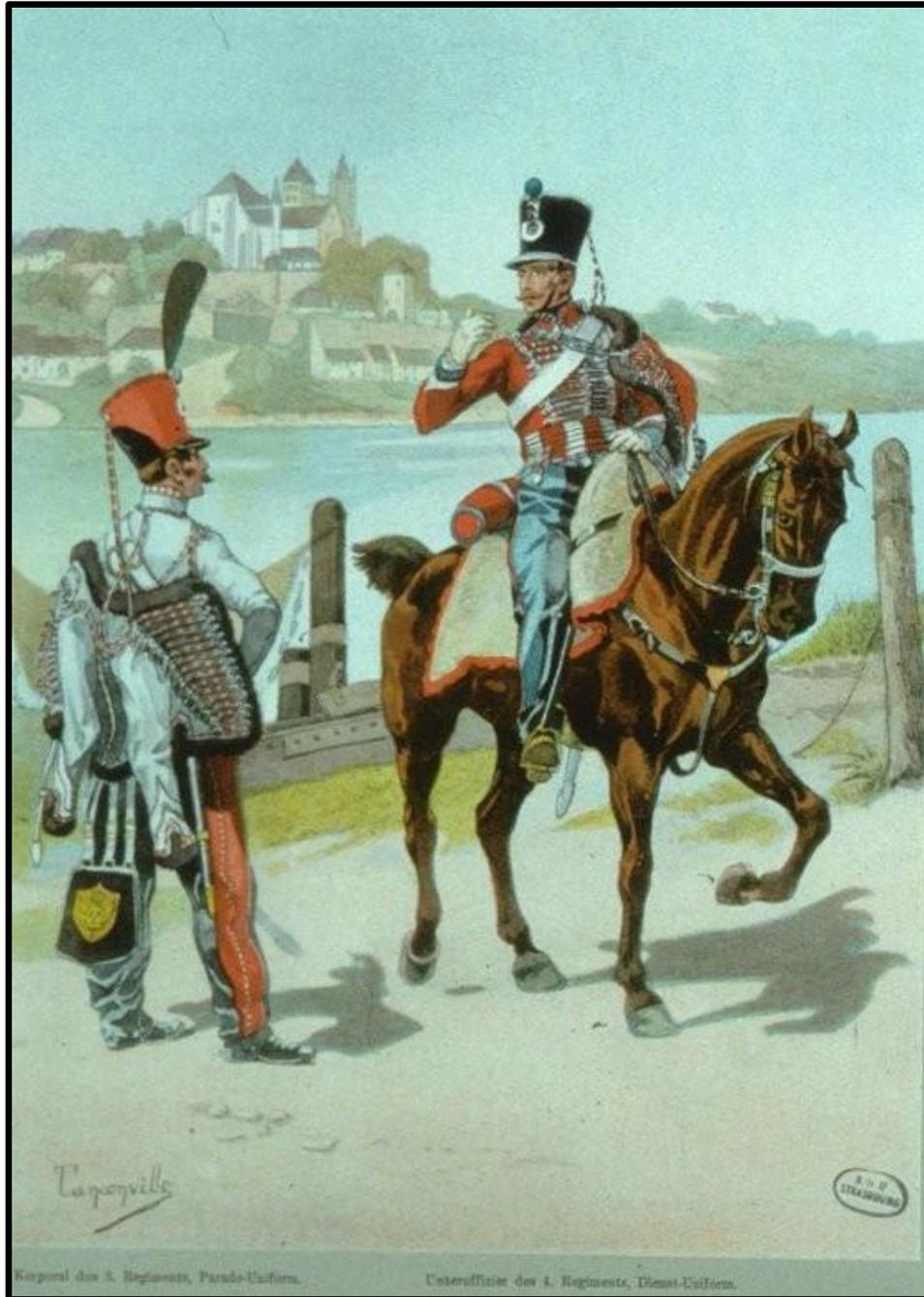
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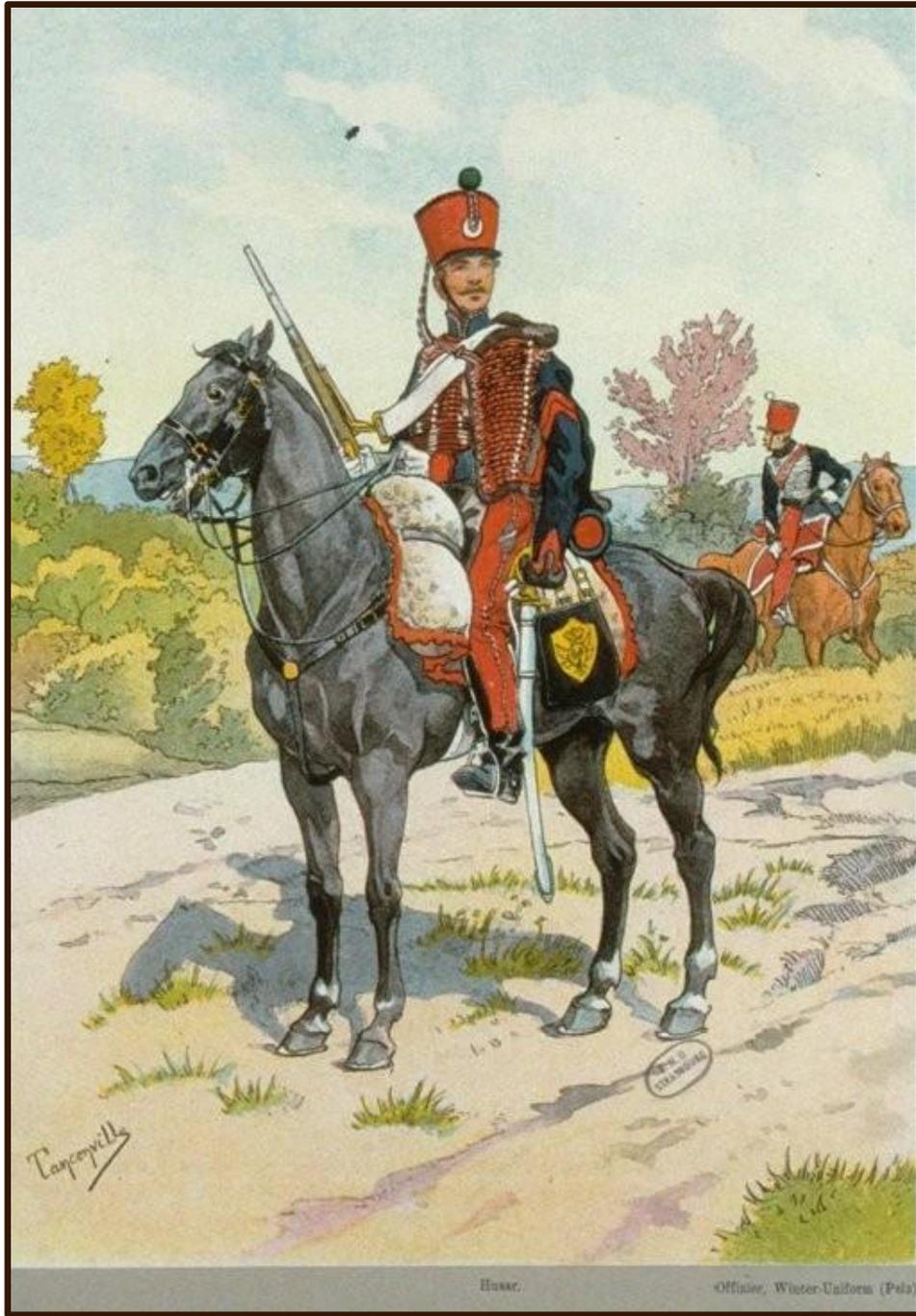
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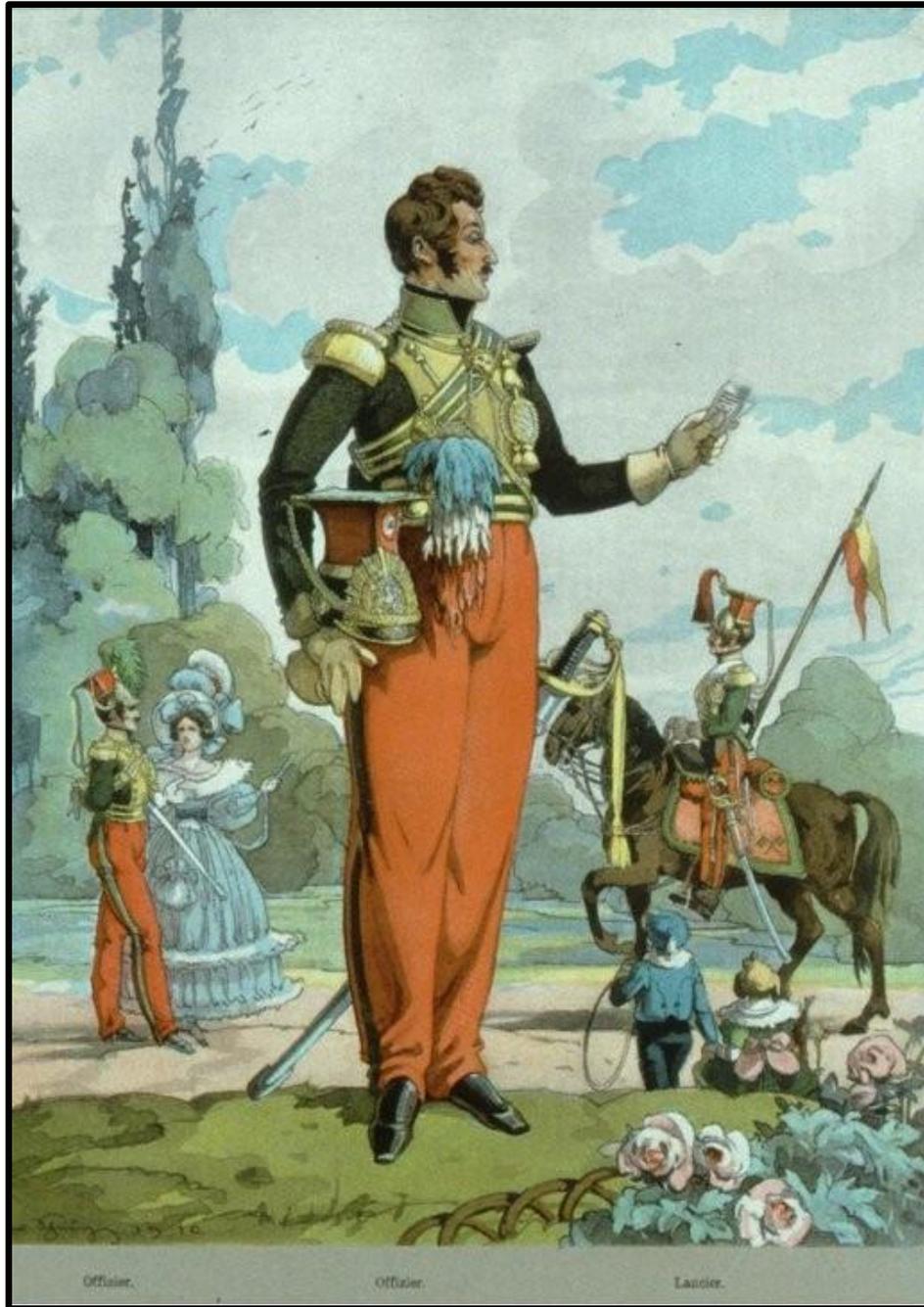
1804, 10th Cuirassier Regiment at Hagenau, Leo Schnug, Illustrator
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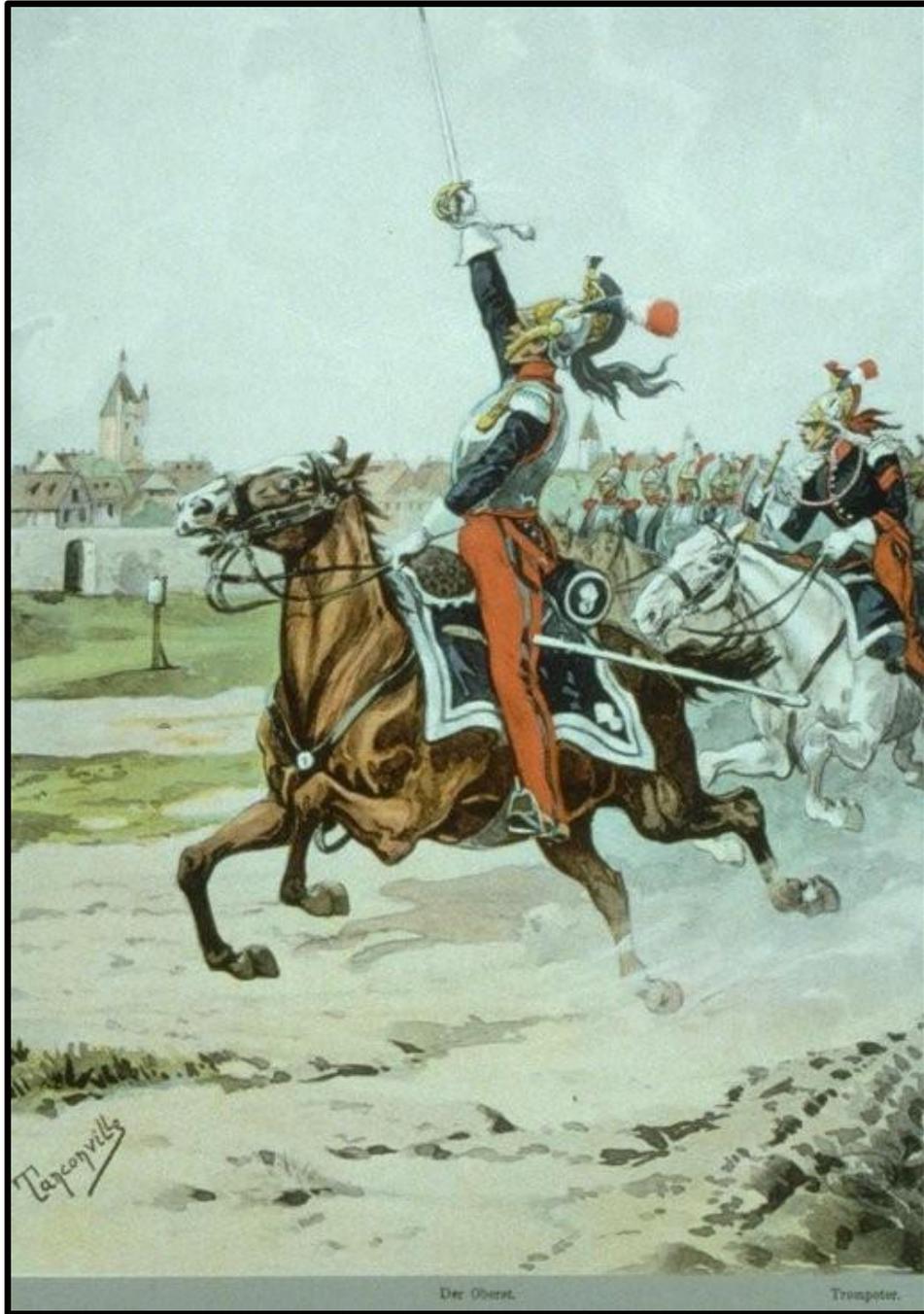
1819, Hussar Regiment of the Moselle (No 3) in Neu-Breisach, Hussar Regiment of the North (No 4) in Hagenau
Henri Ganier-Tanconville, Illustrator, gallica.bnf.fr / Bibliotheque et universitaire de Strasbourg



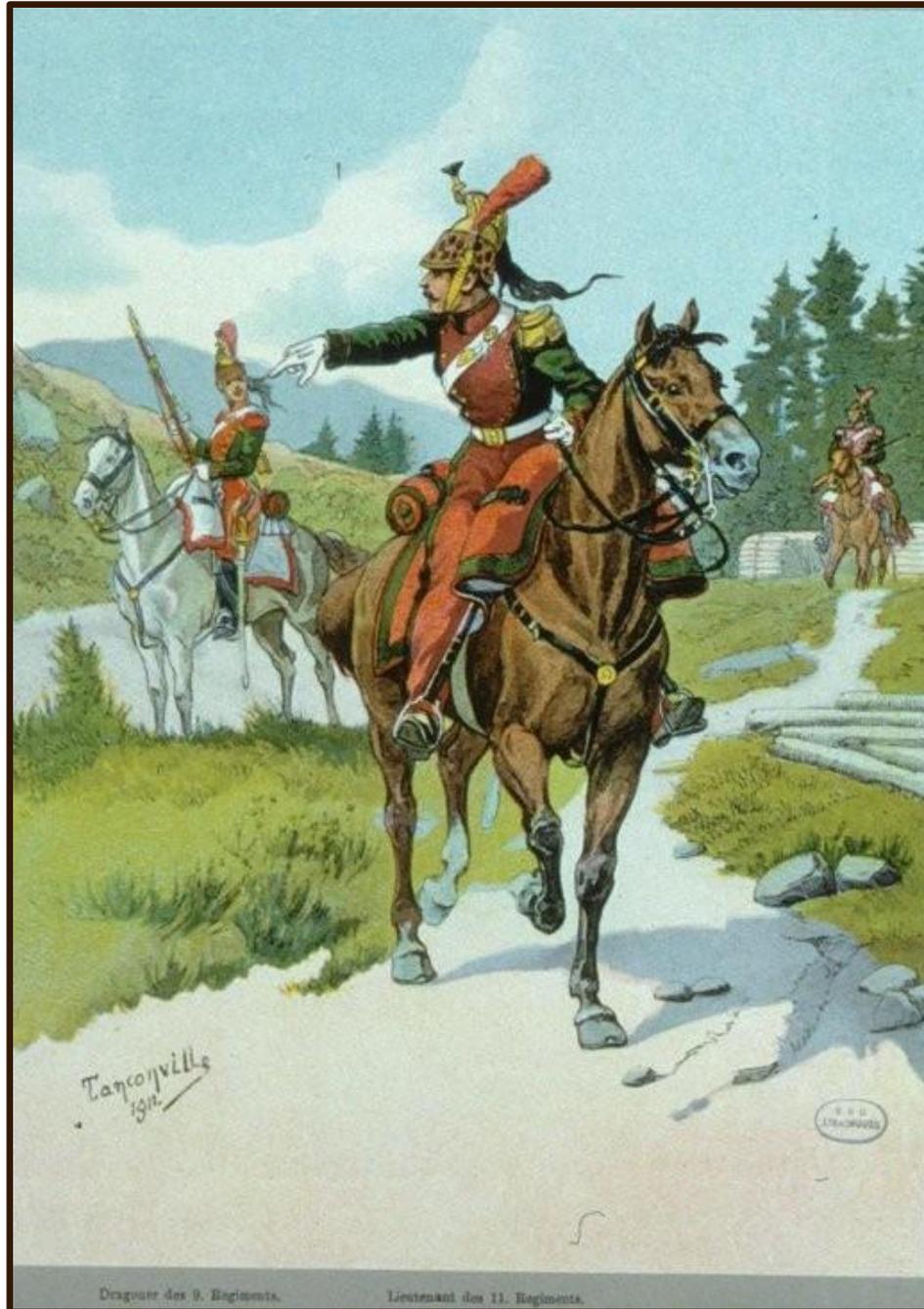
1825, Regiment of Hussars of the Lower Rhine in Haguenau, Henri Ganier-Tanconville, Illustrator
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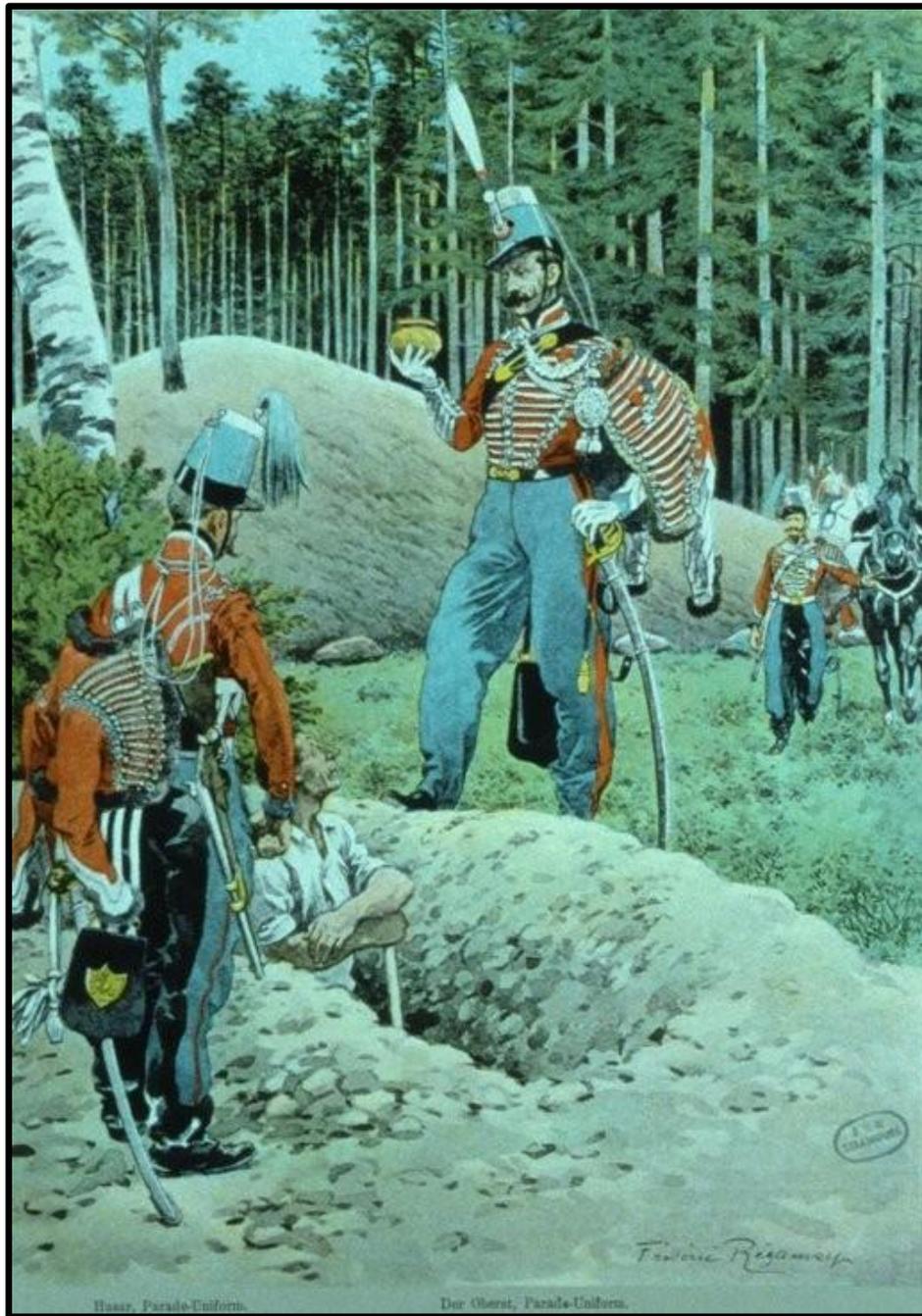
1831, Regiment of Lancers from Orléans to Haguenau, Leo Schnug, Illustrator
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1840, 1st Cuirassier Regiment at Haguenau, Henri Ganier-Tanconville Illustrator
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1840, 9th Dragoon Regiment at Schlettstadt, 11th Dragoon Regiment at Haguenau, Henri Ganier-Tanconville, Illustrator
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1851, 4th Regiment at Haguenau, Frédéric Regamey, Illustrator
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