THE FORCES OF HANOVER DURING THE WAR OF THE SPANISH SUCCESSION

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Hanover provided troops for the ReichsArmee and the Maritime powers. Elector Georg Ludwig became King George I in 1714.

The infantry were generally in regiments of one battalion of around 750 men each, Although the Guards (the Leib Regiment) and regiment von Ranzow both had two battalions. Grenadier caps were "sugarloaf" shaped. Some regiments coverted their grenadiers into musketeers in 1705. Infantry equipments was buff with black cartridge boxes. The pike had already been abolished by 1695. Musicians wore reversed colours.

The Cavalry regiments consisted 2 squadrons each with a strength of about 350, the Dragoon regiments had four squadrons for a strength of about 700. The cavalry equipments were generally buff.









