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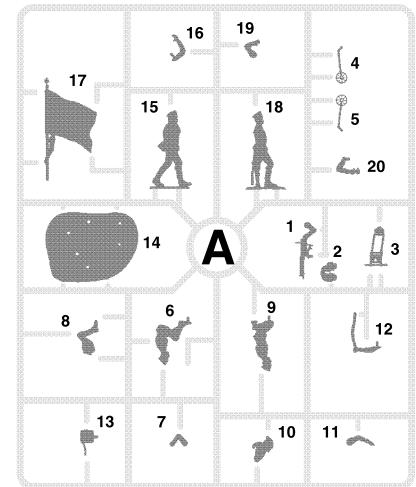
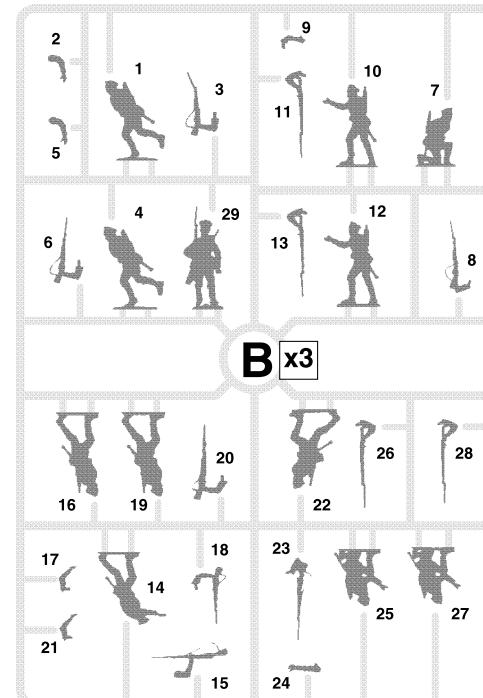
At the beginning of the XX century, infantry was the main arm in the armies of almost all world powers. Russian army was no exception, and the importance of infantry within it can scarcely be overestimated.

Thanks to a sufficiently large population, which significantly exceeded the population of any European country, the Russian Empire could afford to form the largest army. At the beginning of the World War I, the Russian army did not differ much from the armies of Germany, Austria-Hungary and France in equipping and armaments, but by autumn of 1914 numerical superiority of Russian infantry became the decisive factor in battles.

It is only due to the fortitude and courage of Russian soldiers that they were able to hold out in battles of 1915-1916, when they often had to fight with only a bayonet against machine guns and cannons. Meanwhile the Russian army not only held back the forces of the German Empire, but also overwhelmed Austrian and Turkish divisions.

On the whole, equipment and weapons of Russian infantrymen did not yield to the European ones. The Russian infantry was armed with 7.62 mm Mosin-Nagant magazine rifle (with a triangular bayonet) and machine gun "Maxim". But the insufficient supply and lack of technical support remained a serious problem. Such situation had to be compensated by using the latest propositions of military theory. Thus, the Russian army adopted a camouflage uniform earlier than the French and the Germans.

In the battles of World War I Russian infantry displayed their best qualities: fortitude in defense and persistence in attack, initiative and discipline. But by the middle of the war, after the exhaustion of trained reserves, the overall level of infantry training decreased sharply.



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