

Hints and Tips -

Colour Guide - Free French Goumiers

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Goumiers



Artizan figures painted by Mick Farnworth

Item	Colour	Vallejo Model Colour
Helmet	Dark Green	Russian Green 70.894, Bronze Green 70.897
Turban	Beige	German Camo Beige 70.821
Djellabah Coat	Dark Brown	German Camo Black Brown 70.882 (GW Scorched Earth)
Djellabah Stripes	Beige	German Camo Beige 70.821
Djellabah Stripes	Tan	US Tan Earth 70.874, (GW Snakebite Leather)
Jacket M1941 Blouson	Beige	German Camo Beige 70.821
Uniform	Khaki	US Field Drab 70.973, English Uniform 70.921, Flat Earth 70.983
Webbing	Beige	German Camo Beige 70.821
Socks	Beige	German Camo Beige 70.821
Sandals	Brown	Mahogany Brown 70.846, Flat Brown 70.984
Boots - Soldiers	Black	Black 70.950

Notes

Goumiers were Moroccan troops in the service of the French. The Artizan figures can also represent Tunisian and Algerian contingents that made up the Indigènes forces in the Free French Army. The Indigènes, especially the Moroccan Goumiers, fought in North Africa, Italy and France. Moroccan Goumiers were active as mountain troops in the Monte Casino campaign and in the Colmar pocket offensive.

Troops were equipped mostly with uniforms and equipment from US and British stocks. Some also received French helmets and weapons. Many were issued with the US M1941 blouson jacket.

Many troops wore the Djellabah Coat on top of the uniform. The coats were dark brown with stripes in lighter brown, tan or beige. There were many variants and the actual patterns were traditional based on the region where the soldier was born.

Further Reading

Books

General

Andrew Mollo: **The Armed Forces of World War 2** (Little, Brown and Company)

This book is a very useful overview of uniforms and insignia. There are 250 colour drawings and 100 photographs which cover every nation involved in WW2. The original 1981 version is a large format book. There is an A5 reprint that does not include the Eastern front.

Chris McNab: **20th Century Military Uniforms: 300 Uniforms from Around the World** (Grange Books PLC)

This book is similar in style to Andrew Mollo's book and has many of the same illustrations.

Osprey books are also very good but there are several which touch the subject, so it is difficult to recommend one item.

Films

Days of Glory

This French film tells the story of Algerian troops in the Free French Army. The original title in French is "Indigènes".