

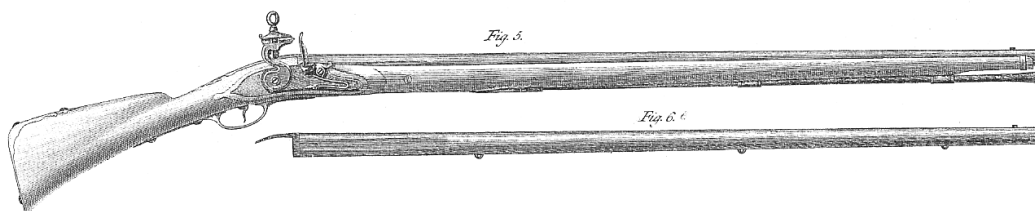
**ARMAMENTS OF THE TROOPS OF THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD, 1788-1931
(2)
CARBINE USED BY THE ROYAL CORP OF “GUARDIAS DE CORPS”,
DURING THE REIGN OF CARLOS IV**

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Cavalry carbine specimen; 925 mm long barrel, dated 1793, caliber 18mm (“de a 17”), marked under Crown, “SEB/SAR/RIA” (Sebastian de Sarria, Placencia), with the Royal Arms and the inscription “REGIMTO. DE CABALLA. DE ESPAÑA”; Spanish lock, Model of 1789, inscribed “DCIARAN” (Domingo Ignacio de Ziaran, Placencia).

I am not aware of the existence of any specimens of the carbine model used by the Guards of the Royal Corp of “Guardias de Corps” during Carlos IV’s reign (1788-1808) actually bearing on its barrel the Royal Arms and the inscription “GVARA. DEL CVERPO DEL REY”, but we can assume it to have been similar to the above illustrated specimen of a Cavalry Officer’s carbine, built for the Officers of the Army Cavalry Regiments by the Royal Factory at Placencia, in contrast to the standard weapons issued to the troopers as illustrated below.



Standard issue Cavalry carbine, as illustrated in the Artillery Treatise of 1787-1793.

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