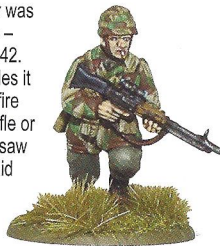


# FALLSCHIRMJÄGER

As an elite force, the Fallschirmjäger were well-supplied and this model portrays that perfectly, with a Panzerfaust anti-tank weapon and bandoliers full of stick grenades!



Exclusive to the Fallschirmjäger was the world's first true assault rifle – the Fallschirmgewehr 42, or FG42. Able to switch between fire modes it could be used as an automatic fire light machine gun, single shot rifle or as a sniper rifle! The FG42 first saw action during the Gran Sasso raid to rescue Italian dictator Benito Mussolini from his mountaintop incarceration.

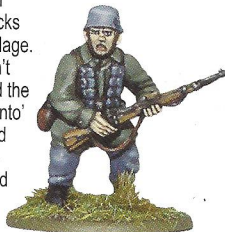


Included in this boxed set are waterslide transfers. These allow you to add insignia to the helmets, jump smocks and to the Panzerfausts, giving a great finish to your models!



Bolt Action Late War Fallschirmjäger squads may take up to two of the lethal MG42 light machine guns. With the special rule 'Hitler's Buzzsaw' named after the weapon's nickname, they can fire an extra shot, making German light machine guns deadly!

At the beginning of the war Fallschirmjäger jump smocks were plain with no camouflage. The pattern 1 smocks didn't open all the way down and the paratroopers had to 'step into' the legs. This was changed with the pattern 2 smock – buttons also being replaced with zippers.

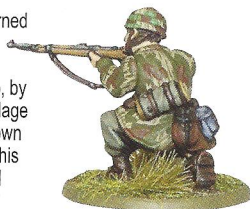


Fighting in the inhospitable cold of the Eastern Front, Fallschirmjäger units were issued with white cold weather uniforms. For those not yet equipped with these, or for those fighting before the worst of the Russian winter, white trousers were 'acquired' to help them blend in with the snow/frost-covered terrain. Helmets would be painted white or given a coat of whitewash.



This Fallschirmjäger is wearing the sand coloured trousers and helmet seen so often in the Mediterranean theatre. Units fighting in Italy would most often be equipped this way, notably the troops of the Herman Göring Division in its many guises. Note the bandoliers can be painted in field grey, Luftwaffe blue or in the same splinter pattern as the jump smock.

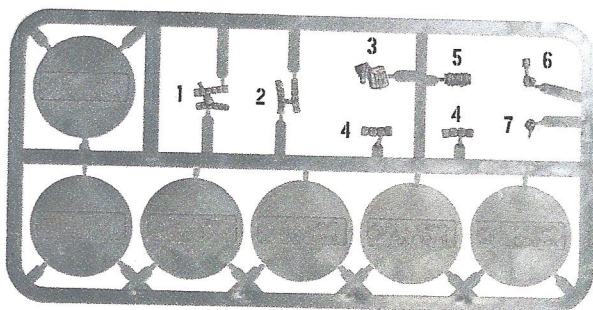
Although the majority of Fallschirmjäger camouflage-patterned jump smocks and helmet covers were produced in the Luftwaffe-Splintermuster 41 (splinter pattern), by 1943 a new Sumpfmuster camouflage pattern was being introduced. Known more commonly as 'water pattern', this had softer edges and more curved patches of colour than the splinter pattern.



Fallschirmjäger would wear their blue Luftwaffe uniform proudly, with their distinctive *fliegerbluse* tunic under their jump smock. Field caps and side caps in the classic blue were also popular. Here an officer wears his peaked cap and exhorts his troops.



The SS-Fallschirmjägerbataillon 500 (500th SS Parachute Battalion) were the airborne unit of the Waffen-SS. As such they could be seen wearing trousers and helmet covers made of camouflage patterns more closely associated with the Waffen-SS. This model replicates that with pea-dot pattern trousers.



- 1: Rifle bandolier with stick grenade
- 2: Rifle bandolier
- 3: Officer map case and pistol holster
- 4: FG42 assault rifle bandolier
- 5: Gas mask container
- 6: Hand with stick grenade
- 7: Pointing hand
- 8: MP40 sub-machine gun ammunition pouches
- 9: Personal equipment
- 10: Left stick grenade bandolier arm
- 11: Right stick grenade bandolier arm with panzerfaust
- 12: Arm pointing with field glasses
- 13: Personal equipment
- 14: Entrenching tool and bayonet
- 15: Entrenching tool
- 16: Kar98K ammunition belt pouches
- 17: FG42 assault rifle
- 18: Right arm with MP40 sub-machine gun
- 19: Kar 98k rifle
- 20: Open hand 'carrying' arm
- 21: FG42 assault rifle bandolier
- 22: Kneeling body
- 23: Crouching body
- 24: Braced body
- 25: Striding body
- 26: Running body
- 27: Charging body

- 28: Right arm with FG42 assault rifle and right bandolier
- 29: Left arm for part 28
- 30: Right arm with MP40 sub-machine gun
- 31: Left arm for part 30
- 32: Panzerfaust
- 33: Left arm for part 34
- 34: Right arm with Kar98K rifle
- 35: Arms with Kar98K rifle
- 36: Right arm with MG24 light machine gun
- 37: Left arm for part 36
- 38: Right arm firing FG42 assault rifle
- 39: Left arm for part 38
- 40: Left arm for part 41
- 41: Right arm carrying Kar98K rifle
- 42: Right arm carrying MG42 light machine gun on shoulder
- 43: Left arm carrying light machine gun ammunition box
- 44: Light machine gun ammunition belt
- 45: Light machine gun accessory pouch
- 46: Head in field cap
- 47: Head in wire-covered helmet
- 48: Head in side cap
- 49: Head in canvas-covered helmet
- 50: Head in officer's peaked cap
- 51: Head in canvas-covered helmet
- 52: Head in net-covered helmet
- 54: Head in plain helmet with goggles

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