## Battle of Leipzig, 16 October 1813: decision at Wachau. A scenario for Blücher.

## Background

On 16 October 1813 Napoleon's army stood at bay in the city of Leipzig, surrounded by advancing Coalition armies. The Coalition plan for the day was to seek a decision on the Southern flank, with several columns assaulting in an arc from southwest to south east, while blocking the French line of retreat to the west and pressing down on the city from the north. Napoleon's plan was to strip his northern flank and mount an overwhelming attack on Schwarzenberg's Army of Bohemia to the South, but the Coalition got their attacks in first. Fortunately for the French, all but one of the Coalition attacks were completely repulsed.

The initiative now passed to Napoleon, whose forces were ready to assault the Coalition centre. He had fewer troops available than originally intended but the French still had local superiority at the point of attack. There followed a race as the French tried to break through before Coalition reserves arrived to shore up the line.


The game begins just as Napoleon launches his attack. Both sides will have access to the troops that took part in the critical fighting on the day.

## The Map

1 map square is 2BW per side. (At 1BW to $3^{\prime \prime}$, this makes the table 9' by 4'.) The river Pleisse is impassable except where the two roads cross it.

## Orders of Battle

## France

| Units (And unit identities for painting purposes) | Points | Type | Elan | Traits |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| CinC - Napoleon Legend (20) | 20 |  |  | Legend |
| Murat | 15 |  | Cavalry, <br> Inspiring |  |
| IG Imperial Guard |  |  |  |  |
| 1/IG French Old Guard Chasseurs a Pied | 24 | Old Guard | 8 | sk, st, sh, a |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/IG French Old Guard Grenadiers a Pied | 24 | Old Guard | 8 | sk, st, sh, a |
| 3/IG French Middle Guard FusilierChasseurs, Fusilier-Grenadiers | 20 | Guard Infantry | 7 | sk, st, sh, a |
| 4/IG French Middle Guard Westphalian, Polish, Saxon Guard battalions | 20 | Guard Infantry | 7 | sk, st, sh, a |
| 1YG 1st Young Guard Corps - Oudinot |  |  |  |  |
| 1/1YG French Young Guard Voltigeurs | 14 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk, a |
| 2/1YG French Young Guard Voltigeurs | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 3/1YG French Young Guard Voltigeurs | 14 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk, a |
| 4/1YG French Young Guard Voltigeurs | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 2YG 2nd Young Guard Corps - Mortier |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2YG French Young Guard Tirailleur | 14 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk, a |
| 2/2YG French Young Guard Tirailleurs | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 3/2YG French Young Guard FlanqueurChass | 14 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk, a |
| 4/2YG French Young Guard Tirailleurs | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| GC Guard Cavalry - Nansouty |  |  |  |  |
| 1/GC French Young Guard Dutch Lancers | 11 | Cavalry | 6 | sh |
| 2/GC French Young Guard Chasseurs | 11 | Cavalry | 6 | sh |
| 3/GC French Old Guard Dragoons | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 4/GC French Old Guard Grenadiers | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 5/GC French Guard Horse | 9 | Artillery | 655433 | m |
| GB Grand Battery- Drouot |  |  |  |  |
| 1/GB French Guard Heavy | 12 | Artillery | 655433 | hv |
| 2/GB French Guard Heavy | 12 | Artillery | 655433 | hv |
| 3/GB French Reserve (II) | 9 | Artillery | 544322 | hv |
| 4/GB French Reserve (V) | 9 | Artillery | 544322 | hv |
| II II Corps - Victor |  |  |  |  |
| 1/II French Line | 8 | Infantry | 4 | sk, a |
| 2/II French Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |
| 3/II French Line | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 4/II French Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5/II French Line | 14 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk, a |
| 6/II French Line | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| V V Corps - Lauriston |  |  |  |  |
| 1/V French Line | 8 | Infantry | 4 | sk, a |
| 2/V French Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |
| 3/V French Line | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 4/V French Line | 12 | Veteran Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 6LC/V French Light Chasseurs |  |  | 5 |  |
| VIII VIII Corps - Poniatowski |  |  |  |  |
| 1/VIII Polish Line | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 27LC/VIII Polish Light Krakusi | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| IX IX Corps - Augereau |  |  |  |  |
| 1/IX French Provisional Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk, c, sh |
| 2/IX French Provisional Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk, c,sh |
| XI XI Corps - Macdonald |  |  |  |  |
| 1/XI French Provisional Line | 8 | Infantry | 4 | sk, c, sh, a |
| 2/XI Westphalian Line | 6 | Infantry | 4 | sk |
| 3/XI French Line | 8 | Infantry | 4 | sk, a |
| 4/XI French Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |
| 5/XI Italian Line | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 6/XI French Line | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |
| 7/XI French Line | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 8/XI Badener Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 9/XI Hessian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | sk |
| 28LC/XI Italian Light | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 10/XI French Reserve | 9 | Artillery | 544322 | hv |
| IC 1st Reserve Cavalry Corps - LatourMaubourg |  |  |  |  |
| 1/IC French Light Chasseurs | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 2/IC French Light Hussars | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 3/IC French Heavy Cuirassiers | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |


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| 4/IC Saxon Heavy Cuirassiers | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |
| 5/IC French Light Dragoons | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 6/IC French Horse | 9 | Artillery | 544322 | m |
| IIC 2nd Cavalry Corps - Sebastiani |  |  |  |  |
| 1/IIC French Light Lancers, Chasseurs | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 2/IIC French Light Lancers, Chasseurs, Hussars | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 3/IIC French Heavy 6 Carabiniers, Cuirassiers | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |
| IVC 4th Reserve Cavalry Corps - Kellerman |  |  |  |  |
| 1/IVC Polish Light Chasseurs | 4 | Cavalry | 4 |  |
| 2/IVC Polish Light Lancers | 4 | Cavalry | 4 |  |
| VC 5th Reserve Cavalry Corps - Pajol |  |  |  |  |
| 1/VC French Light Hussars | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 2/VC French Light Dragoons | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 3/VC French Light Dragoons | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
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## Coalition

| Units (And unit identities for painting purposes) | Points | Type | Elan | Traits |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CinC Schwarzenberg |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Column 1, Kleist |  |  |  |  |
| 1/1 Prussian Line 12th brigade | 41 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 2/1 Prussian Reserve 12th brigade | 4 | Infantry | 4 |  |
| 3/1 Russian Line 14th division, I Corps | 7 | Infantry | 4 | st, a |
| 4/1 Russian Heavy Levashov Cuirassier brig. | 8 | Cavalry | 5 | sh |
| 5/1 Russian Reserve | 9 | Artillery | 655433 |  |
| 2 Column 2, Eugène | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 1/2 Prussian Line 9th brigade | 4 | Infantry | 4 |  |
| 2/2 Prussian Reserve 9th brigade | 7 | Infantry | 4 | st, a |
| 3/2 Russian Line 3rd Division, II Corps | 8 | Infantry | 5 | st |
| 4/2 Russian Line 4th Division, II Corps |  |  |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5/2 Russian Reserve | 9 | Artillery | 655433 |  |
| RCR Russian Cavalry Reserve Pahlen |  |  |  |  |
| 1/RCR Russian Light | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |
| 2/RCR Russian Cossack | 4 | Cavalry | 4 |  |
| 3/RCR Prussian Light | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |
| 4/RCR Prussian Landwehr | 6 | Cavalry | 5 | i |
| PCR Prussian Cavalry Reserve Von Röder |  |  |  |  |
| 1/PCR Prussian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 2/PCR Prussian Landwehr | 6 | Cavalry | 5 | i |
| 3 Column 3, Gortchakov |  |  |  |  |
| 1/3 Russian Line 5th division, I Corps | 7 | Infantry | 4 | st, a |
| 2/3 Russian Line 5th division, I Corps | 8 | Infantry | 5 | st |
| 3/3 Prussian Line 10th brigade | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 4/3 Prussian Landwehr 10th brigade | 3 | Infantry | 4 | C |
| 4 Column 4 Klenau | 5 |  |  | Steadfast |
| Austrian IV Corps |  |  |  |  |
| 1/4 Austrian Grenzer | 9 | Infantry | 5 | sk |
| 2/4 Austrian Light | 7 | Cavalry | 5 |  |
| 3/4 Austrian Light hussars | 10 | Cavalry | 6 |  |
| 4/4 Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| 5/4 Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| 6/4 Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| 7/4 Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 5 | a |
| 8/4 Austrian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 9/4 Austrian Reserve | 9 | Artillery | 544322 | hv |
| 10/4 Prussian Line 11th brigade | 11 | Infantry | 5 | sk, a |
| 11/4 Prussian Reserve 11th brigade | 7 | Infantry | 5 |  |
| Reserve Wing |  |  |  |  |
| 3G 3rd Grenadier Corps |  |  |  |  |
| 1/3G Russian Grenadier | 17 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 2/3G Russian Grenadier | 17 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |


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| 3/3G Russian Grenadier | 17 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 4/3G Russian Grenadier | 17 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 5/3G Russian Foot |  | Artillery | 655433 |  |
| 5G 5th Guard Corps |  |  |  |  |
| 1/5G Russian Guard | 16 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 2/5G Russian Guard | 16 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 3/5G Russian Guard | 16 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st |
| 4/5G Russian Guard | 18 | Infantry | 7 | sh, st, a |
| 5/5G Prussian Guard | 20 | Infantry | 7 | sh, sk, st, a |
| 6/5G Prussian Guard | 18 | Infantry | 7 | sh, sk, st |
| 7/5G Russian Guard Foot | 9 | Artillery | 655433 |  |
| 2CC 2 Cavalry Corps |  |  |  |  |
| 1/2CC Russian Guard Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 2/2CC Russian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 3/2CC Russian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 4/2CC Prussian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 5/2CC Russian Guard Light | 14 | Cavalry | 7 |  |
| 6/2CC Russian Guard Light | 14 | Cavalry | 7 |  |
| Austrian Reserves |  |  |  |  |
| AR Austrian Army Reserve |  |  |  |  |
| 1/AR Austrian Grenadier | 18 | Infantry | 7 | st, sh, a |
| 2/AR Austrian Grenadier | 18 | Infantry | 7 | st, sh, a |
| 3/AR Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| 4/AR Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| 5/AR Austrian Line | 12 | Infantry | 6 | a |
| AC Austrian Cuirassier Corps |  |  |  |  |
| 1/AC Austrian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 2/AC Austrian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |
| 3/AC Austrian Heavy | 15 | Cavalry | 7 | sh |

Notes. As there has already been heavy fighting earlier in the day, several units begin with reduced starting strengths. Part of the Polish VIII Corps is not present because it is facing the Coalition attempt to cross the Pleisse in the north west of the map near Markkleeberg.

## Deployment

The on-table Coalition set up first. The on-table French set up second and take the first turn.

## Game length

The game lasts 24 turns or until one side is demoralised.

## MO allocation

If playing 2 player, both receive 6 MO dice per turn. If using the multi-player rules in the book, each player receives 2 MO.

## Reinforcements

The reinforcement rule in the Blücher rulebook has been adjusted in three ways for this scenario. First, the reinforcement factor against a group represents the number of dice to throw when testing to arrive each turn. If the sum of the dice rolled is less than or equal to the current turn number, the group arrives.
Second, all French off-table formations can be brought on at any time, without the need to roll dice for their arrival. The French player does however need to allocate MOs to activate them. These are formations that are ready, under command and waiting just off the table edge. They enter the table revealed and so cannot use reserve movement.
Third, those Coalition formations approaching Entry Point A were moving along roads through restricted terrain and are considered to be in column, one behind another. The controlling player may only test for one group of units per turn and must follow the order of march set out below. Thus, you cannot start rolling for the Group 2 reinforcements at entry point A until Group 1 has arrived successfully on the table.
Reinforcements are otherwise subject to the reinforcement rules as written, including the right to use reserve movement.

## Coalition

Coalition morale level is 11 .
The following formations begin the game on-table.
1, 2, 3, 4, L/1, RCR, PCR, 3G.
On-table units should be placed in the areas marked on the map, in any formation. Units in urban areas may begin in garrison.


Reinforcements

## Entry point A

The following formations are approaching the field from the south west, in column one behind another. They will arrive in the order set out below; units further back cannot jump the queue. You must test for the front group before testing for ones behind. Only one group may enter per turn. Reinforcements may arrive unrevealed.

Group 1: AC Reinforcement factor 3, add 1 to army morale
Group 2: AR Reinforcement factor 4, add 2 to army morale

## Entry zone B

The following formations may arrive anywhere along the south edge, within the marked zone. You may test for them all each turn.

Group 1: 2CC Reinforcement factor 3, add 2 to army morale
Group 2: 5G Reinforcement factor 4, add 2 to army morale

## French

Napoleon
French morale level is 27.
The following formations begin the game on-table.
II, V, VIII, XI, IYG, IIYG, Arty, IIC, IVC.
On-table units should be placed in the areas marked on the map, in any formation. Units in urban areas may begin in garrison.


The following formations begin the game off table but can be brought on at any time, for the usual MO expenditure, within the entry zone marked below. (If you can increase the width of your table to 18 or 20 BW, you can place these formations on the table up to 4 BW from the table edge). Their morale value is already included in army morale. They are revealed from the start and are therefore not able to use reserve movement.

IC, VC, GC, IG

Sk = skirmish; St = steadfast; sh = shock; c = conscript; $i=$ impetuous; $m=$ mobile; $a=$ attached artillery.

## Victory Conditions

Victory goes to the side that reduces enemy morale to zero.

