

Battle of Heilsberg

June 10th, 1807

Introduction: On 24 May 1807, the Siege of Danzig ended when Prussian General Friedrich Adolf, Count von Kalckreuth capitulated to Marshal Lefebvre. With Danzig secured, Napoleon was now free to turn against Bennigsen's army. Yet it was the Russian who struck first when he ordered his columns to converge on Marshal Ney's exposed VI Corps on 2 June. Outnumbered 63,000 to 17,000, Ney fought a brilliant rear guard action at the Battle of Guttstadt-Deppen on 5 and 6 June. Ney managed to escape to the southwest over the Pasłęka River with the bulk of his soldiers, leaving Bennigsen seething with rage over his missed opportunity. Within two days, Napoleon ordered his 190,000-man army to close in on the 100,000 Russians and 15,000 Prussians. Detecting the approaching avalanche, Bennigsen ordered his troops to retreat on Heilsberg. The Russian army took up strong defensive positions around the town, which stood on the Alle River. Marshal Murat was the first French commander on the scene and he launched his cavalry at the outlying Russian positions in the village of Launau. Murat's attacks were successful, but his pursuit was halted at Bewernick by perfectly sited artillery. These guns pinned the cavalry down and it wasn't until Marshal Soult's infantry and cannons arrived that the Duke of Berg was able to extricate himself. A mistake by the flamboyant Murat led to his horsemen being routed by inferior numbers of Russian cavalry and only the intervention by General Anne Jean Marie Savary with artillery and infantry saved him. The attack by the Russian cavalry had, however, opened up their army's right flank and Soult was quick to try to take advantage of the error. Unfortunately, for the French, the Russians quickly recovered and massed artillery batteries plugged the hole. The battle for Heilsberg then turned into a bloody attritional fight in which the French refused to withdraw despite the increasing evidence the Russians were too well positioned in redoubts and defensive lines along the River Alle.

Scale: Each stand represents 360 Infantry, 180 cavalry or 6 to 12 cannon. Ground scale is 120 yards per inch, while each turn is 30 minutes of real time.

Players: Anywhere between 2-8 players.

Terrain and Weather: The gaming table is 8 feet by 5 feet. Weather is clear. Woods and Urban Areas are rough ground for movement. Urban areas grant a -2/+2 DRM advantage to defenders for fire and melee. Woods provide a -1/+1 DRM advantage to defenders for Fire and Melee. Slopes provide a +1 DRM advantage to Melee only. The Heilsburg wall and redoubts grant a -2/+2 DRM advantage to the defenders for fire and melee. The Alle River can only be crossed at bridges.

Playing Time: The game begins at the 8:00 am and ends with the 8:00 pm turn, a total of 23 turns.

Deployment: Units set up per the accompanying map, Russians deploy first. Brigades are deployed in Lines, Supported Lines while artillery sets up limbered or unlimbered, no more than 12 inches away from a leader stand within their chain of command. Leaders deploy within 12 inches of any unit from their command. One brigade from Raievski's division may be deployed in Launau.

Initiative & Leaders: Roll for initiative at the beginning of each turn. Bennigsen, if unattached has a -2 DRM. Murat is the initial French commander, if unattached has a -1 DRM. Napoleon upon arrival takes command of the French forces and has an unattached +3 DRM. Lasalle, Bagration and Platov (Cossacks only) are Charismatic Leaders.

Troop Quality: The French are Impulse Infantry, and are all Skirmish capable. The Russians are Linear Infantry and have no skirmishers.

Reinforcements: As listed on each army's OoB. All units enter as listed at the Point Locations on the map. If there is not enough physical space for all units scheduled to arrive to enter the table, they are considered "backed up" off table and may automatically enter next turn. Use the Reinforcement Table on page 16 of AOE to vary arrival times, for a more intense optional game.

Special Rules: The Facing to Flank and Urban Combat rules are in effect from the *Age of Eagles (AoE) Supplement* (found online). Each building model will support six infantry or artillery stands.

Victory Conditions: Determine victory using the Casualty Point Chart on page 17 of AOE.

Author's Note: The contradictions this scenario generates of the Russian OoB and then compared to four days later at Friedland is crazy. Even the French ones aren't perfectly clear. Heck, even the maps I've found are different. I've gone with the best I could do with this scenario despite the fact the errors between the two battles.



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French Forces arriving Turn 1, deployed within A.

<u>Napoleon</u> Murat Res Cav	<u>Murat</u> Lasalle (C) Lt Cav Div	<u>Lasalle</u> Pajol E 5/3/2 LC	<u>Lasalle</u> Durousnel R 5/4/3 LC	<u>Lasalle</u> Wathier R 5/4/3 LC	<u>Lasalle</u> R Horse Art
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Pajol – 5th, 7th Hussars, 3rd Chasseurs

Durousnel – 7th, 20th, 22nd Chasseurs

Wathier – 11th Chasseurs, 2nd Bavarian Chevaulegers, Wurttemberg Chevaulegers

<u>Murat</u> Latour 2 nd Dr Div	<u>Latour</u> Pereymond E 6/4/2 HC	<u>Latour</u> Digeon E 5/3/2 HC	<u>Latour</u> Oullenbourg E 5/3/2 HC	<u>Latour</u> R Horse Art
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Pereymond – 1st, 2nd Dragoons
Maupetti – 5th, 8th Dragoons

Digeon – 4th, 14th Dragoons
Debelle – 9th, 12th Dragoons

<u>Murat</u> Milhaud 3 rd Dr Div	<u>Milhaud</u> Maupetti E 4/3/2 HC	<u>Milhaud</u> Debelle E 4/3/2 HC	<u>Milhaud</u> Barthelemy E 3/2/- HC	<u>Milhaud</u> R Horse Art
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Oullenbourg – 20th, 26th Dragoons
Barthelemy – 16th, 21st Dragoons

<u>Murat</u> d'Espange 3 rd Hv Div	<u>d'Espange</u> Raynaud E 5/3/2 A	<u>d'Espange</u> Fouler E 5/3/2 A	<u>d'Espange</u> R Horse Art
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Raynaud – 4th, 6th Cuirassier

Fouler – 7th, 8th Cuirassier

French Forces arriving Turn 3 in road column at point A.

<u>Soult</u> St. Cyr 2 nd Div	<u>St. Cyr</u> Vivies E 6/4/2 Sk	<u>St. Cyr</u> Amey R 10/8/5 Sk	<u>St. Cyr</u> Ferey E 10/7/5 Sk	<u>St. Cyr</u> R Foot Art	<u>St. Cyr</u> R Foot Art
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Vivies – 24th Legere

Amey – 4th, 28th Ligne

Ferey – 46th, 57th Ligne

French Forces arriving Turn 5 in road column at point A.

<u>Napoleon</u> Soult IV Corp	<u>Soult</u> St. Hilaire 1 st Div	<u>St. Hilaire</u> Candras E 10/7/4 Sk	<u>St. Hilaire</u> Buet R 9/7/5 Sk	<u>St. Hilaire</u> Lorencez R 9/7/5 Sk	<u>St. Hilaire</u> R Foot Art	<u>St. Hilaire</u> R Foot Art
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Candras – 10th Legere, 14th Ligne

Buet – 22nd, 36th Ligne

Lorencez – 43rd, 55th Ligne

French Forces arriving Turn 6 in road column at point A.

<u>Soult</u> Legrand 2 nd Div	<u>Legrand</u> Ledru E 11/7/4 Sk	<u>Legrand</u> Lamartiniere R 11/8/6 Sk	<u>Legrand</u> Pouzet E 3/2/- Sk	<u>Legrand</u> R Foot Art	<u>Legrand</u> R Foot Art
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Ledru – 26th Legere, 18th Ligne Lamartiniere – 75th, 105th Ligne Pouzet – Tirailleurs Corses, Tirailleurs du Po

<u>Soult</u> Soult R 6/5/3 LC	<u>Soult</u> R Hv Art	<u>Soult</u> R Horse Art

Soult – 8th Hussars, 16th, 22nd Chasseurs

French Forces arriving Turn 8 in road column at point A.

<u>Grand Armee</u>
<u>Napoleon</u>
+3
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French Forces arriving Turn 10 in road column at point A.

<u>Napoleon</u>	<u>Oudinot</u>	<u>Oudinot</u>	<u>Oudinot</u>	<u>Oudinot</u>	<u>Oudinot</u>
<u>Oudinot</u>	<u>Ruffin</u>	<u>Conroux</u>	<u>Coehorn</u>	<u>Albert</u>	<u>R</u>
1 st Div	E 9/6/4 Sk	E 9/6/4 Sk	E 9/6/4 Sk	E 5/3/2 Sk	Foot Art
XX					

<u>Napoleon</u>	<u>Savary</u>	<u>Savary</u>
<u>Savary</u>	<u>Roussel</u>	<u>OG</u>
Old Guard	E 5/3/2 SK	Horse Art
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Oudinot's Bde – Composite Grenadiers Companies+

Roussel – Guard Fusiliers Grenadiers & Chasseurs

French Forces arriving Turn 14 in road column at point A.

<u>Napoleon</u>	<u>Verdier</u>	<u>Verdier</u>	<u>Verdier</u>	<u>Verdier</u>
<u>Verdier</u>	<u>Harispe</u>	<u>Vedel</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>
2 nd Div	R 9/7/5 Sk	E 8/5/3 Sk	Foot Art	Foot Art
XX				

Harispe – 3rd, 72nd Ligne

Vedel – 2nd, 12th Legere

Russian Starting Forces

<u>Russians</u>	<u>Bennigsen</u>
<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>ADC</u>
-2	+1
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Ogarev – 20th, 23rd, 24th Jagers

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Bagration</u>	<u>Raievski</u>	<u>Raievski</u>
<u>Bagration</u>	<u>Raievski</u>	<u>Ogarev</u>	<u>Fritzsch</u>
Rear Gd	1 st Div	R 7/5/4	R 7/5/4
XXX	XX		

Fritzsch – 25th, 26th Jagers

<u>Bagration</u>	<u>Baggovout</u>	<u>Baggovout</u>	<u>Baggovout</u>
<u>Baggovout</u>	<u>1st Bde</u>	<u>Shepelev</u>	<u>R</u>
2 nd Div	R 6/5/3	E 7/5/3 LC	Horse Art
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1st Bde – 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Jagers

Shepelev – Grodno, Pavlograd Hussars

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Essen</u>	<u>Essen</u>	<u>Essen</u>
<u>Essen</u>	<u>Engelhart</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>
8 th Div	R 9/7/5	Heavy Art	Heavy Art
XX			

Engelhart – Old Ingermanland, Podolia, Schlusserbourg Musketeers

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Knorring</u>
<u>Knorring</u>	<u>Verderowski</u>	<u>Rahmanov</u>	<u>Bykov</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u>
6 th Div	R 6/5/3	R 7/5/4	R 7/5/4	Heavy Art	Foot Art	Foot Art
XX						

Verderowski – 2nd Jager, Kexholm Musketeers

Rahmanov – Nisov, Revel Musketeers

Bykov – Belosersk, Pernau, Volhynia Musketeers

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Kamenski</u>	<u>Kamenski</u>	<u>Kamenski</u>
<u>Kamenski</u>	<u>Warneck</u>	<u>Arseniev</u>	<u>R</u>
Res Div	R 6/5/3	R 8/6/4	Horse Art
XX			

Warneck – Kalouga, Perm, Sievsk Musketeers
Platov – Various Cossacks

Arseniev – 21st Jagers, Archangelgorod, Mohilev, Navazhinsk Musketeers

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Platov</u>	<u>Platov</u>	<u>Platov</u>
<u>Platov (C)</u>	<u>1st Bde</u>	<u>2nd Bde</u>	<u>R</u>
Cossacks	C 10/8/6 IC	C 8/7/5 IC	Horse Art
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Turn 5 arrive in road column at Point B

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>	<u>Uvarov</u>
Uvarov	Yurkovski	Dolgoruki	Alexeiev	Zakomelski	R	R
Right Cav	E 14/9/6 LC	R 8/6/4 HC	R 8/6/4 HC	R 6/5/3 HC	Horse Art	Horse Art
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Yurkovski – Elizavetgrad & Soum Hussars, Lithuanian Uhlans
 Alexeiev – Finland, Livland, Mitava Dragoons

Dolgoruki – Courland, Kazan, Riga Dragoons
 Zakomelski – Ingermanland, Kargopol, St Petersburg Dragoons

Turn 7 arrive in road column at Point B

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Titov II</u>	<u>Titov II</u>	<u>Titov II</u>	<u>Titov II</u>	<u>Titov II</u>	<u>Titov II</u>
Titov II	Netting	2 nd Bde	Ushakov	R	R	R
3 rd Div	R 7/5/4	R 7/5/4	R 8/6/4	Heavy Art	Foot Art	Foot Art
XX						

Netting – Chernihov, Dniepr Musketeers

2nd Bde – Koporsk, Muromsk Musketeers

Ushakov – Lithuanian Musketeers, Tauride Grenadiers

Turn 10 arrive in road column at Point B

<u>Bennigsen</u>	<u>Docturov</u>	<u>Docturov</u>	<u>Docturov</u>	<u>Docturov</u>
Docturov	Zapolski	Pasek	R	R
7 th Div	R 7/5/4	R 7/5/4	Heavy Art	Foot Art
XX				

Zapolski – Ekaterinbourg, Moscow Musketeers

Pasek – Vladimir, Voronezh Musketeers

French		Russian	
Infantry	133	Infantry	99
Cavalry	58	Cavalry	61
Artillery	16	Artillery	15
Total	(59,920)	Total	(48,120)