

The Battle of Zahna. September, 1813

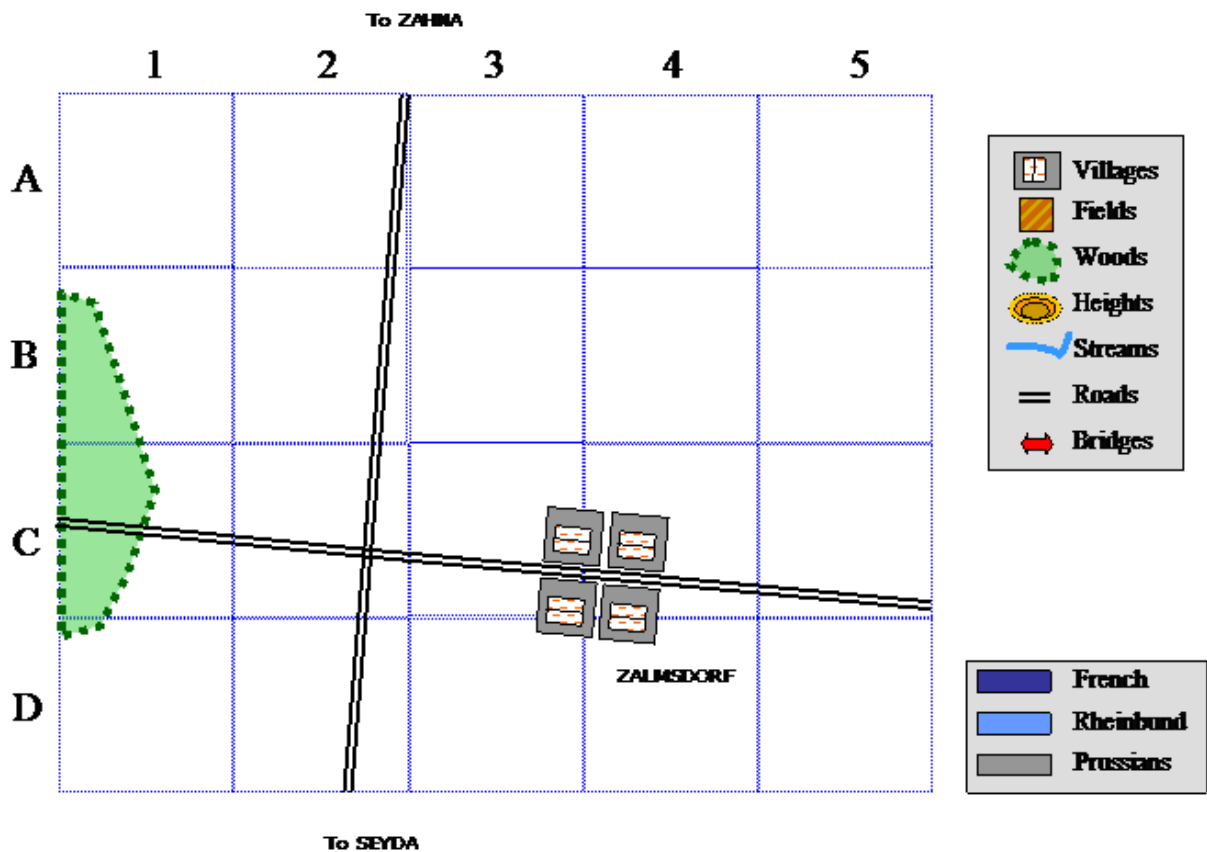
The Battle of Zahna, was a prelude to the battle of Dennewitz. The advance-guard of the Oudinot's French-Bavarian XII Corps (part of the Ney's Army of Berlin) encountered the Tauentzien's Prussian Corps during the advance towards Berlin. The actual battle reduced to a French demonstration (only five battalions were engaged) that forced the Prussians to retire towards the Bernadotte's Army of the North. Two days later, the battle of Dennewitz would end the Berlin adventure.

Zahna is described in the Nafziger's book 'Napoleon at Dresden. The Battles of August 1813' (The Emperor Press, Chicago, 1994), and there is also an OOB for Zahna in the Nafziger collection, now in the U.S. Combined Arms Research Library.

(<http://www.cgsc.edu/CARL/nafziger/813IAH.pdf>).

Both sources have been used to design this Scenario for Lasalle, but I have not used all the forces listed in the Nafziger's OOB, that is strongly un-balanced towards the French. Instead, I have used the French 'Liberation' lists of the Lasalle ruleset, using the core list and adding all the organic brigades and one Allied brigade (Bavarians). The resulting French force is very similar in size to the Prussian IV Corps, thus producing a more fair game-.

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The Dennewitz campaign was fought over plain and sandy terrain, so the table has not any significant terrain feature, exception made form the wood (rough terrain). However, the actual table map would be slightly different due to the fog of war.

French Forces: XII Corps (Army Moral 52; Break point 18)
Commander: Maréchal Oudinot Duke of Reggio

14th Division Guilleminot -/-

Brigade Grayer +1/-

2/18th Légère Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2

6/18th Légère Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1/156th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

2/156th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

3/156th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

Brigade Brun de Villeret -/*

2/ Illyrian Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

3/52nd Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

4/52nd Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1/137th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

2/137th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

3/137th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

2/4th Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

1/8th Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

13th Division Pauthod +1/*

3/67th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

4/67th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

3/101st Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

4/101st Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

4/4th Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

29th Light Cavalry Beaumont +1/*

Westphalian Chevauleger-lancier Regiment Shaky/Amateur/Pursuit/Lance

Hessian Chevauleger Regiment Shaky/Amateur/Pursuit

Bavarian Chevauleger Regiment Reliable/Amateur/Pursuit

3/5th Horse Artillery Horse/2 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Artillery Reserve

1/4th Reserve Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Heavy/1 Howitzer

Reinforcements

29th Division Raglovich -1/¶

2/3rd Regiment Bavarian Line Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1/4th Regiment Bavarian Line Reliable/Amateur/SK1

3/8th Regiment Bavarian Line Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1/13th Regiment Bavarian Line Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1st Jaeger Battalion Reliable/Amateur/SK2

1st Bavarian Foot Artillery Foot/2 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Prussian Forces IV Prussian Army Corps (Army Moral 54,5 Break point 19)

Commander:: Generallieutenant Taudentzen

Detachment Beyer -/-

1/3rd Reserve Infantry Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK2

2/3rd Reserve Infantry Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK2

3rd East Prussian Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur

1/2 Horse Battery #11 (Borchard) Horse/2 cannon/Medium

First line Generalmajor Dobschütz -/-

1/1st Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
2/1st Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
1/5th Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
2/5th Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
3/5th Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
4/5th Kurmärk Landwehr Regiment (Mellersky) Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
1/2 Horse Battery #6 (Jenichen) Horse/1 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer (right)
6pdr Foot Battery #17 (Gleim) Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer (center)
1/2 6pdr Foot Battery #30 (Hertig) Foot/1 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer (left)

Cavalry of the first line Schmitterlöw +1/-

1st Kurmärk Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur
7th Kurmärk Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur
Berlin Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur

Second Line Lindenau -/-

1/2nd Silesian Landwehr Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
2/2nd Silesian Landwehr Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
5/2nd Silesian Landwehr Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
3/3rd Reserve Infantry Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK2
1/2nd Neumärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
2/2nd Neumärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
3/2nd Neumärk Landwehr Regiment Unpredictable/Amateur/SK1
1/2 Horse Battery #11 (Borchard) Horse/1 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer (right)
1/2 12pdr Foot Battery #5 (Lent) Foot/1 cannon/Heavy/1 Howitzer (centre)
6pdr Foot Battery #27 (Mathias) Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Cavalry of the second line Seydlitz +1/-

Brandenburg Dragoon Regiment Reliable/Experienced/Pursuit
Pommeranian Dragoon Regiment Reliable/Experienced/Pursuit
2nd Neumärk Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur
3rd East Prussian Landwehr Cavalry Regiment Shaky/Amateur

Wings Illowiaski #3 Don Cossack Regiment (+) Shaky/Irregular/Pursuit

Notes

- (1) Units marked (+) are large (6 base) units. Except when indicated, the rest of the units are small (four-base)
- (2) In order to follow the Lasalle philosophy, the French chain of command has been shortened, by eliminating the brigade commanders of the 13th, 29th (Bavarian) and 29th Light Cavalry divisions. These divisions are directly commanded by their divisional generals. However, there is an additional division commander (14th Division) to be used if necessary.
- (3) The Prussian OOB reflects the ad-hoc arrangement of the IV Corps in the day of the battle.

Unit Labels

IV Corps	Detachment	1st line	1st line Cavy	2ndline	2nd line cav
Tauentzien	Beyer -/-	Dobschütz -/-	Scmitterlöw +1/-	Lindenau -/-	Seydlitz +1/-
1/3rd Reserve R/A/SK2	2/3rd Reserve R/A/SK2	3r E-Prus LwC S/A	HA #11 M	HA #11 M	
Detachment	Detachment	Detachment	Detachment	Detachment	
1/1st Kurmärk U/A/SK1	2/1st Kurmärk U/A/SK1	1/5th Kurmärk U/A/SK1	2/5th Kurmärk U/A/SK1	3/5th Kurmärk U/A/SK1	4/5th Kurmärk U/A/SK1
First line	First line	First line	First line	First line	First line
HA #6 M	HA #6 M-Hw	FA #17 M	FA #17 M	FA #17 M	FA #17 M-Hw
First line	First line	First line	First line	First line	First line
FA #30 M	FA #30 M-Hw	1st Kurkk LwC S/A	7th Kurkk LwC S/A	Berlin LwC S/A	
First line	First line	First line Cavalry	First line Cavalry	First line Cavalry	
1/2nd Silesian R/A/SK1	2/2nd Silesian R/A/SK1	5/2nd Silesian R/A/SK1	3/3rd Reserve R/A/SK2	1/2nd Neumrk U/A/SK1	2/2nd Neum U/A/SK1
Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line
3/2nd Neumk U/A/SK1	HA #11 M	HA #11 M-Hw	Reserve FA#5 Hvy	Reserve FA#5 Hvy-Hw	FA #27 M
Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line	Second line
FA #27 M	FA #27 M	FA #27 M-Hw			
Second line	Second line	Second line			
Branden Drag R/E/Pu	Pommer Drag R/E/Pu	2nd Neu LwC S/A	3red E-Pr LwC S/A		Illowiaski #3 (+) S/I/Pu
2nd line cav	2nd line cav	2nd line cav	2nd line cav		Wings

XII Corps Oudinot	14th Division Guilleminot -/-	1st Brg 14thDiv Grayer +1/-	2nd Brg14thDiv Brun -/*	13th Division Pacthod +1/*	29th Light Cav Beaumont 1/*
29th Division Raglovich -1/¶			1/8th FA M-Hw		
			14th Division		
2/18th Légère R/E/SK2	6/18th Légère R/A/SK1	1/156th Ligne R/A/SK1	2/156th Ligne R/A/SK1	3/156th Ligne R/A/SK1	2/ Illyrian R/A/SK1
1st Brig 14th Div	1st Brig 14th Div	1st Brig 14th Div	1st Brig 14th Div	1st Brig 14th Div	2nd Brig 14 th Div
3/52nd Ligne R/A/SK1	4/52nd Ligne R/A/SK1	1/137th Ligne R/A/SK1	2/137th Ligne R/A/SK1	3/137th Ligne R/A/SK1	2/4th FA M
2nd Brig 14th iv	2nd Brig 14th iv	2nd Brig 14th iv	2nd Brig 14th iv	2nd Brig 14th iv	14th Division
2/4th FA M	2/4th FA M	2/4th FA M-Hw	1/8th FA M	1/8th FA M	1/8th FA M
14th Division	14th Division	14th Division	14th Division	14th Division	14th Division
3/67th Ligne R/A/SK1	4/67th Ligne R/A/SK1	3/101st Ligne R/A/SK1	4/101st Ligne R/A/SK1	4/4th FA M	4/4th FA M
13th Division	13th Division	13th Division	13th Division	13th Division	13th Division
4/4th FA M	4/4th FA M-Hw		Westph. Lanc R/A/Pu/Lance	Hessian ChLg S/A/Pu	Bavarian hLg S/A/Pu
13th Division	13th Division		29th Light Cav	29th Light Cav	29th Light Cav
3/5th HA M	3/5th HA M	3/5th HA M-Hw		1/4th Res. A Hvy	1/4th Res. A Hvy
29th Light Cav	29th Light Cav	29th Light Cav		Reserve	Reserve
1/4th Res. A Hvy	1/4th Res. A Hvy-Hw		2/3rd Bavaria R/A/SK1	1/4th Bavaria R/A/SK1	3/8th Bavaria R/A/SK1
Reserve	Reserve		29th Division	29th Division	29th Division
1/13th Bavari R/A/SK1	1st Jaeger Bat R/A/SK2	1st Bav FA M	1st Bav FA M	1st Bav FA M-Hw	
29th Division	29th Division	29th Division	29th Division	29th Division	

Unpredictable units

Before the first combat, roll 1D6

1-3	Shaky	For the rest of the game
4-5	Reliable	Re-roll next time
6	Valiant	For the rest of the game

Reinforcements

Cossacks are a Reinforcement unit arriving at D5

Terrain

Type	Movement	Cover
Woods	Rough	Soft
Farm		Soft
Town		Hard
Stream	Rough	

Key to Lasalle Unit Labels

Infantry Esprit/Discipline/Skirmish x/x/SKx [/Additional]

Cavalry Esprit/Discipline x/x[/Additional]

Esprit **V** : Valiant
R : Reliable
S : Shaky

Discipline **E** : Experienced
A : Amateur
I : Irregular

Additional **G** : Guard (for all)
Sh : Shock (for cavalry only)
Pu : Pursuit (for cavalry only)
Ln : Lancers (for cavalry only)

Artillery Weight

Weight **H** : Heavy
M : Medium
L : Light
Hw : Howitzer