

Kalisz (13th February 1813)

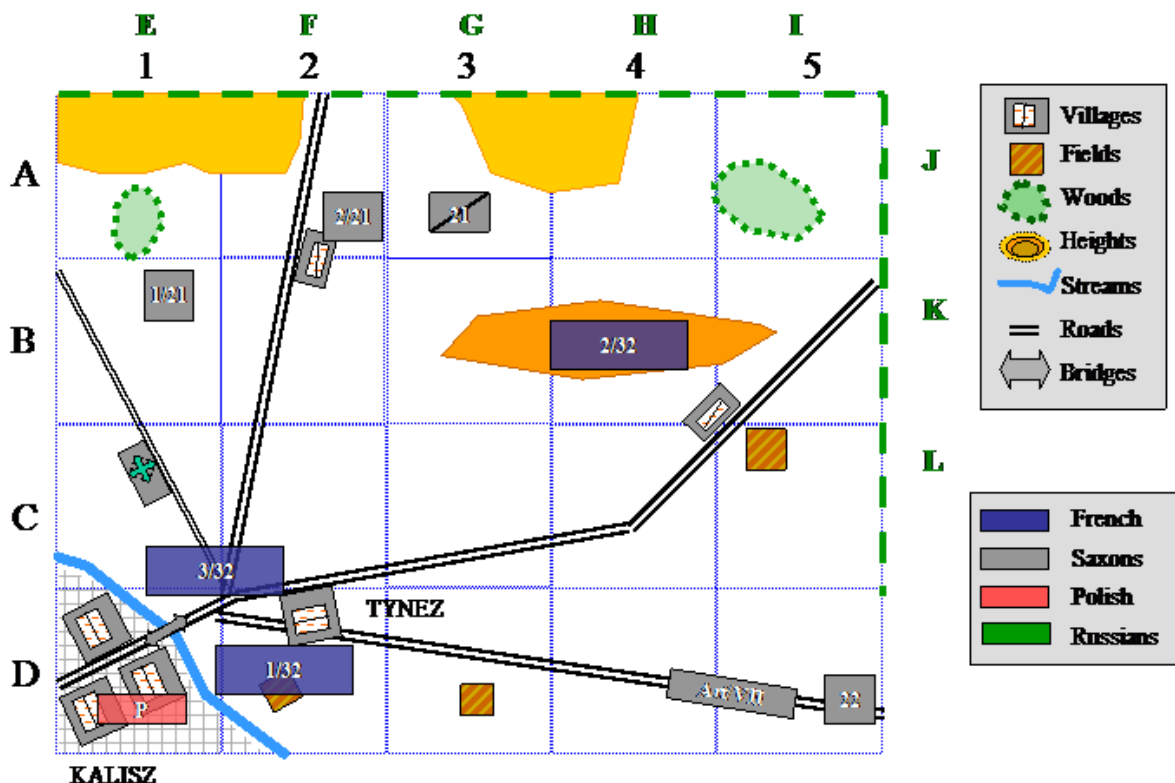
That battle is considered to be the last of the ill-fated 1812 Russian Campaign or the start of the 1813 Spring Campaign. The pursuing Russian forces, led by Winzigerode, caught up the retiring Reynier's VII Corps. That Corps was relatively intact, after forming part of the French-Austrian right-flanking column under Schwarzenberg, and was a multinational force composed from Saxons, French and Wurzburgers formed in three divisions. At the time of the battle, it was reduced to around 9,000 infantrymen, 800 Saxon horse and 36 guns (not including some low-calibre regimental pieces). In addition, around Kalisz were 3,000 Polish infantry levies and 300 Krakus cavalry. The pursuing Russians, under Winzigerode, included the 2nd Infantry Corps of Eugene of Wurtemberg, the ad-hoc Bachmetiev's Infantry Reserve corps and a large cavalry force under Trubezskoi and Lanskoi. The total force amounted to 6,000 infantry and 6,500 cavalry (mainly Cossacks) with 70 guns. All units were under-strength after heavy campaigning.

The OB's are taken from Nafziger's (G. Nafziger, 'Lutzen & Bautzen. Napoleon's Spring Campaign of 1813'. The Emperor Press, Chicago, 1992) and Smith's books (D. Smith, 'The Greenhill Napoleonic Wars Data Book', Greenhill Books, London, 1998). The real numbers are based on the series of three articles by Pierre Juhel in the issues 196, 199 and 201 of the French magazine Tradition. The books of Charras and Sauzey were also used. (See Bibliography).

The Scenario is loosely based upon this action and is intended for Divisional Napoleon's Battles (NBd).

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1. MAP OF THE BATTLEFIELD



1.1 The high areas (brown coloured) and the woods (green coloured) are rough terrain for movement.

1.2 The River Prosna is fordable to infantry and cavalry units in column/march column formation. Artillery must cross at bridge.

1.3 All the buildings are unfortified and are '+1' for combat.

1.4 The terrain squares are 40x40 cm (15.7"x15.7") at 1/900 scale (1 in. to 25 yd.).

2. ORDERS OF BATTLE¹

(3) **Russian Army** Winzigerode 32"A(4)+0 [13M] (730 pts)

(2) **Advance Guard (AG)** Lanskoi 28"P(4)+0 [5F]

(1) **1st Brigade 1/AG** Padarowski 12"A(4)+0

AlexHus/1/AG 20RsLC [10D]; **WRusHus/1/AG** 20RsLC [10D]; **LithuChChe/1/AG** 12RsLC [6D]

(1) **Cossack Brigade 2/AG** Davidov 16"A(4)+0

Cos1/2/AG 12RsCLC [8D]; **Cos2/2/AG** 12RsCLC [8D]; **Cos3/2/AG** 12RsCLC [8D]; **Cos4/2/AG** 12RsCLC [8D]; **Cos5/2/AG** 12RsCLC [8D]; **Cos6/2/AG** 12RsCLC [8D]

20Jag/AG 8RsJG [4D]; **AG** Rs6# ; **AG** Rs6# ; **AG** Rs6# ; **AG** Rs6#

(2) **II Corps (II)** Wurttemberg 32"G(7)+1 [3F]

(1) **1st Brigade 1/II** Schachafskoy 12"A(5)+0

Mourm/1/II 20RsLN [8D]; **Ukranian/1/II** 16RsRLN [8D]; **1/II** Rs6#; **1/II** Rs6#; **1/II** Rs6#; **1/II** Rs6#

(1) **2nd Brigade 2/II** Pischnitzsky 12"A(6)+0

Tobolsk/2/II 16RsLN [6D] ; **Volhynie/2/II** 16RsLN [6D] ; **4Jg/2/II** 16RsJG [8D] ; **2/II** Rs6#; **2/II** Rs6#; **2/II** Rs6#; **2/II** Rs6#

(2) **Reserve Corps (R)** Bachmetiev 28"A(5)+0 [3F]

(1) **1st Brigade 1/R** Tallisin 16"A(5)+0

Vitebsk/1/R 20RsRLN [10D]; **Kolyvan/1/R** 20RsRLN [10D]; **4Jg/1/R** 16RsJG [8D]; **1/R** Rs12#; **1/R** Rs12#; **1/R** Rs12#; **1/R** Rs12#

(1) **2nd Brigade 2/R** Zapolski 12"A(4)+0

Vladimir/2/R 16RsRLN [8D] ; **Dnieper/2/R** 16RsRLN [8D] ; **28Jg/2/R** 16RsJG [8D] ; **2/R** Rs6#; **2/R** Rs6#; **2/R** Rs6#; **2/R** Rs6#

(2) **Corps Cavalry (CC)** Trubezskoi 28"G(5)+0 [3F]

(1) **1st Brigade (1/CC)** Witte 12"A(4)+0

Cos7/1/CC 24RsCLC [17D]; **Cos8/1/CC** 24RsCLC [17D]

(1) **2nd Brigade (2/CC)** Allenine 12"A(4)+0

Drag/2/CC 12RsLC [6D]; **HusChas/2/CC** 10RsLC [5D]

(1) **3rd Brigade (3/CC)** Knorring 12"A(6)+0

Sohum/3/CC 6RsLC [3D]; **Lit.Uhlan/3/CC** 6RsLC [3D]; **TarUhlan/3/CC** 18RsLC [9D]; **CC** Rs6#; **CC** Rs6#; **CC** Rs6#; **CC** Rs6#

Additional commander labels are also included to make "ad-hoc" multi-unit task-forces.

(3) **II Corps (VII)** Reynier 40"A(5)+1 [14M] (552 pts.)

(2) **21^{me} Division (21)** Lecoq 32"A(6)+0 [3F]

(1) **1^{me} Brigade (1/21)** Steindel 12"P(4)+0

LieGren/1/21 16SxGRN [6D] ; **Clemens/1/21** 20SxLN [14D]

(1) **2^{me} Brigade (2/21)** Nostitz 12"G(5)+1

Anton/2/21 16SxLN [11D]

(21) Sx6#; (21) Sx6#

PrClemUI/1/22 4SxLC [2D] ; **1ProCav/22** 10PdKRC [5D];

(2) **22^{me} Division (22)** Sahr 32"P(4)+0 [2F]

EichGren/1/22 20SxGRN1 [8D]; **2Light/1/22** 20SxLT [12D]; **(22)** Sx6#; **(22)** Sx6#

(2) **32^{me} Division (32)** Durutte 32"A(6)+1 [4F]

(1) **1^{me} Brigade (1/32)** Devaux 12"A(5)+0

35L/1/32 28FrLT [17D] ; **36L/1/32** 24FrLT [14D]

(1) **2^{me} Brigade (2/32)** Maury 16"A(5)+0

2/131/2/32 20FrLN [12D]; **3/131/2/32** 16FrLN [10D]; **Wur/2/32** 20RBLN [10D]

(1) **3^{me} Brigade (3/32)** Jarry 12"A(6)+0

132/3/32 24FrLN [14D]; **133/3/32** 24FrLN [10D]

(32) Fr6#; (32) Fr6#; (32) Fr6#; (32) Fr6#

(1) **Polish Levies (P)** Krasinski 12"A(5)+0 [2F]

1Pro 24PdNGI [17D] ; **2Pro** 20PdNGI [14D]; **3Pro** 24PdNGI [17D] ; **4Pro** 20PdNGI [14D]

(1) **Reserve Artillery (Art/VII)** Haussman 12"A(5)+0

(VII) Sx12#; (VII) Sx12#

¹ Men scale 1:30. One turn is 10 minutes. The terrain scale is 1/900, i.e. 1 in. to 25 yds.

(2) **Rearguard VII (R/VII)** Gablenz12"A(4)+0 [3F]

SxHs/R/VII 8SxLC [4D]; **PoleChL/R/VII** 8SxLC [4D]; **1Lig/R/VII** 20SxLT [12D]; **Volt/R/VII** 20FrLT [12D]; **(R/VII)** Sx6# ; **(R/VII)** Sx6#

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3. SPECIAL RULES FOR KALISZ

This scenario is designed for divisional Napoleon's Battles

3.1 Game Length

12.00 – 17.30 h² (33 turns). The Russians have the initiative and are the first side. There are no free-rolls in this Scenario. The number of turns must be increased but all are night turns (with reduced visibility)

3.2 Deployment

3.2.1 Saxon/French/Wurzbürger/Polish

All units on the table are deployed as desired. The Reserve Artillery (**Art/VII**) is on the road to Kalisz in march column formation.

Unit/Commander	Entry area	Percentage	Arrival turn
Gablenz (R/VII)	J-K-L	(30-40-30)	13.00 hours

Apply the OR 13.8.2 rule for Varying Time Arrivals starting two turns before the Arrival turn. If Russian units were present in the chosen terrain square, **Gablenz (R/VII)** must try other adjacent terrain square starting **three turns later**.

The initial orders are to **maintain Kalisz and its bridge** in order to ensure the retreat of **all** units of the VII Corps.

3.2.2 Russians

All forces will appear deployed in column formation in some point within the "E-L" zone.

Unit/Commander	Entry area	Percentage	Arrival turn
Padarowki 1/AG	E-F	(80-20)	12.00 hours
Witte 1/CC	E-F	(20-80)	12.00 hours
Lanskoi (20JG/AG and AG)	E-F-G	(30-40-30)	12.30 hours
Allenine 2/CC	I-J-K	(30-40-30)	13.00 hours
Knorrig 3/CC	J-K-L	(20-40-40)	13.00 hours
Trubezskoi (and CC)		(50-50)	30 min. after Allenine or Knorrig
Davidov and/or (*2/AG)	H-I-J-K-L	(20 % each)	13.30 hours
Schachafskoy 1/II	E-F	(30-70)	14.00 hours
Pischnitzsky 2/II	F-G	(70-30)	14.00 hours
Wurttemberg and Winzingerode	A2 end road		14.00 hours
Tallisin 1/R	E-F	(30-70)	15.00 hours
Zapolsky 2/R	F-G	(70-30)	15.00 hours
Bachmetiev	A2 end road		15.00 hours

Apply the OR 13.8.2 rule for Varying Time Arrivals starting two turns before the Arrival turn.

When the arrival point of a regular unit (i.e not Cossack) is occupied by a friend, the last arriving unit can not enter until the former clears the zone. No Cossack unit can enter in the table if its arrival square is occupied by the enemy. The Cossacks will enter using an adjacent square instead.

Until the arrival of **Winzingerode** there is not Russian C-i-C so each unit must to dice independently for initiative.

The initial orders are to **take Kalisz and its bridge** in order to cut the retreat way of the VII Corps, as well as to **cause the maximum damage** to enemy.

3.3 Cavalry scale and bases

The Cavalry scale is the same than that of infantry: 1/30. When necessary, multiply the cavalry figures for 3/2 (for example to determine outnumbering in mixed combat) and remove 2 cavalry figures for each 3 losses suffered.

3.4 C-i-C ratings

Do not use "10" as Response number of the C-i-C's but use the values assigned to them in the OOB.

² Sunrise and sunset results at February, 13 in Warsaw (Poland) (<http://www.cavu.com/sunset.html>)

3.5 Rallying of units and avoiding rout and dispersal

Routed units can try to rally without an attached general with an additional '-3' modifier. Rout and Dispersal attempts can be made without an attached general using an additional '-3' modifier. A successful dispersal attempt must be preceded by a rout move.

3.6 Cossack units

All Cossack units are commanded by colonels which are A(5)+0 for command control test when acting in an independent role. Standing orders for Cossack included the watching of enemy units, avoiding and evading, if necessary, the combat with formed enemy units. However, disordered forces and supply units were always prime targets. All the optional rules regarding Irregular units are of application.

5. VICTORY POINTS

Kalisz and its bridge are the main objectives for both sides, as well as the end-roads in D1, D5 and B5. The percentage of victory points allotted are Kalisz (10% for building, i.e 30%), Tynetz (10%), the bridge (10%), D5 end-road (30%) and B5 end-road (20%).

The total of victory points is 320 for NB1 and 128 for NB2. The multiplier for the weaker side (French) is $730/552 * 1.2 = 1.60$.

6. HISTORICAL OUTCOME

The Saxon losses were General Nostitz, 3 colonels, 36 officers, 1,500 killed and wounded, 2,000 prisoners, 2 flags, and 8 cannon. The Russian infantry withdrew at dusk reporting the loss of 400 or 500 casualties, Lanskoï's cavalry reported a similar loss. The reports of Russian figures are probably understated, as they surrendered the field to the Saxons. At midnight, Reynier evacuated Kalisch and forced marched his troops, leaving baggage and the enfeebled in his wake. He reached Glogau on 18 February without further contact with Winzingerode. The Gablenz rearguard crossed the Prosna upstream because found Kalisz occupied. As a result of his victory over Reynier, Winzingerode had succeeded in separating him from Poniatowski.

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4. KALISZ UNIT ROSTER

COUNTRY	UNIT	NAME	COMBAT MODIFIERS*				DRD	ROUT NUM r	RSP	DSP b	FIRE	MOD l	MOVEMENT c			MOVEMENT MODS		
			COL or LIM	LIN or ULM	SQ vs CAV	vs OT a							COL or LIM	LIN or ULM	MRCH COL	RGH or SQR	BCK or SID	CHG FOR d
~	GEN	General eq	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	36"	~	2/1	1/1	~	
~	MES	Messenger ep	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	36"	~	2/1	1/1	~	
~	WAG	Wagon/Pack Train p	-7	~	~	f	f	f	3	~	~	~	10"	~	12"	6/1	~	~
~	DCV	Dismounted Cavalry	-3	-2	+3	-7	l	l	l	l	8"	-4	5"	1"	15"	2/1	3/1	1"
French	LN	Line Infantry	-2	+1	+6	-5	2	3	5	D	16"	0	9"	1"	16"	3/1	3/1	1"
French	LT	Light Infantry	-2	+1	+6	-5	2	3	5	D	16"	0	10"	1"	18"	2/1	2/1	1"
French	6#	6# Foot Artillery p	-5	-3	f	f	k	k	6	~	36"	+2	9"	3"	14"	4/1	1/1	3"
Würzburg	LN	Line Infantry	-1	+2	+7	-4	2	4	5	C	16"	0	10"	2"	16"	2/1	2/1	2"
Saxony	LC	Light Cavalry h	-1g	0g	~	+3	2	3	5	C	~	~	15"	14"	22"	3/1	2/1	7"
Saxony	GN	Grenadier Infantry	0	+2	+8	-3	2	5	5	B	16"	0	10"	3"	18"	2/1	3/2	2"
Saxony	LN	Line Infantry	-2	-1	+5	-5	2	3	4	E	12"	-1	8"	2"	16"	3/1	3/1	2"
Saxony	LT	Light Infantry	-2	-1	+5	-5	2	3	4	D	16"	0	10"	3"	18"	3/2	3/2	2"
Saxony	12#	12# Heavy Artillery p	-5	-4	f	f	k	k	4	~	44"	0	9"	2"	14"	6/1	1/1	2"
Saxony	6#	6# Foot Artillery p	-5g	-4g	f	f	k	k	4	~	32"	0	10"	3"	18"	5/1	1/1	3"
Saxony	6#	6# Horse Artillery p	-5g	-4g	f	f	k	k	4	~	32"	0	12"	3"	21"	4/1	1/1	3"
Poland	KRC	Krakus Cavalry h	-3g	-1g	~	+3	2	3	5	C	~	~	16"	15"	25"	2/1	2/1	8"
Poland	NGI	National Guard Infantry	-4	-1	+4	-7	1	3	4	E	12"	-1	7"	1"	15"	4/1	3/1	1"
Russian	LC	Light Cavalry h	-2g	0g	~	+3	2	3	5	C	~	~	15"	14"	24"	3/1	3/1	8"
Russian	CLC	Cossack Cavalry h *	-4g	-2g	~	+2	1	2	4	E	~	~	17"	16"	26"	2/1	2/1	8"
Russian	LN	Line Infantry	-1	+2	+7	-3	2	5	4	B	12"	-1	10"	2"	16"	2/1	2/1	2"
Russian	RLN	Reserve Line Infantry	-2	+1	+6	-4	2	5	4	C	12"	-1	9"	2"	16"	2/1	2/1	2"
Russian	JG	Jager Infantry	-2	0	+6	-4	2	4	5	C	16"	0	10"	4"	18"	2/1	2/1	2"
Russian	12#	12# Heavy Artillery np	-5	-3	f	f	k	k	4	~	44"	0	8"	2"	14"	6/1	1/1	2"
Russian	6#	6# Foot Artillery np	-5g	-3g	f	f	k	k	4	~	32"	0	8"	2"	14"	4/1	1/1	3"
Russian	6#	6# Horse Artillery np	-5g	-3g	f	f	k	k	4	~	32"	0	11"	3"	21"	4/1	1/1	3"

Labels for Kalisz

I [13M] Winzigerode 32"A(4)+0	I [10M] Winzigerode 32"A(4)+0	AG [5F] Lanskoi 28"P(4)+0	II [3F] Wurtemberg 32"G(7)+1	1/II Schachafkoi 12"A(5)+0	2/II Pischnitzsky 12"A(6)+0	R [3F] Bachmetiev 28"A(5)+0	1/R Tallisn 16"A(5)+0	2/R Zapolski 12"A(4)+0	CC [4F] Trubezskoi 28"G(5)+0
2/CC Allene 12"A(4)+0	3/CC Knorring 12"A(6)+0	1/AG Padarowski 12"A(4)+0	2/AG Davidov 16"A(4)+0	1/CC Witte 12"A(4)+0	staff Bielii 12"A(5)+0	staff Krasnii 12"A(5)+0	staff Sillionii 12"A(5)+0	Tobol/2/II [6D] 16RsLN	CC HA Rs6#
AixHs/1/AG [10D] 20RsLC	WRHs/1/AG [10D] 20RsLC	LitCLg/1/AG [6D] 12RsLC	20Jag/AG [4D] 8RsJG	Cos1/2/AG [8D] 12RsCLC	Cos2/2/AG [8D] 12RsCLC	Cos3/2/AG [8D] 12RsCLC	Cos4/2/AG [8D] 12RsCLC	Cos5/2/AG [8D] 12RsCLC	Cos6/2/AG [6D] 8RsCLC
AG HA Rs6#	AG HA Rs6#	AG HA Rs6#	AG HA Rs6#	Mourm/1/II [8D] 20RsLN	Ukra/1/II [8D] 16RsRLN	1/II FA Rs6#	1/II FA Rs6#	1/II FA Rs6#	1/II FA Rs6#
Volhyn/2/II [6D] 16RsLN	4Jg/2/II [8D] 16RsJG	2/II FA Rs6#	2/II FA Rs6#	2/II FA Rs6#	2/II FA Rs6#	Vites/1/R [10D] 20RsRLN	Kolyv/1/R [10D] 20RsRLN	4Jg/1/R [8D] 16RsJG	1/R HvA Rs12#
1/R HvA Rs12#	1/R HvA Rs12#	1/R HvA Rs12#	Vladi/2/R [8D] 16RsRLN	Dnier/2/R [8D] 16RsRLN	28J/2/R [8D] 16RsJG	2/R FA Rs6#	2/R FA Rs6#	2/R FA Rs6#	2/R FA Rs6#
Cos7/1/CC [17D] 24RsCLC	Cos8/1/CC [17D] 24RsCLC	Drag2/CC [6D] 12RsLC	HsChs/2/CC 5D] 10RsLC	Sohu/3/CC [3D] 6RsLC	Lit.Uh/3/CC [3D] 6RsLC	TarUh/3/CC [9D] 18RsLC	CC HA Rs6#	CC HA Rs6#	CC HA Rs6#

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VII [14M] Reynier 40"A(5)+1	21 [3F] Lecoq 32"A(6)+0	1/21 Steindel 12"P(4)+0	2/21 Nostitz 12"G(5)+1	22 [2F] Sahr 32"P(4)+0	32 [4F] Durutte 32"A(6)+1	1/32 Devaux 12"A(5)+0	2/32 Maury 16"A(5)+0	3/32 Jarry 12"A(6)+0	P [2F] Krasinsky 12"A(5)+0
Art/VIII Hausman 12"A(5)+0	R/VII [3F] Gablentz 12"A(4)+0						staff Blanc 12"A(5)+0	staff Rouge 12"A(5)+0	staff Vert 12"A(5)+0
LieGr/1/21 [6D] 16SxGN	Clem/1/21 [14D] 20SxLN	Anton/2/21 [11D] 16SxLN	21 FA Sx6#	21 FA Sx6#	PrClemUI/21 [2D] 4SxLC	EichGr/1/22 [8D] 20SxGN	2Light/1/22 [12D] 20SxLT	22 FA Sx6#	22 FA Sx6#
35L/1/32 [17D] 28FrLT	36L/1/32 [14D] 24FrLT	2/131/2/32 [12D] 20FrLN	3/131/2/32 [10D] 16FrLN	Wur/2/32 [10D] 20RBLN	132/3/32 [14D] 24FrLN	133/3/32 [14D] 24FrLN	32 FA Fr6#	32 FA Fr6#	32 FA Fr6#
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1ProCv/21 [5D] 10PdKRC	1Lig/R/VII [12D] 20SxLT	Volt/R/VII [12D] 20FrLT	R/VII HA Sx6#	R/VII HA Sx6#					