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## Chapter 1 : Lutzen and Bautzen: Napoleon's Spring Campaign of by George F. Nafziger

*LUTZEN AND BAUTZEN Napoleon's Spring Campaign of 1813* This book is a very useful addition to the works in English on the campaign of in Germany, it presents the student of history with detailed information covering the battles of Lutzen and Bautzen in the context of Napoleon's wider campaign in Germany in the spring of.

Having joined his newly formed Army of the Main in late April Napoleon moves on Leipzig in a long drawn out struggle of Corps. The Allies see an opportunity to strike at the flank of this march and catch one of the French Corps alone and at a disadvantage. In the event the Allied execution was flawed. More details can be found on the battles page in the entry for Lutzen. However, in brief, the Allies had underestimated how fast Napoleon could rally his dispersed forces on the battlefield. Maps showing progress of Battle of Lutzen on May 2nd from mid-day to evening. Lutzen at mid-day Lutzen in evening Despite it being a technical french victory, something Napoleon milked for all the propaganda value possible, Napoleon failed to annihilate the Allied forces at Lutzen. They withdrew in good order. Their rearguard under Miloradovich staged a series of hard fought, expertly executed rearguard actions that kept Napoleon at bay. The main allied force crossed the Elbe at and below Dresden eventually concentrating behind the Spree around Bautzen just about the middle of May. Barclay de Tolly having finished the siege of Thorn joined them there on May 16th. A northern allied force under Bulow withdrew towards Berlin gathering fresh newly recruited units as it did so. Torgau was held by neutral Saxons under Theilmann and Ney was prepared to bridge the Elbe. It proved unnecessary as Napoleon was able to browbeat the King of Saxony into becoming his ally. Theilmann defected to the allies, but the Saxon army and Torgau became French. Ney moved to concentrate around Luckau. The intent was he could pose a threat to either Berlin or the flank of the Allied main force there. Barclay with 14, men just north of main force joins them on 16th. Bulow covers Berlin with about 30, men many newly raised Landwehr. Wittgenstein would have about 96, men for the battle of Bautzen. His Prussian subordinates were Blucher, Yorck and Kliest. It took the cavalry deprived french a while to discover this. But by May 15th Napoleon with his main army was closing up to their position. The Guard was mostly around or in Dresden. A detailed account can be found on the battles page in the Bautzen entry. It is unclear and rather controversial whether Napoleon wanted Ney to split his army and both attack Berlin and make the flanking action with only part of the northern French army. Or to concentrate his forces on the flanking attack. The 20th saw Oudinot cross the Spree above Bautzen at Singwitz and drive into the Allied left southern flank. MacDonald and Mormont later attacked through and north of Bautzen establishing more central bridgeheads across the Spree. It should be noted, however spirited the Allied resistance in Bautzen and on the Spree under Miloradovitch was, that their main field fortified defenses lay further back mostly behind the Blosaer Wasser. The French attacks did result in Alexander overruling Wittgenstein and dispatching the allied reserves to their left flank. Map showing battle at Bautzen 20th and 21st of May Early on May 20th At noon on May 21st Ney promised he could be on the Spree "in force" on the 21st. Klix was his designated crossing point. Bautzen like Lutzen was a technical French victory that fell short of being the desired battle of annihilation. The Allied retreat was mainly through Gorlitz on the Neisse. Once again lacking cavalry and the hard marching veterans of previous years, and facing a cohesive Allied force that fought determined rear guard actions, the French pursuit was ineffective. On the map by traditional measures the Allies were facing total defeat. Their poor military situation, out numbered and pushed up against the Austrian border cut off from their lines of communication, was exacerbated by a serious divide between the Prussians and Russians as to what to do next. Napoleon himself counted this his biggest mistake. At the time, however, his lines of communication were under severe threat, the actual of attitude of Austria was very uncertain, his army was falling apart, and his lack of effective cavalry was keeping any of his expensively won victories from being decisive. Esposito and Colonel John R. Leggiere, Cambridge University Press, Footnotes: For particular locations that may be missing e. Konigsborn between Magdeburg and Mockern it can be supplemented with on line maps such as those at maps. The

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## Chapter 2 : Lutzen and Bautzen

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They advocated limitations to the dynastic princes of Germany and a joint effort by all Germans to eject the French. From Arndt and Jahn asked high-ranking figures in Prussian society again and again to prepare such an uprising. These forerunners took part in the outbreak of hostilities in Germany, both by serving in the armed forces and by backing the Coalition forces through their writings. This was the decisive factor in the outbreak of the German Campaign the following year. Already busy with maintaining naval supremacy and fighting the Peninsular War, Great Britain did not take any direct part in the German campaign, though it sent subsidies to support it. For the moment the king and his ministers were placed in a position of the greatest anxiety, for they knew the resources of France and the boundless versatility of their arch-enemy far too well to imagine that the end of their sufferings was yet in sight. To disavow the acts and desires of the army and of the secret societies for defence with which all north Germany was honeycombed would be to imperil the very existence of the monarchy, whilst an attack on the wreck of the Grand Army meant the certainty of a terrible retribution from the new armies now rapidly forming on the Rhine. Thus it happened that the viceroy of Italy felt himself compelled to depart from the positive injunctions of Napoleon to hold on at all costs to his advanced position at Posen, where about 14,000 men had gradually rallied around him, and to withdraw step by step to Magdeburg, where he met reinforcements and commanded the whole course of the lower Elbe. Thanks to his having compelled his allies to fight his battles for him, he had not as yet drawn very heavily on the fighting resources of France, the actual percentage of men taken by the conscriptions during the years since being actually lower than that in force in continental armies of today. He had also created in 1793 a new National Guard, organized in "cohorts" to distinguish it from the regular army, and for home defence only, and these by a skilful appeal to their patriotism and judicious pressure applied through the prefects, became a useful reservoir of half-trained men for new battalions of the active army. Levies were also made with rigorous severity in the states of the Rhine Confederation, and even Italy was called on for fresh sacrifices. In this manner by the end of March upwards of 1,000,000 men were moving towards the Elbe, [d] and in the first fortnight of April they were duly concentrated in the angle formed by the Elbe and Saale, threatening on the one hand Berlin, on the other Dresden and the east. Both armies were very indifferently supplied with information, as both were without any reliable regular cavalry capable of piercing the screen of outposts with which each endeavoured to conceal his disposition, and Napoleon, operating in a most unfriendly country, suffered more in this respect than his adversaries. On this day his troops stood in the following positions. French troops storm the positions of Russians and Prussians. Napoleon on his white horse, seen from behind, looks at the battlefield. Hand-coloured from the Pennington Catalogue. Just as the latter were moving off the heads of the French main body suddenly appeared, and at once he realized the situation in a moment, galloped to the new scene of action, and at once grouped his forces for decisive action—the gift in which he was supreme. Leaving the leading troops to repulse as best they might the furious attack of both Russians and Prussians, and caring little whether they lost ground, he rapidly organized for his own control a battle-reserve. Had he possessed an adequate cavalry force the victory would have been decisive. As it was, the Coalition allies made good their retreat and the French were too exhausted for infantry pursuit. He was everywhere, encouraging and compelling his men—it is a legend in the French army that the persuasion even of the imperial boot was used upon some of his reluctant conscripts, and in the result his system was fully justified, as it triumphed even against a great tactical surprise. As soon as possible the army pressed on in pursuit, Ney being sent across the Elbe to turn the position of the Coalition allies at Dresden. This threat forced the latter to evacuate the town and retire over the Elbe, after blowing up the stone bridge across the river. Napoleon entered the town hard on their heels, but the broken bridge caused a delay of four days, there being no pontoon trains with the army.

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Ultimately on 18 May the march was renewed, but the Coalition allies had continued their retreat in leisurely fashion, picking up reinforcements by the way. Arrived at the line of the Spree, they took up and fortified a very formidable position about Bautzen. Here, on 20 May, they were attacked, and after a two-day battle dislodged by Napoleon; but the weakness of the French cavalry conditioned both the form of the attack, which was less effective than usual, and the results of the victory, which were extremely meagre. The material loss inflicted on the French was not very great, but its effect in raising the morale of the raw Prussian cavalry and increasing their confidence in their old commander was enormous. Still the Coalition allies continued their retreat and the French were unable to bring them to action. In view of the doubtful attitude of Austria, Napoleon became alarmed at the gradual lengthening of his lines of communication and opened negotiations. His instructions on this point deserve the closest study, for he foresaw the inevitable attraction which a complete entrenched camp would exercise even upon himself, and, therefore, limited his engineers to the construction of a strong bridge head on the right bank and a continuous enceinte, broken only by gaps for counter attack, around the town itself. Seeing clearly that his want of an efficient cavalry precluded all ideas of a resolute offensive in his old style, he determined to limit himself to a defence of the line of the Elbe, making only dashes of a few days duration at any target the enemy might present. The moral effect, he promised himself, would be prodigious, and there was neither room nor food for these, elsewhere. The crown prince of Sweden Bernadotte, with his Swedes and various Prussian levies, in all, lay in and around Berlin and Stettin; and knowing his former marshal well, Napoleon considered Oudinot a match for him. However Napoleon, in command of the main French army, waited to see more clearly his adversaries plans. But the news from Dresden was so alarming that at the last moment he changed his mind, and sending Vandamme alone over the mountains, he hurried with his whole army to the threatened point. By noon on 27 August the Austrians and Russians were completely beaten and in full retreat, the French pressing hard behind them, but meanwhile Napoleon himself again succumbed to one of his unaccountable attacks of apparent intellectual paralysis. He seemed unaware of the vital importance of the moment, crouched shivering over a bivouac fire, and finally rode back to Dresden, leaving no specific orders for the further pursuit. The Coalition allies, however, continued to retreat, and unfortunately for the French, Vandamme, with his single corps and unsupported, issued out of the mountains on their flank, threw himself across their line of retreat near Kulm, and was completely overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers Battle of Kulm, 29 August. He immediately rode over to establish order, and his manner and violence were so improper that Caulaincourt had the greatest difficulty in concealing the scandal. Learning of his approach, Napoleon again withdrew to Bautzen. But the Austrians had no intention of attacking him, for time was now working on their side and, leaving his men to starve in the exhausted district, Napoleon again returned to Dresden, where for the rest of the month he remained in an extraordinary state of vacillation. On 4 October he again drew up a review of the situation, in which he apparently contemplated giving up his communications with France and wintering in and around Dresden, though at the same time he is aware of the distress amongst his men for want of food. The victory, won solely by Prussian troops, greatly encouraged the coalition. Calling up St Cyr, whom he had already warned to remain at Dresden with his command, he decided to fall back towards Erfurt, and go into winter quarters between that place and Magdeburg, pointing out that Dresden was of no use to him as a base and that if he were to have a battle, it was much better have St Cyr and his men with him than at Dresden. Thus if the French movement momentarily ended in a blow in the air, it was indirectly the cause of their ultimate salvation. On the 15 October Napoleon concentrated his forces to the east of Leipzig, with only a weak detachment to the west, and in the evening the Coalition allies were prepared to attack him. The fighting which followed was most obstinate, but the Austrians failed to make any impression on the French positions, and indeed Giulay felt himself compelled to withdraw to his former position. Napoleon when he became aware of the movement, sent the IV Corps to Lindenau to keep the road open. All hope of saving the battle had now to be given up, but the French covered their retreat obstinately and by daybreak next morning one-half of the army was already filing out along the road to Erfurt which had so fortunately for the French been left for

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them. As at Krasnoi in , they went straight for their enemy and after one of the most brilliant series of artillery movements in history, directed by General Drouot, they marched right over their enemy, practically destroying his whole force. Henceforward their march was unmolested, and they reached Mainz on 5 November. When the last of the French troops had crossed to the western bank of the Rhine, divided counsels made their appearance at the headquarters of the Coalition allies. Every one was weary of the war, and many felt that it would be unwise to push Napoleon and the French nation to extremes. Leaving Marshals Soult and Suchet to defend south-west France, Napoleon fought and lost a campaign in north-east France , that ended with the occupation of Paris, the abdication of Napoleon, his exile to Elbe, and the.

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Prelude[ edit ] Following the disaster of French invasion of Russia in , a new Coalition formed against him. In response to this, Napoleon hastily assembled an army of just over , consisting largely of inexperienced, barely trained recruits and severely short of horses a consequence of the Russian invasion, where most of his veteran troops and horses had perished. On April 30 Napoleon crossed the river Saale , advancing on Leipzig in three columns led by an advanced guard. Battle[ edit ] Napoleon was visiting the battlefield , playing tour guide with his staff by pointing to the sites and describing the events of , in detail from memory, when he heard the sound of cannon. He immediately cut the tour short and rode off towards the direction of the artillery fire. Meanwhile, he sent Ney reinforcements which would take up strong, defensive positions in and around two villages south of the city. Once these divisions were ready, the rest of the corps would withdraw towards them, luring the allies to attack, while Napoleon, leading the main , strong French force, would come around the allied flank and counterattack. Once their advance had halted, with the perfect timing of old, he struck. Then Napoleon himself, along with his Imperial Guard , led the massive counter assault into the allied flank. A Prussian counterattack managed to halt the French offensive, and allow enough time for the main army to retreat. In addition, darkness was closing in. This allowed the allied force to retreat in good order. The lack of French cavalry meant there would be no pursuit. Napoleon lost 19, men killed and wounded, while the Prussians lost 8, and the Russians 3, killed, wounded and missing. This agreement provided the allies respite to organize and re-equip their armies and, perhaps more importantly, encouraged Britain to provide Russia and Prussia with war subsidies totaling 7 million pounds. Although the wound was minor, owing to the hasty retreat it could not be tended to soon enough. Infection set in and he died as a result. The Rise and Downfall of Prussia, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. The Rise and Downfall of Prussia, p. Ernest; Dupuy, Trevor N. The Encyclopedia of Military History:

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Leaving Eugene to hold off the Allied onslaught, the Emperor returned to France to work his magic and out of the recruits of France a new army was formed. Meanwhile, Eugene had fallen back in the face of the larger Allied host. The Prussians walked a diplomatic tight rope for the first months of the year but by March were in open revolt. The Prussian generals formed new forces in East Prussia and Silesia and other parts of the realm. Along with the standing army they were ready to stand with their Russian allies. England helped the Allies with cash and clothing and munitions. The Sixth Coalition was formed to liberate Germany and take the war to France. In the battles to come both sides would be sorely tested to hold their armies together. Will the Allies pull off a victory against Napoleon or will they succumb to his mastery on the battlefield? As a bonus included in this title are the battles of the Russo-Swedish War of Refight the actions in Finland and Sweden which pitted the Russians against their old foes the Swedes. Engage the Swedes in their homeland in the last actions of the war. You can read more about the game in the Scenario Design Notes. Click to Enlarge Scenarios Over scenarios to include the classic battles of Lutzen and Bautzen as well as the majority of the actions of the Russo-Swedish War of Get the Scenario List here Tutorial scenario that helps the player learn the game system. Scenarios anywhere from 8 to over turns are included which include all of the famous units that took part in the Spring Campaign of to include most of the early war Prussian formations. All of the major formations of the Russo-Swedish War are covered that fought in Finland. Campaigns The Spring Campaign of The Campaign of - a linking campaign that requires ownership of Campaign Leipzig Click to Enlarge Features Turn scale is either 10 or 5 minute moves the latter is for the Russo-Swedish War scenarios which are covered using the Company Level scale format. A Design folder includes files and information that will aid the players in learning how to build their own scenarios. A Terrain Effects Chart is included that helps the players determine the effects of terrain and the movement allowance of their units. A Weapons Chart is included that allows the players to determine the range and effects of all weapons in the game. Over 70 maps to include numerous sub maps are included which depict the famous and not as well known locations of both wars. Scenario and Campaign Editors.

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