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The Battle of Hohenlinden
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Hohenlinden, 1800 as an Age of Eagles Scenario A Special Supplement for 1st Empire Magazine

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The *Age of Eagles* (or AOE) is the commercially published *Fire & Fury* variant covering the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. It is designed to not only allow players to fight large battles in a reasonable amount of time, but also force players to assume a proper corps command role by restricting their options at lower tactical levels. Here a player's notional brigadiers and colonels make decisions on his behalf, producing a movement and combat system that is far less predictable than other systems.

As such French General Jean Victor Marie Moreau's (1763 – 1813) superlative victory over an Austro-Bavarian army under the command of Archduke Johann (1782 – 1859) on 3 December 1800 represents the AOE system well. Though sources vary wildly, it would seem that upwards of 140,000 soldiers struggled for victory in the final, climatic battle of the War of the Second Coalition. Advancing in five large columns, the Austrians were checked by Moreau in front of and around Hohenlinden, a small town near Munich in Bavaria. However, typical Austrian dawdling exacerbated by an icy winter caused delay along several routes, and this allowed the French divisions of Richepance and Dacae to flank and slice their way into the Austrian rear. The result was a near rout, with some 8000 Austrian casualties, plus 12,000 captured along with 200 guns. French casualties were about 6000, a respectable enough triumph to force Austria into the embarrassing Treaty of Luneville come February. It also allowed Moreau to retire with all the wealth he had collected while his wife formed the "Club Moreau," gathering into one clique those resentful of Bonaparte.

THE SCENARIO

The following specifications will allow between six and eight players to recreate the French Republic's victory at Hohenlinden using the AOE rules system. The format presented here along with labels and map is identical to that used in the scenario book covering the *Befreiungskrieg, 1813 - 14*. That publication has now been distributed, while the base *Age of Eagles (II)* rules

book remains available from *On Military Matters* and other fine retailers.

Scale. Each infantry stand represents between 320 – 360 soldiers, each cavalry stand between 160 – 180 troopers and artillery stand a single battery of between six and eight guns. Ground scale is one inch (2.54 cm) equals 120 yards while each complete turn represents 30 minute of historical time.

Players. In reality two players per side are all that is necessary to play this scenario. However for an even better event have four to five Austro-Bavarian players, each commanding one column. There should also be three French players, one commanding Richepance (also spelled Richepanse or Richepence) and Dacae, another Grouchy and D'Hautpol and another as Grenier. The player controlling Kollowrat and Grouchy should also act as army commanders Johann and Moreau respectively.

Terrain. The gaming table should be ten feet long by six feet wide, laid out as depicted on this article's accompanying map, courtesy original *Fire & Fury* author Rich Hasenauer. Urban areas afford a – 2 die roll modifier (DRM) benefit to any target within and under fire, and a similar + 2 DRM benefit to a defender in melee. Forested areas likewise provide a – 1 and +1 benefit respectively. Hill slopes, forests and urban areas are considered rough terrain for movement. All streams are fordable, but artillery may only cross where a road intersects a stream or river as there is considered to be a bridge present. The River Isen is not fordable. Movement along secondary roads (dashed line) negates other terrain in the vicinity, while movement along primary roads (solid line) also allows for the road movement benefit.

Playing Time. The game begins at 7:30 am and ends with the 5:00 pm turn, a total of not more than 20 game turns. An Initiative roll-off between army commanders at the beginning of each turn will determine which side moves first. For this roll Moreau receives a + 2 DRM if

uncommitted, while Johann similarly receives a – 2 DRM.

Deployment. Units set up as depicted on the accompanying map. Careful attention must be given to this deployment as many units will begin the game Tactically Engaged with the enemy. This is deliberate.

Brigades are shown on the map in Line, Supported Line while those on roads march in Masse. Artillery may be set up limbered or unlimbered, but must deploy as given on the map or no more than 12 inches away from a leader stand within their chain of command. For example, artillery assigned to Grouchy must be deployed within 12 inches of that general or Moreau. Leaders are deployed within 12 inches of a brigade in their command or a subordinate commander. Assume that the heavy guns and sappers directly subordinate to Moreau and Grenier are collocated with those commanders.

Richepance and most Austrian columns deployed as a starting force begin the game in Masse, but at the player's discretion may be placed in Road Column instead. If so please note that the ends of these formations will be strung out along the road yet possibly off table. In this case assume the off board units follow their colleagues automatically activated for Reserve or Tactical Movement the turn they step on the table.

The Armies. Austro-Bavarian infantry are three-rank Linear while French infantry is three-rank Impulse. All French infantry is Skirmish capable. French infantry classifications apply to Polish foot present as well, while Ney carries a Charismatic rating.

Please note that order of battle (OB in US Army lingo) and deployment presented here is somewhat tenuous. Principal sources were map 30 out of *Alison's Atlas* as well as James R Arnold's recent book *Marengo and Hohenlinden – Napoleon's Rise to Power* (Pen & Sword, 2005). Unfortunately the latter's narrative did not match the OB given in the appendices, while for France's Army of the Rhine, brigadiers are given but not any formal brigade structure. The Austrians weigh in with numbers for column strength that do not match the sum of units subordinate, if any are given at all. Indeed, the compass rose for Arnold and Alison disagreed as to which way was north! It's pretty much the proverbial "puzzle wrapped inside an enigma," so if players have access to more detailed information, by all means use it. Nevertheless, it does afford the opportunity for players to examine how AOE flexibly handles brigade equivalents of different sizes and composition

Reinforcements. There are only two sets of reinforcements, one Austrian and one French, both as specified on the accompanying Labels and Order of Appearance Tables. They enter the board using Reserve Movement automatically activated the turn they enter play. The two formations may enter deployed during Tactical Movement if their entry point is within 18 inches of the enemy, and if the entry point is blocked, at the nearest convenient point. Use the Reinforcement Table (Figure 4) on page 16 of AOE to vary arrival times.

Special Rules. The following optional or special rules apply:

- If you are using the original edition of AOE vice AOE II, the Urban Areas add-on from the AOE Supplement are enforced for this scenario. All towns may accommodate six stands of infantry except Hohenlinden and Isen which may hold 12. The AOE Supplement is currently available as a free download via the Web at <http://ageofeagles.com>.
- AOE discourages fighting in woods, but given the terrain in this battle, the following optional rule is offered. Infantry may advance to within 1 inch of cavalry which has half or more of its stands clearly in a forested area. However, while the infantry may issue musketry against the horse, it may not initiate melee.
- The weather for this battle was cold, icy and with intermittent snow showers. However, when compared with the meteorological mess that plagued the 1813 battles of Dresden and Katzbach, the impact was evidently manageable. For those who feel a greater impact is warranted, simply play the game normally but define each turn as representing 45 minutes of actual time, not 30.

Victory Conditions. Determine victory using the Casualty Point Chart (Figure 6) on page 17 of AOE. Further, award five Victory Points to either side if they occupy or were the last to occupy Hohenlinden. Now, advance, Mon General and remember . . .

From this moment until such time as its enemies shall have been driven from the soil of the Republic, all Frenchmen are in permanent requisition for the services of the armies. The young men shall fight; the married men shall forge arms and transport provisions; the women shall make tents and clothes and shall serve in the hospitals; the children shall turn old lint into linen; the old men shall betake themselves to the public squares in order to arouse the courage of the warriors and preach hatred of kings and the unity of the Republic.

Battle of Hohenlinden

Order of Battle Labels and Order of Appearance

FRANCE

Starting Forces

Rhine	Moreau	Moreau	Moreau	D'Hautpl	D'Hautpl	D'Hautpl
Moreau + 2	Sapper	R Hvy Btty	D'Hautpl Cav XX	Espagne E 5/3/2 H	LaCoste E 5/ 3/2 H	R Hrs Btty
XXXX	XXXX		XX			

Espagne – 1st, 2^d Carabiniers
La Coste – 8th, 9th Cavalry,
Volunteer Hussars (1 stand)

Moreau	Grouchy	Grouchy	Grouchy	Grouchy	Grouchy	Grouchy
Grouchy 1 st XX	46 th DB R 7/5/4 Sk	57 th DB E 7/5/3 Sk	108 th DB R 7/ 5/4Sk	Boye R 8/6/4 L	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX						

Boye – 6th Cavalry, 11th Chasseurs, 4th Hussars

Moreau	Richepnce	Richepnce	Richepnce	Richepnce	Richepnce	Richepnce
Richepnce 2d XX	Walther R10/8/5 Sk	Drouet R12/9/6 Sk	Lorcet R 5/4/3 L	Sahuc R 7/5/4 L	R Foot Btty	R Horse Btty
XX						

Walther – 8th Demibrigade, 14th Legere
Drouet – 27th, 48th Demibrigades
Lorcet – 10th Cavalry, 1st Chasseurs
Sahuc – 20th Chasseurs, 5th Hussars

Moreau	Grenier	Grenier	Legrand	Legrand	Legrand	Legrand	Legrand
Grenier Corps	R Hvy Btty	Legrand 1 st XX	Saligny R12/9/6Sk	Sabattier R 6/5/3 Sk	Bonterns R 8/6/4 L	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XXX		XX					

Saligny – 42^d, 52^d Demibrigades

Sabattier – 16th Demibrigade

Bonterns – 12th Cavalry, 5th, 16th Chasseurs

Grenier	Ney	Ney	Ney	Ney	Ney
Ney (C) 2d XX	Bonnet R12/9/6Sk	Desperr R11/8/6Sk	Joba R 6/5/3 H	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX					

Bonnet – 15th, 23^d Demibrigades, Bn Converged Grenadiers
Desperrieres – 76th, 103^d Demibrigades
Joba – 19th Cavalry, 13th Dragoons, 8th Chasseurs

Grenier	Bastoule	Bastoule	Bastoule	Bastoule	Bastoule	Bastoule
Bastoule 3d XX	Fauconnet R11/8/6Sk	Heavy E 4/3/2 H	Light R 8/6/4 L	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX						

Fauconnet – 53^d, 89th Demibrigades
Heavy – 13th, 17th Cavalry
Light – 2^d Dragoons, 23^d Chasseurs

Reinforcements

Turn 1, within six inches point A Obersdorf, in Road Column

Moreau	Dacaen	Dacaen	Dacaen	Dacaen	Dacaen	Dacaen	Dacaen
Dacaen 3d XX	Debilly R11/8/6Sk	14 th Legere E 4/3/2 Sk	Polish Lg E 6/4/2 Sk	Durutte R 6/5/3 L	Kniazchw R 5/4/3 L	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX							

Debilly – 4th, 100th Demibrigades
Durutte – 17th Dragoons, 6th Chasseurs
Kniaziewicz – 10th Chasseurs, Polish Lancers

Abbreviations. A – Armored Heavy Cavalry, H – Heavy Cavalry, L – Light Cavalry, Sk – Skirmish capable infantry brigade, E – Elite Troop Rating, R – Regular Troop Rating, C – Conscript Troop Rating, XXXX – Army Commander, XXX – Corps or Column Commander, XX – Division or Equivalent Commander, Adv Gd – Advance Guard, Bn – Battalion, Regt – Regiment, Vol – Volunteer, Grn – Grenadier, DB - Demibrigade and IR – Infantry Regiment (Austrian). Numbers represent Fresh/Worn/Spent status.

Battle of Hohenlinden (continued)

Order of Battle Labels and Order of Appearance

AUSTRIA

Starting Forces

Austrian	Johann	Kollowrat	Kollowrat	Kollowrat	Loepper	Loepper	Loepper
Johann -2	Kollowrat Column 1	Spannuchi E 7/5/3	Beyer E 7/5/3	Loepper Adv Gd	IR No 60 R 7/5/4	IR No 31 R 7/5/4	Grunne R12/10/7L
XXXX	XXX			XX			

Kollowrat	Zweibrken	Zweibrken	Zweibrken	Zweibrken	Zweibrken	Zweibrken
Zweibrken Bavarian	Deroy R 8/6/4	Wrede R 8/6/4	R Hvy Btty	R Hvy Btty	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX						

Spannuchi /Beyer – 4 Grn Bns each
Grunne – Ferdinand & Vol Hussars
Deroy – Bns Metzen, Stengel, Reuss
Grn, Minucci, Schlossberg
Wrede – Bns Pompei, Preysing,
Bureck, Dallwigck, light infantry

Kollowrat	Liechtnstn	Liechtnstn	Liechtnstn	Liechtnstn	Liechtnstn	Liechtnstn
Liechtnstn Division	Light E 11/7/5 L	Wolfskehl E 5/3/2 A	R Foot Btty	R Foot Btty	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty
XX						

Light – Vecsey Hussars, Bavarian
Chevauleger
Wolfskehl – Albert, Lothringen
Kurassiers

Johann	Baillot	Baillot	Baillot	Baillot	Baillot	Baillot	Baillot
Baillot Column 2	R Hvy Btty	R Hvy Btty	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty	Hessen Division	O'Donel R 11/8/6	Cavalry E 5/3/2 A
XXX					XX		

Baillot	Hohenlohe	Hohenlohe
Hohenlohe Division	Majthany R 12/9/6	Esterhazy E 9/6/4 H
XX		

O'Donel – Regts Oliver Wallis, Lacy
Cavalry – Ferdinand Dragoons, Nassau Kurassiers
Majthany – Regts Brechainville, De Vins
Esterhazy – La Tour Dragoons, Zeschwitz Kruassiers

Johann	Keinmayer	Keinmayer	Keinmayer	Keinmayer	Keinmayer	Ferdinand	Ferdinand	Ferdinand
Keinmayer Column 3	R Hvy Btty	R Hvy Btty	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty	Ferdinand Division	Line R 8/6/4	Grenz F R 3/-/2	Cavalry E 9/6/4 A
XXX					XX			

Keinmayer	Schwrtzbg	Schwrtzbg	Schwrtzbg	Schwrtzbg
Schwrtzbg Division	Grenz S R 3/-/2	Fresnel E 9/6/4 A	Candiani R 7/5/4	Gavassini R 14/11/7
XX				

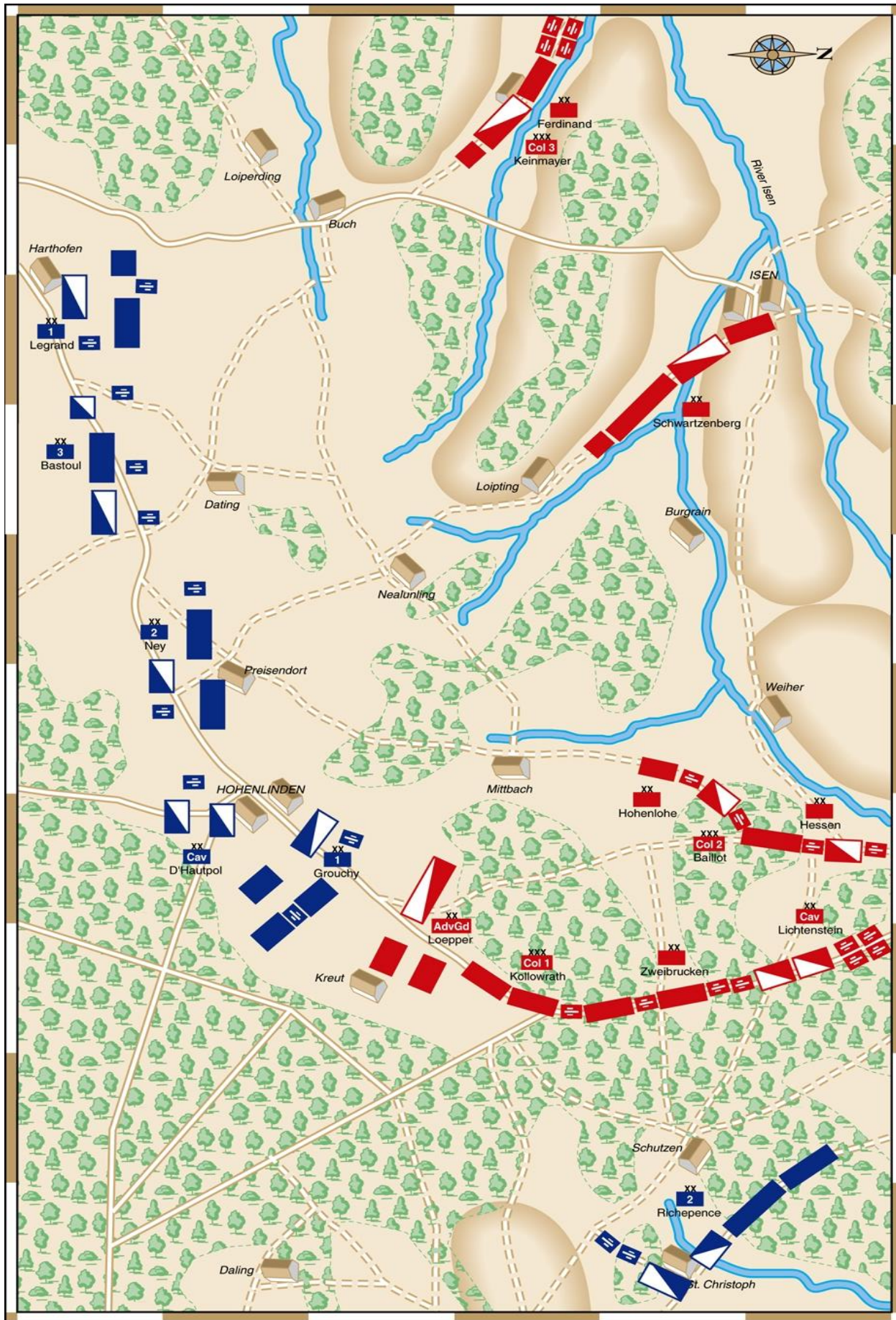
Line – Regts Wenkheim, Stain
Grenz F – 1st Gradiskaner, 2d Peterwardeiner Grenz
Cavalry – 13th Dragoons, Kaiser Kurassiers
Grenz S – 1st Siegenburg, 4th Peterwardeiner Grenz
Fresnel – Coburg Dragoons, Mack Kurassiers
Candiani – Regts Ferdinand, Wurttemberg
Gavassini – Regts Beaulieu, Ligne, Murray, Clerfayt, Gemmingen

Reinforcements, Turn 5, within six inches of Point B in Road Column

Johann	Reisch	Reisch	Reisch	Reisch	Reisch	Merveldt	Merveldt
Reisch Column 4	R Hvy Btty	R Hvy Btty	R Foot Btty	R Hrs Btty	Merveldt	Klein R 12/9/6	Gorger E 10/7/4 A
XXX					XX		

Reisch	Gyulai	Gyulai
Gyulai	Leuwen R 12/9/6	Stahel E 7/5/3 A
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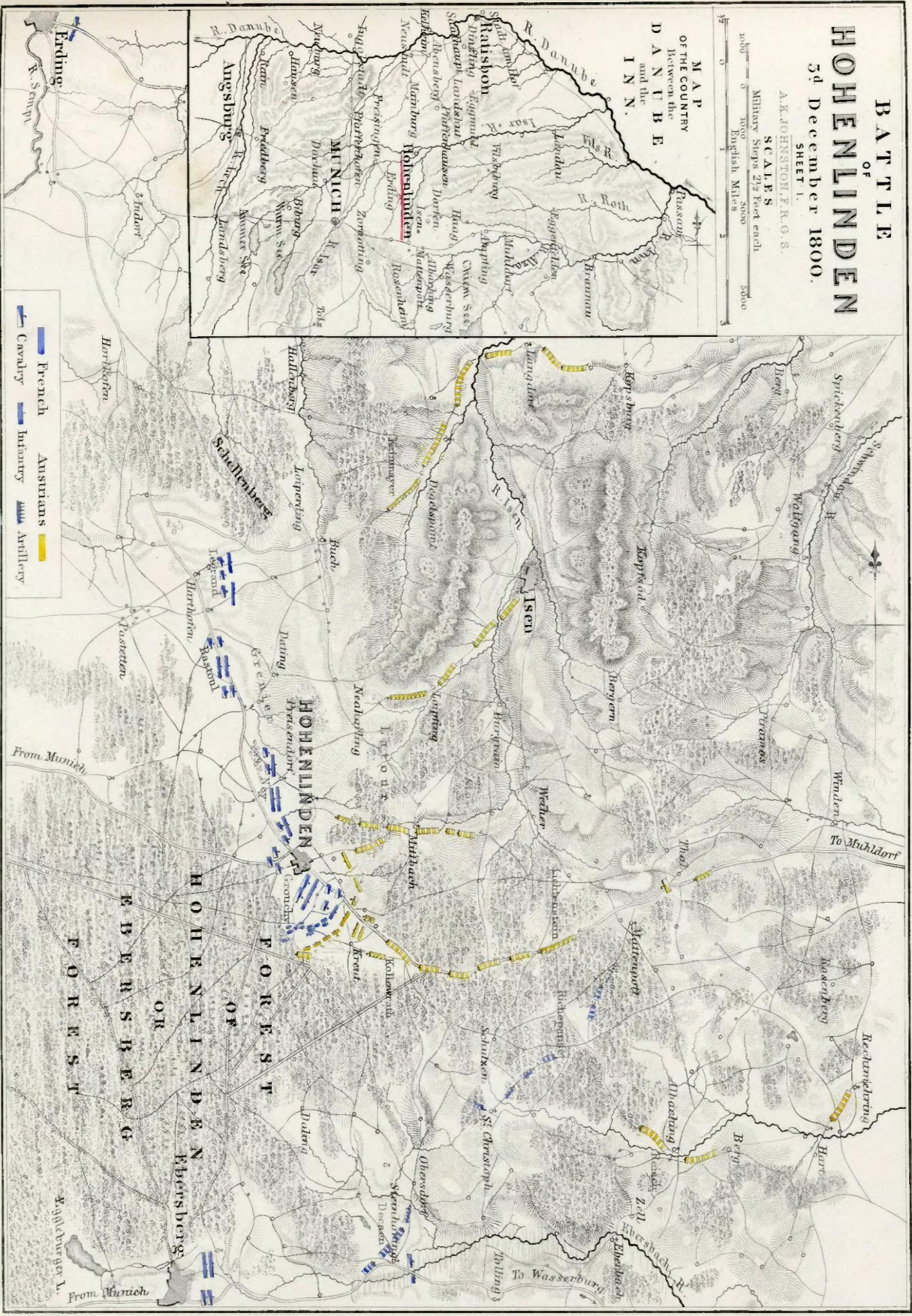
Klein – Regts Karl, Wenzel Colloredo
Gorger – Waldeck Dragoons, Anspach Kurassiers
Leuwen – Regts Kaunitz, Manfredini
Stahel – Kinsky Dragoons, Franz Mailland Kurassiers



BATTLE OF HOHENLINDEN 5^d December 1800.

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SCALES
Military Steps 2 1/2 Feet each
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English Miles 0 1 2 3

MAP
OF THE COUNTRY
Between the
DANUBE
and the
INN.



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