

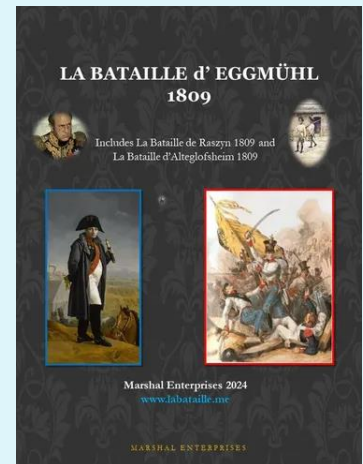
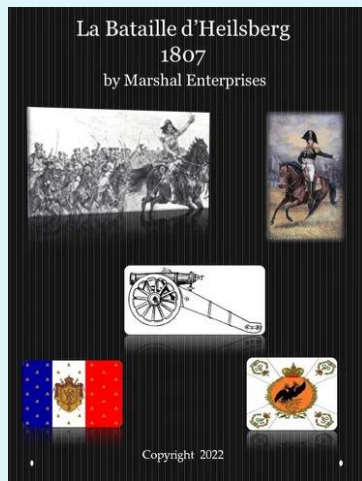
Artillery 1806 – 1809

Composition and Tactics

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Russia 1806-1807

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- 1 . RUSSIAN ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION AND
GAME TACTICS
2. ARTILLERY IN COUNTERATTACK



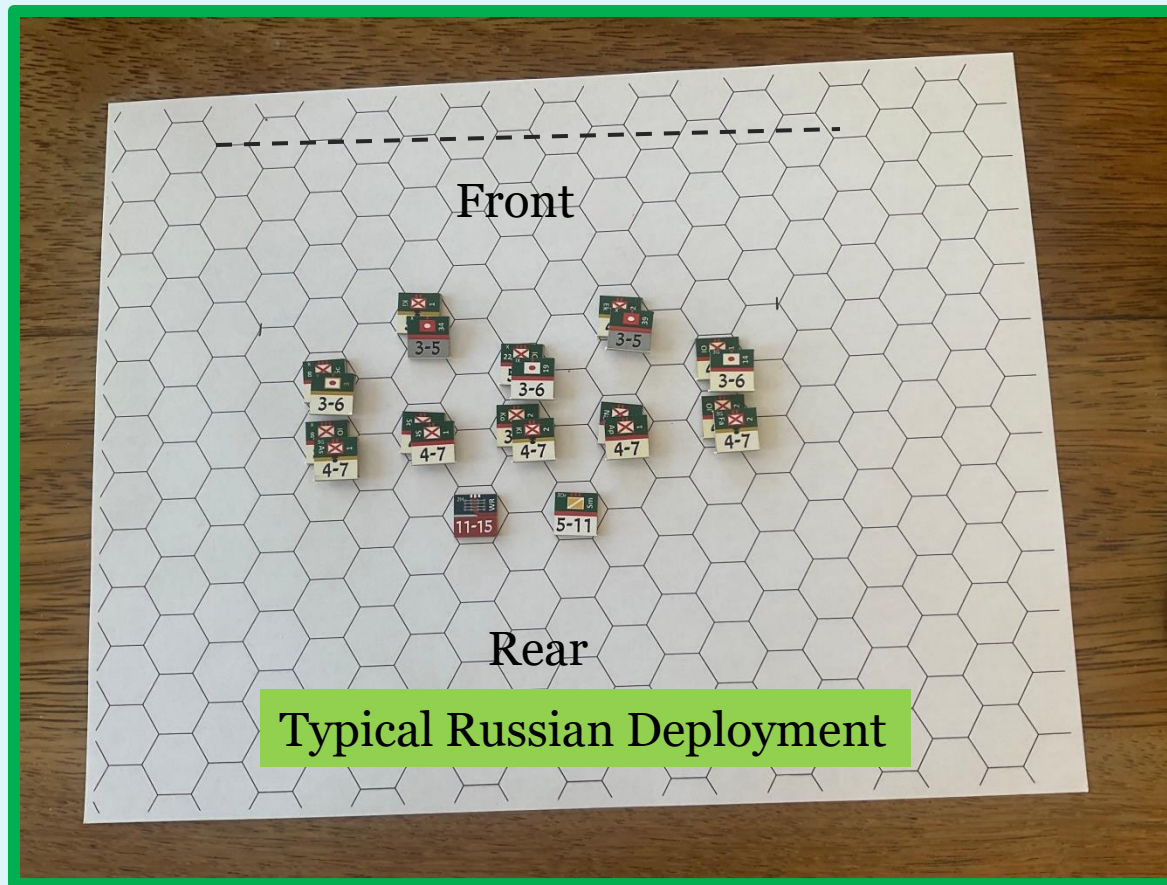
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образца 1805г. Россия



Russia 1806-07

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6,000 = 4,000 Inf. (67%), 1,200 Art. (20%), and 800 Cav. (13%)





Russia 1806-07

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- Russian Artillery Structure
 - Practical Example – 6th Russian Infantry Division
 - ✦ Infantry Deployment “Up and Back”
 - ✦ Cavalry Support
 - ✦ Battery Deployment *toward the front*
 - ✦ In Defense – often redoubts / fleeces, rivers, heights
 - ✦ In Offense
 - In Game Terms
 - ✦ Ratio of the Three Arms
 - ✦ Tactical Style for the Russians in La Bataille
 - Smaller infantry battalions
 - ✦ Artillery cannot, in and of itself, take ground from the enemy



France 1807 – 1809

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- 1. FRENCH ARTILLERY PHILOSOPHY,
ORGANIZATION AND GAME TACTICS**
- 2. THE TRANSITION 1807-1809**
- 3. LOOKING AT THE FRENCH ARTILLERY AT
EGGMÜHL**





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- The Age of Reason
- The Gribeauval System
 - Guns before and after the Revolution
 - Basic Philosophies
- Napoleon (First Consul and 1ere)
 - Concentration of Fire Power for Demoralization
 - Artillery used Offensively
 - Artillery became the featured Arm
 - ✦ Artillerymen the elite force
 - System of the Year XI
 - ✦ Simplified the reduced the variety of guns and equipment



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- Increase in the ratio of guns (Reserve) to Infantry as the wars went on
 - To compensate for the reduced quality of the infantry
- Examples
 - 1805 Austerlitz – 2 guns per 1000 men
 - 1809 Eggmühl
 - Davout – 2 guns per 1300 – 6, 8, and 12 lbs. Res.
 - Lefebvre – 2 Guns per 560 (Bavarians) 6, 8, and 12 lbs. Res.
 - Vandamme – 2 Guns per 875 (Württ.)- 6 and 8 lbs.
 - 1809 Wagram – 2 guns per 500 men
 - 1812 Borodino – 2 guns per 450
 - 1815 Ligny - 2 guns per 800
 - 1815 Waterloo – 2 guns per 570



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- Many of the Napoleonic Generals were Artillerymen first.
- The Transition 1807-1809
- Senarmont at Friedland (The artillery Charge)
 - Took part at Marengo (1800), Jena (1806) and Eylau (1807)
 - Attack / Charge (Case Shoot) at Friedland (1807), made a Baron
 - Madrid (1808), made a Divisional General
 - Cadiz (1810), Died 1810 at the siege
 - Likeness on the **Arc de Triomphe**



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- ME Tactical Hints
 - Always use leaders to combine groups of artillery and add to the DR
 - The Premiere System *combat a leu Feu* is not a linear progression.
 - Artillery is the main disrupter
 - Artillery is much easier to limber and move
 - Napoleon massed his *artillery* at advantageous points on the battlefield to increase the effect of firepower and focus their fire on *infantry* and *cavalry*.
 - Identify the decisive locations before you commit (unlimber) the artillery



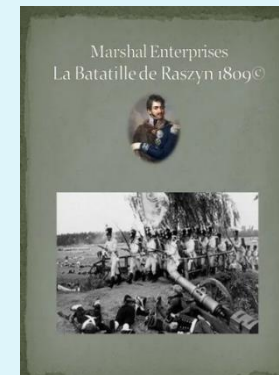
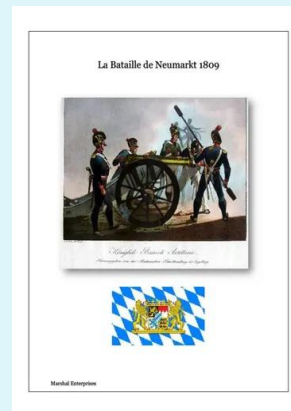
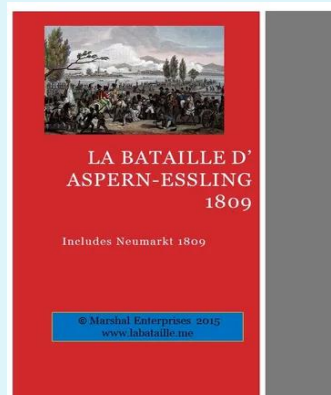
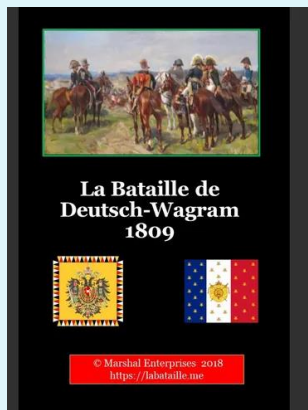
Österreich 1809

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1. AUSTRIAN ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION AND GAME TACTICS





Österreich 1809 Facts to Consider

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• Positives

- Gunners were volunteers from German speaking provinces – no language issues
- Enlistment 14 Years – stability at the lower ranks
- Powder and Ammunition of good quality – generally superior to the French
- When concentrated at shorter Ranges (Aspern- Essling), the artillery could be very effective
- Cavalry (Horse Batteries) the crew rode the pieces on a bench of caisson – no horses to deal with (cost) but slower

• Negatives

- Austrian Army was underfunded
- Generally Aus. artillery pieces have shorter ranges and less calibers than the French.
 - ✦ 12lbs 12% (Position)
 - ✦ 6lbs 60% (Brigade)
 - ✦ 3lbs 12% (Brigade and Cavalry)
 - ✦ Short range howitzers 17%
- Coordination limited because of leadership – dispersed by Korps
- Looked at the larger artillery as a distinct arm. Smaller as direct infantry support.



Österreich 1809 Related to the Korps Composition and the Reserve

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- **Basic Korps Structure**

- One Light Division
 - ✦ 2 infantry brigades
 - ✦ 3 to 4 battalions of light troops (Jaegers, Grenz, etc.)
 - ✦ 1 regiment of cavalry and 1 Cavalry Artillery
- One Line Division
 - ✦ 2 to 3 infantry brigades
 - 2 batteries (3/6)
 - Each infantry regiment has one battery (3)
 - ✦ 6lbs or 12 lbs at the Korps level

- **Armme Reserve Artillerie**

- 60 Guns

- **Limited leadership (Game)**

- To combine two stacks of adjacent guns.
- None to combine three stacks of adjacent guns
- Slower movement
- Less chance of limbering once in place
- Not able to combine artillery from other Korps
- Heavy and Cavalry batteries slower
- Cavalry batteries support light infantry
- Good morale(professional)
- Higher percentage of smaller guns and direct fir



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La Bataille Tactical Advice

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- Use the cavalry batterie to support the line regiment of the Light Division
- Use the brigade batteries to support the line division's regiments of the Korps to increase fire power *when not moving*.
- “*Infantry Morale is good in line and the battalions have more increments*”
- “*The Austrians are all about fire power and not offensive melee.*”
- “*Use the cavalry to project those big Inf. Battalion's flanks.*”

A – 24+6-Col shift vs. 9 = 4 to 1
24 to 7 = 3 to 1



B – 24 vs. 9 = 3 to 1

What is Eggmühl All About?

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1. Napoleon Pushes the Austrians out of Bavaria
2. French and Allies vs. the Austrians
3. Two Day Battle
 - First Day is very even
 - Napoleon arrives on the second day
 - Archduke Charles on the Offensive?
4. 1809 has the best Austrian Armee
5. Two Maps
6. Additional Map for an all Cavalry Battle

La Bataille d' Eggmühl 1809 Scenarios Dennis Spors

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- **Scenario #1 – First Day (Historical)**
 - Davout (III) and Lefebvre (VII) vs. Hohenzollern (III) and Rosenberg (IV)
 - 12:00 to 19:00, both maps, Even
- **Scenario#2 – Napoleon Arrives (Historical)**
 - Davout, Lefebvre, Lannes (Pro.), Vandamme (VII) and Cav. Res vs, Hoenzollern, Rosenberg and Grenadiers
 - 14:00 to 18:40, both maps, French advantage as troops arrive
- **Scenario #3 – Karl's Offensive (Hypothetical)**
 - All the troops of Scenario #2 plus Kolowrat (II), however the number, when and where the Austrian troops enter is a surprise to both parties
 - 14:00 to 18:40, both maps, unpredictable

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- **Scenario #4 - Alteglofsheim**

- Cavalry Pursuit with Nansouty , St, Sulpice and Allies against the Austrian rear guard.

Great for practice with the cav. rules

- 19:00 to 22:00, All cavalry, one (additional) map



- **Scenario #5 – Davout Advances**

- Davout (III) vs. elements (III and IV)

- 14:00 to 18:40, one map with limited boundaries

- **Scenario #6 – Lefebvre pushes to Eggmühl**

- Lefebvre (VII) vs. Elements of the VI Korps

- 14:00 to 17:40, one map with limited boundaries

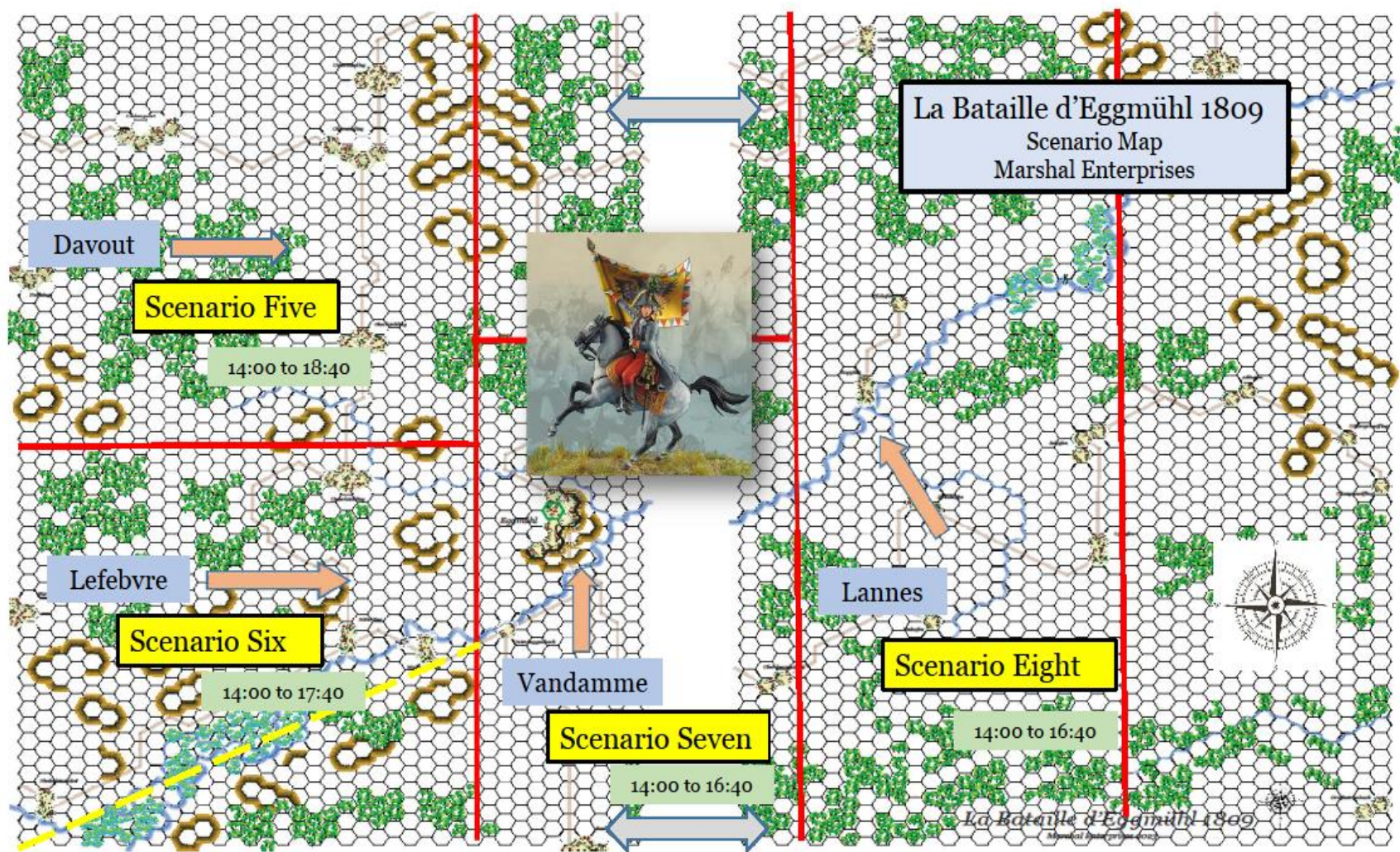


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- **Scenario #7 -Vandamme Assaults Eggmühl**
 - Wurt. Division (VIII) vs. Austrian Light Troops
 - 14:00 to 16:00, one map with limited boundaries
- **Scenario #8 - Gudín Outflanks Eggmühl**
 - Lannes arrives and crosses the Gros Laaber
 - 14:00 to 16:40, one map with limited boundaries





Artillery in Defense (Fire and Melee) Monte Mattson

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- ❖ When Artillery is Fired Upon
- ❖ When Artillery is Charged
- ❖ When Artillery is Disordered
- ❖ When Artillery is PGD (Routed)
- ❖ Combining Two Stacks
- ❖ Combining When Artillery is Involved in Melee
- ❖ Command of Two Stacks, Three Stacks
- ❖ Summary

Marshal Enterprises' Household

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- Thank you
- Are There any questions?

