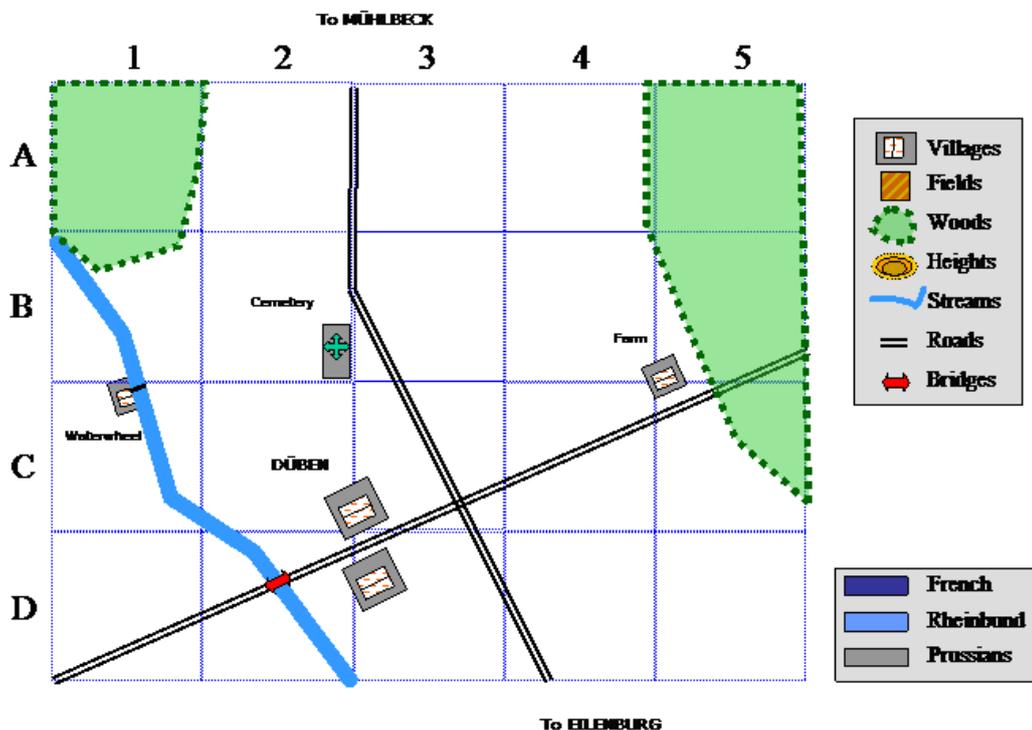


The combat of Düben. October, 1813

The Düben affaire took place in October 9, when the vanguard of Reynier's VII Corps, advancing by the left bank of the Mulde River, arrived to the bridge and ran into Düben. This was the crossing point assigned to Langeron by Blucher, but when the Allied outposts were alerted from the arrival of the French, Langeron hurried up by the right bank towards the next northern crossing point. The Russian rearguard, the Kapzevich's X Corps escorting the heavy artillery, was almost catch up, and only the rapid reaction of that General stopped the pursuit saving time for the slow baggage columns. Incidentally, Blucher and Langeron avoided capture by only one half hour, because they were also staying at Düben.

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The Mulde River is impassable except at the bridge and the millwheel, that must be crossed in march column formation. The terrain has not any significant feature, exception made from the woods and ploughed fields. However, the actual table map would be slightly different due to the fog of war.

Russian Forces 10th Corps (Langeron's Army Group) Army Moral 38 Break point 13.
Commander Generallieutenant Kapzevich

8th Division Generalmajor Count Ourousov -/-

Archangle Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Old Ingermannland Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Old Ingermannland Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Schusselburg Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
7th Jager Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2
37th Jager Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2

22nd Division Generalmajor Tourchaninov -/-

Viatka Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Viatka Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Staroskol Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Staroskol Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
Olonetz Infantry Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK1
29th Jager Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2
45th Jager Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2

Position Battery #18 (12 guns) Foot/4 cannon/Heavy/1 Howitzer
Light Battery #3 (12 guns) Foot/4 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer
Light Battery #19 (12 guns) Foot/4 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer
Baggage train 2 wagons

Reinforcements

Cavalry Generallieutenant Korff -1/-

Kargopol Dragoon Regiment + Reliable/Experienced/Pursuit
Kiev Dragoon Regiment + Reliable/Experienced/Pursuit
1st Ukrainian Cossack Regiment Shaky/Irregular/Pursuit
Horse Battery #18 Horse/3 cannon/Medium/2 Howitzer

French Forces: 13th Division (VII Corps) Army Moral 41 Break point 14.
Commander: Général de Division Guilleminot

26th Light Cavalry Brigade: von Lindenau +1/-

Prinz Clemens Uhlán Regiment Valiant/Experienced/Pursuit/Lance
Saxon Hussar Regiment Valiant/Experienced/Pursuit
1st Saxon Horse Battery "Birnbaum" Horse/2 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Brigade Grayer +1/-

4/1st Légère Regiment Reliable/Experienced/SK2
1/18th Légère Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
2/18th Légère Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
3/7th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
1/156th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

Brigade Lejeune -1/-

2/ Illyrian Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
3/52nd Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
3/67th Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
2/101st Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1
3/101st Ligne Regiment Reliable/Amateur/SK1

1/8th Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer
4/4th Foot Artillery Foot/3 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Reinforcements

24th (Saxon) Division: Generalleutnant von Zeschau -1/-

1st (Lecoq) Light Battalion Shaky/ Experienced/SK2
von Spiegel Grenadier Battalion Reliable/Experienced/SK1
von Steindal Infantry Regiment Shaky/Experienced/SK1
Prinz Frederick Infantry Regiment Shaky/Experienced/SK1
2/von Rechten Infantry Regiment Shaky/Experienced/SK1
1/Niesemeuschel Infantry Shaky/Experienced/SK1
1 Saxon 6pdr Foot Battery Foot/2 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer
2nd Saxon Horse Battery "Groshayn" Horse/2 cannon/Medium/1 Howitzer

Notes

- (1) Units marked (+) are large (6 base) units. The rest are small (four-base) units.
- (2) The chains of command have been simplified to follow the Lasalle philosophy'
- (3) The duration of the game is 16 turns (Bonus Turns are allowed)

Optional rule for Cossacks (and other irregular cavalry)

- 1) Irregular cavalry units may charge enemy units standing in 'march column' formation.
- 2) Irregular cavalry units must to pass a 'Discipline' test to initiate the charge.
- 3) If routed in 'decisive combat' the irregular cavalry unit is immediately broken.

Optional rule for Weather

The weather in Saxony in October 1813 was very rainy. To account for, the Roll Weather procedure (p. 87) must be repeated every odd turn, until a 'Precipitation' result is rolled, after which it will rain continuously until another 'Precipitation' result was rolled.

Optional rule for baggage units

- 1) Baggage units are formed by one or more wagon train models
- 2) They are irregular units
- 3) They can move only in march column by road at limbered Foot Artillery speed (reduced or not as indicated in the scenario)
- 4) They can not fire nor fight
- 5) They are automatically broken (plundered or destroyed) during Combat with an enemy unit. The winning enemy unit always takes 1 DISR

Optional Russian deployment

Duben is a running combat between a vanguard (French VII Corps) and a retiring rearguard (Russians) trying to evade and escorting a slow baggage train. The Russian wagons are on the road with the last unit touching the north end of the crossroad. They move at reduced Foot Artillery speed (2 BW per turn). All the combat Russian units (except the Reinforcements) are on the table at Turn 1, but only the **8th Division** is deployed. The actual formation of the **22nd Division and the three artillery batteries** must be individually determined at the start. The percentages for Deployed /March Column are 30%/70% respectively. The Russian cavalry was detached by Langeron days before the battle and were at the left bank of the Mulde. Reinforcements may arrive to the battlefield at A1/B1 (70%/30%)

Optional French deployment

Only the **26th Light Cavalry Brigade** and the **Brigade Grayer** are on the table at Turn 1. They must be deployed in the left (west) bank in march column formation.

All VII Corps units were at the left bank of the Mulde. However, in this scenario the Saxon Infantry reinforcements may arrive to the battlefield at D2/D3 (70%/30%). The existence of an un-historical ford is for give similar chances for flank moves to both sides.

The **Brigade Lejeune** may be also considered as Reinforcement. In that case the Saxon units can not enter the table until that Brigade will finish its deployment.

Optional objectives

The game will end when the last Russian wagon unit exits the table (around 16 Turns). The side losing the lesser number of broken units is the winner.

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

Unit Labels

13th Division Guilleminot	1st Brigade Grayer +1/-	2nd Brigade Lejeune -1/-	26th Light Brig Lindenau +1/-	24th Division Zeschau -1/-	
4/1st Lég R/E/SK2	1/18th Lég R/A/SK1	2/18th Lég R/A/SK1	3/7th Ligne R/A/SK1	1/156th Ligne R/A/SK1	
1st Brig	1st Brig	1st Brig	1st Brig	1st Brig	
2/ Illyrian Reg R/A/SK1	3/52nd Ligne R/A/SK1	3/67th Ligne R/A/SK1	2/101st Ligne R/A/SK1	3/101st Ligne R/A/SK1	
2nd Brigada	2nd Brigada	2nd Brigada	2nd Brigada	2nd Brigada	
1/8th FA M	1/8th FA M	1/8th FA M	1/8th FA M-Hw		
13th Division	13th Division	13th Division	13th Division		
4/4th FA M	4/4th FA M	4/4th FA M	4/4th FA M-Hw		
13th Division	13th Division	13th Division	13th Division		
P Clemens Uh V/E/Pu/Ln	Saxon Hussar V/E/Pu	1st Sax HA M	1st Sax HA M	1st Sax HA M-Hw	
26th Light Brig	26th Light Brig	26th Light Brig	26th Light Brig	26th Light Brig	
1st Light Bat S/E/SK2	Spiegel Gren R/E/SK1	Steindal IR S/E/SK1	P.Frederich IR S/E/SK1	2/vRechten IR S/E/SK1	1/Niesem IR S/E/SK1
24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division
1 Saxon FA M	1 Saxon FA M	1 Saxon FA M-Hw	2nd Sax HA M	2nd Sax HA M	2nd Sax HA M-Hw
24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division	24th Division

10th Corps Kapzevich	8th Division Ourosov -/-	22nd Division Tourchaninov -/-	Cavalry Korff -1/-		
Archangle IR R/E/SK1	1/Old Inger IR R/E/SK1	2/Old Inger IR R/E/SK1	Schusselbg IR R/E/SK1	7th Jager R/E/SK2	37th Jager R/E/SK2
8th Division	8th Division	8th Division	8th Division	8th Division	8th Division
1/Viatka IR R/E/SK1	2/Viatka IR R/E/SK1	1/Staroskol IR R/E/SK1	2/Staroskol IR R/E/SK1	Olonetz IR R/E/SK1	29th Jager R/E/SK2
22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division
45th Jager R/E/SK2	PB#18 Hvy Hvy	PB#18 Hvy Hvy	PB#18 Hvy Hvy	PB#18 Hvy Hvy	PB#18 Hvy Hvy-Hw
22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division
LB#3 FA M	LB#3 FA M	LB#3 FA M	LB#3 FA M	LB#3 FA M-Hw	LB #19 FA M
22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division
LB #19 FA M	LB #19 FA M	LB #19 FA M	LB #19 FA M-Hw		
22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division	22nd Division		
Kargopol Dg + R/E/Pu	Kiev Drag + R/E/Pu	1st Ukran.Cos S/I/Pu	HB #18 HA M	HB #18 HA M	HB #18 HA M
Cavalry	Cavalry	Cavalry	Cavalry	Cavalry	Cavalry
HB #18 HA M-Hw	HB #18 HA M-Hw				
Cavalry	Cavalry				