

Battle of Raab - Vom Kriege Scenario

Date: 14 June 1809

Combatants: France v Austria

Background

Archduke John joined with the Hungarian Insurrection forces (militia) at Győr (Raab). He intended to cross to the north bank of the Danube and move northwest through Bratislava (Pressburg) to unite with the main army, which was commanded by his brother Archduke Charles, Duke of Teschen, Generalissimo of the Austrian armies. Napoleon ordered Eugène to pursue and destroy John's army. The Franco-Italian troops caught up with the Austrians in mid-June and forced John to give battle.

Though John's 35,000-man army was only a little less numerous than Eugène's 40,000 soldiers, the quality of his soldiers was markedly inferior. The archduke knew this and planned to fight a defensive battle in a strong position.

French Aim: Destroy the Austrian forces.

Austrian Aim: Resist the French attack and turn them back.

Kis-Megyer Farm and Szabadhegy are major objectives.

Game Length: 14 turns (12pm to 7pm)

Scale 100: Infantry unit=1200 men, Cavalry unit=400 men, Artillery unit=12 guns, 1 mm=4 m

Terrain: The Pancza Stream is a fordable river. Artillery can only cross at bridges.

Scenario Rules:

Austrians must deploy first.

Map:



Order of Battle

French Army - Eugene (L2/3CP)	Units
1st Division - Seras (L1/3CP)	5 LNsk, 1 LA
2nd Division - Durutte (L1/3CP)	6 LNsk, 1 LA
Italian Corps - D'Hilliers (L1/4CP)	5 LNsk, 4 LC, 1 LA
Corps Cavalry - Grouchy (L2/4CP)	6 LC, 5 HC, 2 HA
Reserve - Pacthod (L2/4CP)	2 LNsk, 2 LTsk, 2 eLNsk, 3 HC, 1 LA

Austrian Army - Charles (L1/2CP)	Units
Right Flank Division - Jellacic (L0/3CP)	5 cLN, 3 LN, 2 LA
Centre Division - Colloredo (L0/3CP)	4 cLN, 5 LN, 1 LA
Left Flank Division - Mescery (L0/3CP)	9 IC
Reserve Division - Frimont (L0/3CP)	2 eLNsk, 4 LN, 4 LC, 2 FA

LN=Line infantry, LT=Light infantry

HC=Heavy Cavalry, Cu=Cuirassier, LC=Light cavalry, La=Lancer, IR=Irregular cavalry

FA=Foot artillery, LA=Light artillery, HA=Horse artillery

e=Elite, c=Conscript, sk=Skirmish capable,

Deployment

Austrians:

Right Flank Division sets up in D.

Centre Division set up in E.

Left Flank Division set up in G.

Reserve Division sets up in F.

Charles can set up in either D, E or F with the Reserve Division

French:

Italian Corps sets up in C.

1st and 2nd Divisions set up in B.

Grouchy sets up in A.

Reserve Division (2 LN, 2 LT, 3 HC) arrives on roads entering at B on turn 4.

Reserve Division (2 GR, 1 FAL) arrives on roads entering at B on turn 5.