

APPENDIX VIII CORPS HISTORIES

I CORPS

WINTER CAMPAIGN, DEC. 1806

Div. Dupont—9 Lt.; 32, 96 Line

Div. Rivaud—8, 45, 54 Line

Div. Drouet—27 Lt.; 94, 95 Line

Bde. Tilly—2, 4 Hus; 5 Chas.

ADDED, 4 MAR. 1807

24 Line from VII Corps

16 Lt. from VII Corps

63 Line from VII Corps

OPERATIONS AND MANPOWER SUMMARY

The I Corps did not fight at Jena/Auerstadt, but engaged the Prussian Corps of Württemberg at Halle a few days later. Participating in the pursuit of Blücher, it was the last corps to reach Berlin. Thereafter it was assigned to guard the left flank of the Army on the Vistula. The corps lost 2,000 men during the Russian onslaught leading up to the action at Mohrungen on 25 January, most of whom were taken by surprise in their cantonments. By 30 January, d'Hautpoul's Cuirassiers were attached to the corps, and it numbered 17,000 infantry and 5,000 to 6,000 cavalry. Captured orders resulted in its being two days late at Eylau. Attacked at the outset of the Friedland campaign, Bernadotte was wounded on June 5th and relinquished command of the corps.

II CORPS

Div. Seras—13, 35, 53 Line

Div. Broussier—9, 92, 84 Line

Bde. Lacoste—8 Chas., 6 Hus.

OPERATIONS AND MANPOWER SUMMARY

This corps did not participate in the campaign in Poland, being permanently assigned to garrison Dalmatia, the "Illyrian Provinces" (the coastal region of Croatia) throughout the campaign of 1806-1807. Strength on 31 October—14,000 infantry, 1,200 cavalry, 800 Artillery, train, etc., 64 guns. On the 6th of May, together with the Army of Northern Italy under Eugene, the troops available totalled 72,000.

III CORPS

WINTER CAMPAIGN, DEC. 1806

Div. Morand—13 Lt.; 17, 30, 51, 61 Line

Div. Friant—33, 48, 108, 111 Line

Div. Gudin—12, 21, 25, 85 Line

Bde. Marulaz—1, 2, 12 Chas.

ADDED BEFORE 5 MAR, 1807

65 Line from VIII Corps, 24 Feb.¹

15 Lt. from VIII Corps, 24 Feb.²

7 Lt. from VII Corps, 4 Mar.

¹ Corr. p. 478.

² Corr. p. 478.

MANPOWER SUMMARY

24 Nov.—22,000 inf., 400 cav.

15 Jan.—19,757

8 Feb.—15,100

7 Jun.—28,891

New third battalions of the 17th Line and 21st Line marched from France.

The III/17 arrived on 17 April; the III/21 was serving as garrison of Thorn on 7 June, still in need of drill.³

IV CORPS

WINTER CAMPAIGN, DEC. 1806

Legrand—26 Lt.; 18,75 Line,
Tiraileurs Corses & Pô.

St. Hilaire—10 Lt.; 36, 43, 55 Line

Leval—24 Lt.; 4, 28, 46, 57 Line

Guyot—8 Hus.; 16, 22 Chas.

ADDED BEFORE 16 MAY, 1807

105 Line from VII Corps, 4 Mar.

14 Line from VII Corps, 22 Ln from VIII⁴

26 Chas., Dec. (22 Chas absent, Jun)

MANPOWER SUMMARY

The corps lost 700 men at Bergfried and 1,960 at Hof in early February.

Ten squadrons of Saxon cavalry temporarily attached, 29 October 1806 (566):

7e Régiment léger	2 bataillons	1947
Prinz Johan Regiment	detachment	139
Prinz Albert Regiment	4squadrons	148
Prinz Clement Regiment	3 squadrons+	191
Cuirassier Regiment Kochtizki	detachment	63
from various regiments		24
two staff officers		

51 officers and 515 men

The Saxon cavalry later served with Lannes' Reserve Corps.

V CORPS

ORIGINAL T/O&E:

24 bns., 27 sqds.

STRENGTH, 24 NOV.:

Div. Suchet (Bdes. Claparede, Wedell)—9,000 men.

Div. Gazan—7,000 men.

Treillard, 1,200 cavalry.

³ Corr. p. 490, 594.

⁴ 2 March; Corr. p. 478.

WINTER CAMPAIGN, DEC. 1806

Suchet—17 Lt.; 34, 40, 64, 88 Line

Gazan—21, 28 Lt.; 100, 103 Line

Treillard—9, 10 Hus.; 21 Chas.

ADDED MARCH-APRIL, 1807

Kronprinz von Bayern (2 bdes)—

3, 4 Lt.; 2, 3, 4, 7, 14 Line⁵

2 Drag., 3 Chevaulegers

Third Brigade, 11 April—

4, 14 Line, Chas. bn., 6 guns⁶

VI CORPS

WINTER CAMPAIGN, 25 DEC. 1806

Marchand—6 Lt.; 39, 69, 76 Line

Vandamme—25 Lt.; 27, 50, 59 Line

Colbert—3 Hus.; 10 Chas.

FORMED 7 APRIL, 1807

Brun—

31 Lt; 19 Ln from France⁷

15 Ln from VIII

MANPOWER SUMMARY

Vandamme relinquished command of his division to serve with Jérôme.

Strength on 1st January—16,039.

Combat losses through 8th February, 1,500.

The formation of the third division was delayed.

VII CORPS

WINTER CAMPAIGN, DEC. 1806

Desjardins—16 Lt.; 14, 44, 105 Line

Heudelet—7 Lt.; 24, 63 Line

Durosnel—7, 20 Chas.

DISBANDED, 4 MAR. 1807

Bde. attached to Lasalle

OPERATIONS AND MANPOWER SUMMARY

On arrival at Bromberg, 24 November the corps comprised 12,000 infantry and 800 cavalry. After fighting at Kolozomb, Sochoczin and Golymin, the corps received replacements and reached 15,101 on 25 January, slipping to 14,966 men on crossing the Vistula on 26-27 January, and further to 13,919 on 1 February.

Between 1st and 7th February, the Corps lost another 487 men, and the cavalry brigade (871 troopers) was detached, leaving 12,561. At Eylau, the infantry lost 7,286 (58%), including 2,000 prisoners.

⁵ Corr. p. 430. Jerome sent, Feb.—10,000 Saxons, along with 5-6,000 Polish levies.

⁶ Corr. p. 484. See IX Corps below.

⁷ Corr. p. 516, p. 478.

Two days after Eylau, on the 10th of February, the seven regiments mustered 5,275 infantry “effectif sous les armes;” by March 4th only 1,400 effective infantry remained, plus stragglers, the intact cavalry, and artillery.

VIII CORPS

ON FORMATION, 15 OCTOBER

13,069 men in two divisions (not including the 1 Ital. regt., 58, or 26 *chas.*)

NOVEMBER

22,941 men and 2,447 horses (see Appendix X on how calculated).

NOVEMBER

21,464 men and 30 guns in 22 bns., 4 sqds.⁸

12 Light, 15 Light; 22 Line arrived

24 NOVEMBER

Michaud—7519, 12 guns—2, 15 Lt. (just arrived.); **65**, 72 Line; 2 Neth cuir.

Dupas—6047, 8 guns—4, 12 Lt.; **22** Line; 2 Neth Hus

Dumonceau (Neth.)—5618, 10 guns—2, 3 Foot *chasseurs*, 2, 3, 7 Line; 3 Hus.

TROOPS ENROUTE FROM MAINZ

58 Line (1,700) and 26 *chasseurs* (560).⁹

The 1st Italian Regiment (1,500) departed 11 Nov., destined for Teulié’s Italian Division.

CONTINGENT STRENGTHS, 14 NOVEMBER

Nassau—2250 men; Würzburg—1808; Prinzen Primas—1155 men.

STRENGTH, 25 DEC.—14,090

Div. Dupas—4 Lt.; 58 Line (*these remained in VIII Corps*), 65, 22 Line

Div. Teulié (Italian)—4,000 men.—1, 2 It. Rgts (2nd Rgt. passed the Rhine 26 Dec.)

(And others.)

STRENGTH, JAN.

Div. Dupas—6,242

Div. Grandjean—5,868

Div. Dumonceau (Neth)—6,898

Div. Teulié (Ital.)—4,697 (arrived Colberg, mid-February, under Loison)

Cav. Lorge (Neth) —1,254

Art.—589

Troops departing on the 12th for Posen—4,030men—2 Lt., 12 Lt. & 72 Line

DETACHED, 24 FEB.

15th Lt., 65th Line to III Corps; 22nd Line and 26th Chasseurs to IV Corps.¹⁰

⁸ Chandler, *Jena*, p. 34n.

⁹ Petre, pp. 124-5, 318n., 264

¹⁰ Corr. p. 478.,

ADDED, 19 MARCH

15th Line, Paris Municipal.

29 MARCH—Div. Grandjean (detached)—2 French, 2 Neth inf. rgts., Neth cuir. rgt.

STRENGTH, 1 APRIL

Div. Dupas—8,255 men. 4 Lt.; 15, 58 Line; Würzburg Corps, Nassau & Berg Rgts.¹¹

Div. Loison—9,924 men; 1, 2, Ital. Lt.; 1, 4 Ital Line; 1 Pol.; Württ. Rgts. Seckendorff, Römig; Saxon bn.; Dragoons (82 men).

Bde Frésia—756 men; 2 Neth Hus.; 2 Neth Cuir.

Div. Verdier—2, 12 Lt. (detached to X and then Reserve Corps).

ADDED MAY

Polish cavalry Bde Sokolniki—1, 2 Rgts. (702 men)

STRENGTH, 1 JUNE

Div. Dupas—8465 men—4 Lt.; 15, 58 Line; Paris Rgt.

Div. Dombrowski—3610 men—2, 3, 4 Pol., Pol. Legion

Bde Sokolniki—702 men—Lancers, Uhlands¹²

Bde Fresia—1002 men

Artillery, Pol. & Neth.—410

STRENGTH, 15 JUNE

Div. Dupas—3976 men.

SUMMARY OF REGIMENTAL ATTACHMENTS, VIII CORPS

		24 Nov.	25 Dec	Jan	12 Jan	25 Feb	19 Mar	1 Apr
Michaud	2 Lt.	_____			X			Verdier
	15 Lt. (new)	_____				III		
	65 Line	_____				III		
	72 Line	_____			X			Verdier
	2 Neth Cuir	_____						Grndjn
Dupas	4 Lt.	_____						
	12 Lt.	_____			X			
	22 Line	_____				IV		
	2 Neth Hus	_____						
	58 Line	_____						

¹¹ Corr. p. 514, 24 April.¹² Corr. p. 513.

	26 Chass	_____	IV	
	15 Line	_____		
	Paris Municipal	_____		
Dumonceau	(Inf)	_____	----- ?	Brune
	3 Neth Hus	_____	----- ?	Brune
Teulié	1 Ital	_____		
	4 Ital	_____		
	1 Lt. Ital		? _____	
	2 Lt. Ital		? _____	

RESERVE CORPS

STRENGTH ON FORMATION, 5 MAY 1807

Oudinot and Verdier—17,683 men.

Oudinot—reserve grenadiers and *voltigeurs*, 9 Hus. Just arrived at Danzig.Verdier—3, 72 Line, *Voltigeurs* of the 2nd & 12th Light.

ADDED ABOUT 23 MAY

2, 12 Lt. from X Corps, to Div. Verdier.

Div. v. Polenz (Saxon)—3,888 men

Saxon Gren. bns (2); Pr. Anton, Sanger Rgts., Max (-), Bevilaqua (-)

Cav—Konig Cuir, Chevaulegers (1 sqd)

STRENGTH ON 1 JUNE

Oudinot—9535 men (16 battalions) and 15-18 guns (3 cos).

Verdier—4919 (8), 12 guns (2);

v. Polenz—1959 (3 bns), 1000 cav (2 rgts), 2 batteries.

IX CORPS

STRENGTH, BAVARIANS

14 Nov.: Deroy—7,358; Mazanelli—8,250

24 Nov: Deroy—7,100

Reinforcement: Bde. Wrede—2 inf. rgts, 1 Lt. bn., 6 guns

15 Jun: (one) Bavarian Div—2,629

Cavalry Brigade Lefebvre-Desnettes

STRENGTH, WURTTEMBERGERS

15 Nov—6,435; arrived Breslau, 7 Dec.

February: A few Bavarian bns. attached.

15 June—5,640.

X CORPS FORMED JAN. 1807¹³

Designation	men	Origin	Post
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¹³ Thiers, p. 401

2nd Lt. Regt.	2,000 French	VIII Corps	Baltic Coast
12th Lt. Regt.	2,000 French	VIII Corps	Paris
Baden Bde.	5,550 Badners		blockading Kolberg
Hessian Bde.	4,000 Hessians		Graudenz
Dombrowski	7,132 Poles	insurgents: 2, 4 Rgts.	Posen
North Legion	4,000 Poles	poorly armed defectors	
d'Espagne	1,900 Fr. Cuir.	North Italy	
19th Chass	500 French	North Italy	
23rd Chass	<u>500</u> French	North Italy	
Total	27,582		

The Hessians, en route to Graudenz, had 4086 men on 15 November.

ASSIGNED 18 FEBRUARY.

French Div. Menard—5,000 men

Saxons (v. Polenz)—Transferred to Reserve Corps in May.

MANPOWER SUMMARY

- 4 March: The 44th Line, formerly of VII Corps, was added.
- 7 April: The 12th Light Regiment arrived from VIII.¹⁴
- 24 April: One Polish Regiment detached to Loison (Brune's Army).
- 23 May: The 12th Light Regiment was detached.

ARMY OF OBSERVATION (BRUNE)

MANPOWER SUMMARY

The Army of Observation comprised 60,000 infantry, 6,000 cavalry, and 7,000 Garrison Troops. Its infantry contingents were as follows:

a) Netherlanders (not before June)	12,000
b) Spaniards marching from Italy	6,000
c) Spaniards coming through Mayence	14,000
d) Molitor and Boudet's French Divisions, sent from Italy, 30 Mar.	20,000
e) Loison's Division at Kolberg	8,000

THE POLISH CORPS

MANPOWER AND OPERATIONS SUMMARY

9 NOVEMBER

The first eight battalions, completed to 800 men departed from their cantonments for Bromberg. The cavalry forwarded one squadron of 150 horse to Bromberg, along with three squadrons of National Cavalry and six guns.¹⁵

JUNE—18,500

Zayonchek—blockade of Graudenz, relieved by Victor
 Dombrowski—4063 (8), 6 guns. 200, attached to VIII
 Kamieniecki—last organized.

I CAV CORPS

- 1st Cuirassier, Nansouty—24 Nov, 2400 men
- 2nd Cuirassier, d'Hautpoul
- 3rd Cuirassier, d'Espagne—en route to the front to join X Corps.
- 1st Dragoon, Klein—24 Nov, 2400 men; 5 Dec., at Mosna
- 3rd Dragoon, Beaumont—24 Nov, 2400 men; 5 Dec., at Willanow
- Lt. Cav. Bde. Milhaud—24 Nov, 800 men.
- Lt. Cav. Bde. Lasalle

¹⁴ Corr. p. 514.

¹⁵ See Appendix VII.

II CAV CORPS

Strength on 17 December—6,000 men.

2nd Cuirassier, d'Hautpoul

2nd Dragoon, Grouchy

4th Dragoon, Lahoussaye (succeeded Sahuguet)

5th Dragoon, Becker—5 Dec., 1200 men, in front of Blonie.

(Lorge took command of the division in May.)

Light Cavalry Brigade, Tilly—detached from I Corps.

TOTAL CAVALRY

Strength on 5 January—36,000

Total of 24 Dragoon & Cuirassier, 18 Chasseur and 9 Hussar Rgts

Strength on 1 February—17,706, excl. 3th and 4th Drag Divs.

Losses through 7th Feb.—2500. Lost at Eylau—1500.

THE IMPERIAL GUARD

OPERATIONS AND STRENGTH SUMMARY

The Imperial Guard, commanded by Bessières, was 7300 strong with 36 guns at the start of the Jena Campaign (1 October 1806). These troops were in two divisions, the infantry under Lefebvre and the cavalry, numbering 2,400 under Bessières' direct command.

Further troops were still enroute. At the Battle of Jena on the 14th there were 5,151 infantry, 2,862 cavalry, and 712 artillerymen and engineers; a total of 8,725 men. The Guard lost 3,000 men during the battle and the pursuit of the Prussians after Jena, mustering 5,752 on 11 November. Another 758 fell out during the march from Berlin to Warsaw; upon arrival on 19 December the Guard counted 4,994. Departing Warsaw on the 22nd, the Guard arrived at Lopaczin on the evening of the 25th. Some of the older soldiers committed suicide due to the unbearable conditions. Napoleon then dubbed them *grogards*, 'grouzers.' They arrived back in Warsaw again on 1 January 1807. Lefebvre left them to command the newly-created X Corps, and General Hulin was recalled from Berlin in his place.

Just prior to the winter campaign, the Guard's strength was 5,758. On Jan. 30th they started out for Prasnitz, marching on Allenstein and Jonkowo on 3 February. At Eylau, on 8 February, their numbers had slipped to 5,663. Lefebvre's eight battalions numbered just 3,231 men, while the Cavalry Division, now under Walther, counted 1,916 troopers in two and one-half regiments. Couin, commanding the artillery of the Guard, disposed of 516 men in three foot batteries (8 guns apiece) and two horse batteries (each of 6 guns). Some parts of the guard were engaged in combat that day. Like the remainder of the army, the Guard suffered frightfully.

The guard set out for Osterode on 17 February. As the snows began to melt they moved to Finkenstein. By 1 April the Guard's strength was up to 11,700 including eight

new battalions belonging to the *Fusiliers* and dismounted Dragoons. During April the dismounted Dragoons may have been withdrawn to get remounts. The sailors of the Guard were mostly still en route.

The *Fusiliers* were created from the Guard *Velite* Regiment, at Paris. The first regiment, about 1500-1600 strong, departed for Germany in December. The second regiment, formed later of conscripts, hurried most of the way by cart, transported from Paris to Bromberg, in Poland, in May.

By 3 May the artillery, including the engineers, was up to 842 men in four foot and two horse batteries, though there was no increase in the number of guns. Of these there were 6 twelve-pounders, 12 eight-pounders, 10 four-pounders, plus 8 six-pounder howitzers. The caissons and other artillery wagons totalled 205. By the first of June the infantry numbered 5,581, and the cavalry 2,495 in five and one-half regiments. On the morning of 6 June the camp at Finkenstein was broken up, and the final journey of the Guard in this campaign began.

ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

GUARD INFANTRY DIVISION: General Hulin

Brigade General Soulés, Adjudant-commander.

Adjoints Buchet and Grabensky

Aides-de-camp Capt. Barbot, Lieut. Lanel

REGIMENTS

Grenadiers a pied (4 bns.) General Dorsenne

Chasseurs a pied (4 bns.)

1er régiment de fusiliers (2 bns., departed Berlin for Thorn 24 Feb.)

2e régiment de fusiliers (2 bns., enroute to the front on 6 May)

Marins de la Guard (1 bn., dispatched by post from Boulogne, 20 Apr.)

GUARD CAVALRY DIVISION: General Walther

Brigade General Arrighi and Col. Dahlmann, Adjudant-commanders.

REGIMENTS

Grenadiers a cheval (6 sqds.) Col. Lepic

Chasseurs a cheval (6 sqds.)

Dragons (2 sqds.)

Dismounted *Dragons* (4 bns.)

Gendarmes d'élite (2 sqds.) Maj. Jacquin