

# The Battle Of Leuthen

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The battle of Rossbach saved Frederick from the threat posed by the Franco-Imperial army. However in Silesia the situation had become very dangerous. The Austrian army under Charles of Lorraine launched a strong offensive and won a battle over Brunswick-Bevern outside of Breslau on 22 November. Soon afterwards the capital of Silesia opened its gates to Maria Theresa's army. Frederick rushed up with part of his Rossbach army and joined the remnants of Brunswick-Bevern's army, then moved to seek battle with the Austrians. He found them deployed on what had been the Prussian army's peacetime manoeuvre area.

Under cover from the diversionary action of his advanced guard cavalry Frederick marched the rest of the army on to the Austrian left flank. At 1:00 PM Frederick launched his infantry in an oblique attack against the depleted Austrian left flank and smashed the Wurtemburger and Bavarian units that were deployed there. Ziethen's cavalry was able to repulse Nadasti's counter attacks and soon the entire Prussian line had advanced up to Leuthen. Here the Austrians attempted to make a stand and a fierce struggle ensued.

At this point Lucchesi attacked with the Austrian right wing cavalry. However Driesen was ready for him and the Austrian squadrons were taken in flank and broken. The Prussian cavalry then pursued into the rear of the Austrian infantry and soon the whole Hapsburg force was shattered. The Prussians lost 11,589 men and the Austrians lost approximately 22,000 including 12,000 prisoners.

Leuthen is seen as Frederick's masterpiece, the first and last time that the oblique attack was carried out to perfection. Frederick selected the point of attack and used deception and the lay of the land to delude the Austrians as to his intentions. All sub-commanders performed their tasks to perfection and the artillery was able to provide effective and mobile support. Thus Leuthen was known as "the perfect victory of the king, in the eighteenth century."

## The Scenario:

The weather is Sunny. Start on Turn 2. Basic Length is 4 turns.

## Terrain notes:

- The woods count as rough terrain as per the rules.
- Contours or elevations are treated as per the rules.

**Map Scale: 1:150** (Each square on the map represents one foot of playing surface)

## Deployment Rules

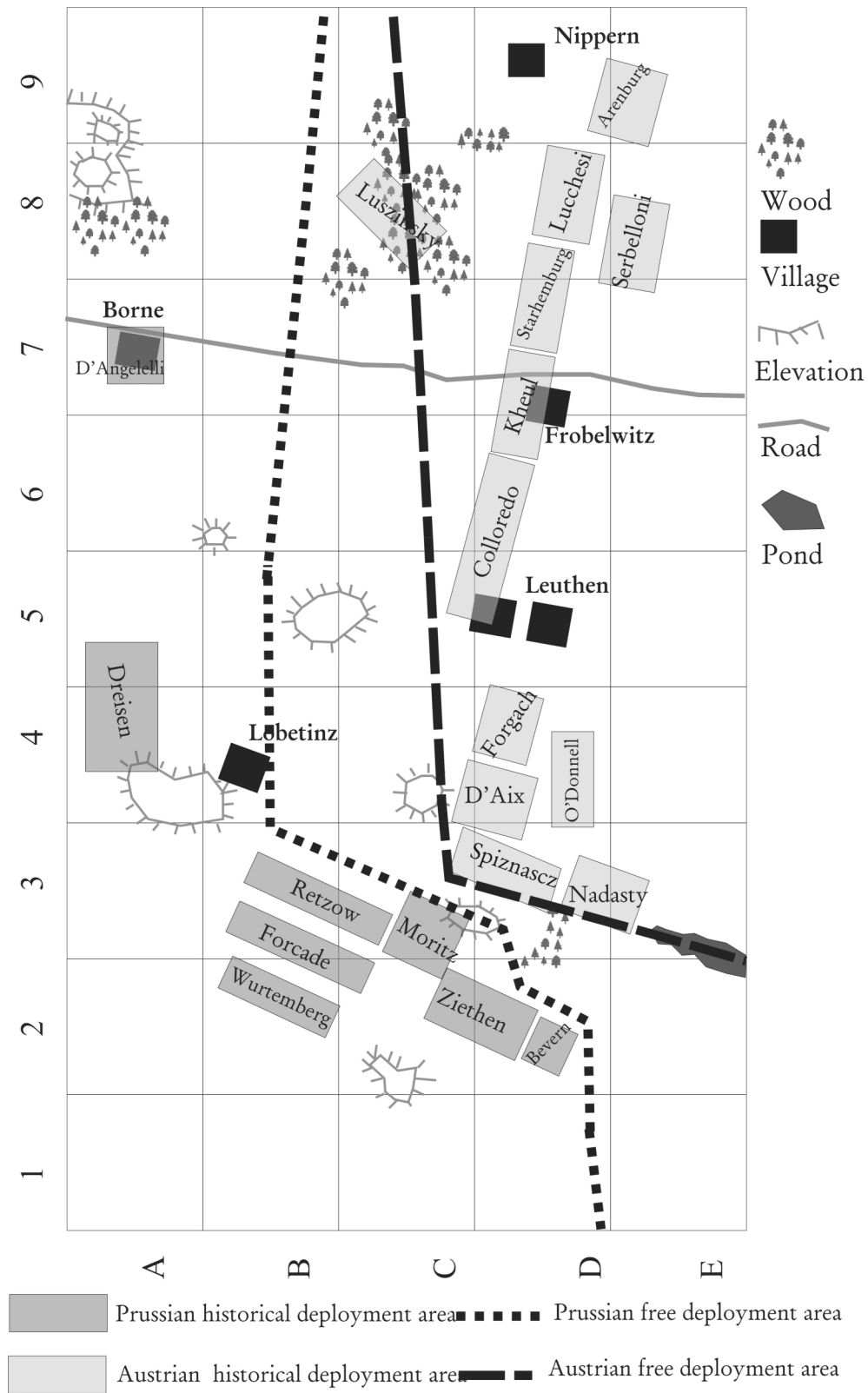
- For Historical Deployment set up the units for each force within the area indicated
- For Free Deployment place Austrian units anywhere above and to the right of the line indicated and place the Prussian units anywhere below and left of the line indicated

## Special Rules

Leader's ratings have been adjusted to reflect their performance in the actual battle.

All units in the Austrian Army must start the game in FF. They may change formation freely after the game has started.

**The Leuthen Battlefield:**



## The Leuthen Orders of Battle

### **PRUSSIAN army: FREDERICK II (Great) Army Break point 10**

4 x Heavy Artillery

#### **Bevern (Karl) +1 (V)**

1 x Grenadier

#### **Ziethen \* +2 (V)**

3 x Cuirassiers

2 x Dragoons

1 x Hussars

#### **Moritz \* +1 (V)**

1 x Garde

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2 x Musketeers

#### **Retzow 0 (V)**

1 x Grenadier

2 x Musketeers

#### **Forcade -1**

1 x Grenadier

1 x Musketeer

1 x Fusilier

#### **Driesen +1 (V)**

3 x Cuirassiers

1 x Bayreuth Dragoons

1 x Hussar

#### **Württemberg 0 (V)**

3 x Hussars

#### **d'Angelelli -1**

1 x Freikorps Infantry

#### **TOTAL (for Free Deployment)**

6 x Cuirassiers (66)

1 x Bayreuth Dragoons (11)

2 x Dragoons (20)

5 x Hussars (40)

5 x Gd/Grenadier (60)

5 x Musketeers (50)

1 x Fusilier (9)

1 x Freikorps Infantry (5)

4 x Hvy Artillery (32)

### **AUSTRIAN army: Prince Charles (Poor) Army Break point 13**

#### **Nadasdy \* +2 (V)**

1 x Hussars

1 x Saxon Cavalry

#### **O'Donnell \* +2 (V)**

2 x Dragoons

#### **Spiznascz -1**

1 x Wurttemberg Grenadier

2 x Wurttemberg Infantry

#### **d'Aix -1**

2 x Bavarian Infantry

1 x Heavy Artillery

#### **Forgach -1**

2 x Musketeers

#### **Serbelloni -2**

3 x Cuirassiers

1 x Dragoon

#### **Colloredo +1 (V)**

4 x Musketeers

1 x Heavy Artillery

#### **Kheul 0**

4 x Musketeers

1 x Heavy Artillery

#### **Starhemberg -1**

3 x Musketeers

1 x Heavy Artillery

#### **Arenberg 0**

2 x Musketeers

#### **Luszinsky -1**

1 x Grenzars

1 x Hussars

#### **Lucchesi +1**

3 x Cuirassiers

1 x Dragoons

#### **TOTAL (for Free Deployment)**

6 x Cuirassiers (60)

4 x Dragoons (36)

2 x Hussars (12)

1 x Saxon Cavalry (10)

15 x Musketeers (120)

1 x Grenzer (5)

1 x Wurttemberg Grenadier (9)

2 x Wurttemberg Infantry (24)

2 x Bavarian Infantry (14)

4 x Heavy Artillery (32)