

# The Battle Of Raab

14 June 1809  
by Chuck Hamack

Napoleon had suffered a major set back at the Battle of Aspern-Essling. He was carefully building up his forces for the next battle. He ordered Prince Eugene to destroy the Archduke John's army to eliminate the threat posed by John's forces reinforcing Archduke Charles's army in the coming Battle. For his part Eugene wanted to attack John's army before John was reinforced by Chastler's forces from the Tyrol and Giulay's IX Corps from the south. John thought his forces could fight a successful defensive battle against Eugene's forces on a somewhat equal field despite his troop's inexperience.

"Unable to fight Eugene,... John decided to fall back into Hungary, unite with the Archduke Palatine of Hungary who commanded over 20,000 "Insurrection" troops, and then march against Napoleon on the southern bank of the Danube. The obvious problem with this plan was that John had to first defeat Eugene's numerically, and now, qualitatively superior Army of Italy. On June 14, 1809 before the Austrian commanders could march westward, Eugene appeared and John was forced to adopt a defensive position outside the Raab fortress. The terrain occupied by John offered immense advantages for the defense. ...

"John's plan of battle was to wisely stand behind these positions and repulse all enemy attacks. The Archduke tried as best he could to intersperse his regulars among the numerous Insurrectio, deploying his infantry in the north and center with his cavalry protecting the southern flank of the army. Finally, Frimont's corps was placed in reserve about Szabathegy.

"Although the entire affair had lasted only five hours, Eugene's victory at Raab was extremely important for it shattered the Hungarian Insurrectio and all but cleared the entire south bank of the Danube of major Austrian forces. Best estimates place the Austrian losses between 6,500 to 7,000, while Eugene's army suffered about 3,000 hors de combat. -- Scott Bowden, "Armies on the Danube", pp.125-129.

## The Scenario:

Weather: Sunny - no variation, Ground: Hard

Start Time: 1200-2000 8 turns or 2+1D6 (roll if no agreement). One turn advances the clock one hour to determine reinforcements. The French have the initiative the first turn.

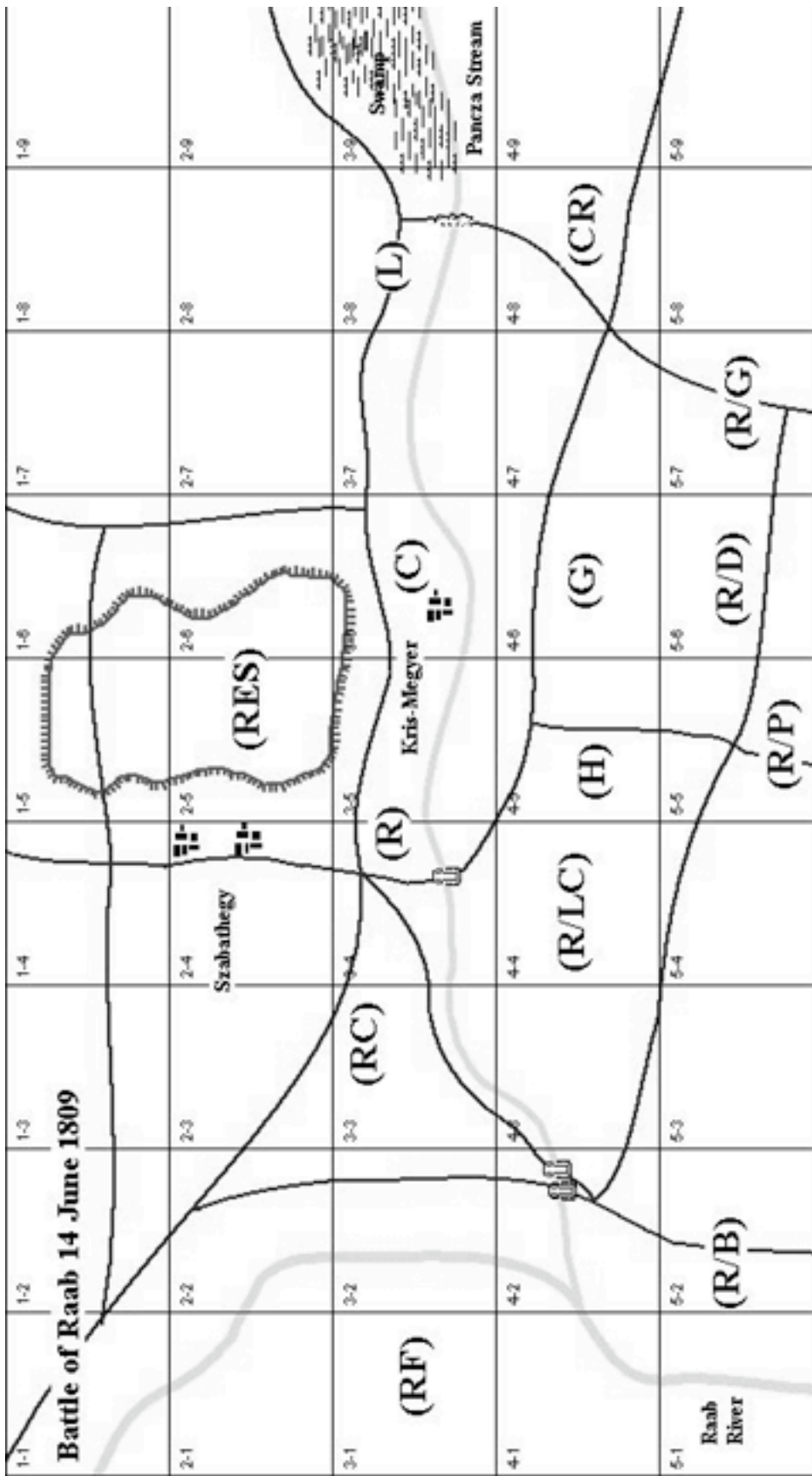
### Map notes:

**Hills:** One Level. **Cover:** Szabathegy (2 Blocks) and Kis-Megyer are Hard cover. **Marsh:** Impassible to all units. **Bridges:** Units crossing Bridges are Vulnerable. **Rivers:** Impassible to all French units. The Austrians may cross any where and once they do the French may use that ford too. **Streams:** The Pancza stream is an Obstacle to infantry. Cavalry and Artillery cross only at bridges or fords. Infantry are Vulnerable when crossing the stream.

Fords over the Pancza Stream: (for Cavalry and Artillery) Fords must be discovered by French Cavalry in Square 3-8. Roll one D6 at the start of each turn. If the number rolled is less than the current turn number the French have found another ford and may cross the Pancza stream anywhere in square 3-8.

**Deployment:** Austrians set up first per the map and the 12# batteries may be attached to any Austrian Force at the start of the Battle. The Austrians Command Davidovich is not active until turn three or any time the a French unit enters Square 4-2. French set up second per the map and no closer than twelve inches to the nearest Austrian unit. The French Command Lauriston becomes active if Davidovich becomes active.

**The Raab Battlefield:**



**ARMEE VON INNENÖSTERREICH:****John: 24" Average**

Fair Napoleonic Army with 7 Forces, Breakpoint @ 5

**LEFT WING (L): Mescery: 3/6"**

L/1: Hussar #5 Ott Trained-LC 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pester, Bacser, & Cumanier Insurrections Hussars  
 L/2 : Hussar #2 Erzherog Josef Trained-LC 7 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wesprimer, Eisenberg, & Odenburger Insurrections Hussars  
 L/3: Heves & Zemplin Insurrections Hussars Conscript-LC 4 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 L/4: 3# Hs 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

**Center Wing (C): Colledredo: 3/6"**

C/1: IR # 62, Insurrections #7 & #8 Lw, Freicorps Conscript 7 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd, 4th, 5th Gratz Lw & 1st Inner Austria Lw  
 C/2: IR #61 & IR #27 Trained-Sk1 7 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 C/3: Garrison @ Kris-Megyer 4 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

**Right Wing (R): Jellacic: 3/6"**

R/1: IR #32, Insurrections #2, #5, #9, Lw Conscript 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 R/2: IR#45, Grenz #10, Trained-Sk2 7 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salzburg & Judenburger Lw

**Right FlankCavalry (RC): Besán: 3/6"**

RC/1: Szala & Sumezh Insurrections Cavalry Veterans-LC 6 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dragoon Rgt.#2 ,Chevaux Leger #2 & #3, Hussars #6

**Right Flank (RF): Davidovich: 3/6"**

RF/1: #1, #3, #4, #6, & #10 Insurrections Conscript-Mx 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pressburg & Neograd Insurrections Cavalry  
 RF/2: Grenz #5, IR #32 Trained-Mx-Sk2 6 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wesprimer & Neograd Insurrection Hussars

**Reserve (RES): Frimont: 2/6"**

RES/1: IR # 19 & Grenadier Veteran-Sk1 10 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 RES/2: IR #16, Grenz #3, Lw Veteran-Sk2 9 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 9th Jagers, Sharpshooters, Converged lights

**Army Reserve Artillery:**

RES/3: 12# Ft 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_  
 RES/4: 12# Ft 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

Infantry units 8, Cavalry units 4, Artillery units 3, Garrison 1 Total: 15

Infantry 62 SP, Cavalry 25 SP, and Artillery 6 SP, Garrison 4 SP Total: 97

## L'ARMÉE D'ITALIE:

### Eugène: 24" Good

Fair Napoleonic Army with Forces, Breakpoint @ 6

### Corps Grenier (G): Grenier: 2/6"

#### 1st Division (G/D) Seras:

G/I/1: 1st Lt, 35th & 53rd Ln Veteran-Sk2 10 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

G/I/2: 42nd & 106th Ln Trained-Mx-Sk2 9 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

9th Chasseurs

#### 2nd Division (G/II) Durutte:

G/II/1: 22nd Lt, 23rd & 60th Ln Veteran-Mx-Sk2 9 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

6th Chasseurs

G/II/2: 62nd & 102nd Ln Trained-Sk2 10 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Baraguey D'Hilliers (H): D'Hilliers 3/6"

#### 2nd Division (H/II) Severoli:

H/II/1: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, It. Ln Veterans-Sk2 12 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

H/II/2: 7th It Ln, 112th Ln Veteran-Mx-Sk2 10 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

Dalmatian's, It Dragoons Napoleon

### Cavalry Reserve Corps (CR): Grouchy V-2/6"

#### Cavalry Division Montbrun:

CR/1: Jacquinet 7th Hussars Elite-LC 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

1st & 2nd Chasseurs,

CR/2: 6# It Gd Hs 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cavalry Division Colbert:

CR/3: Colbert, 9th Hussars Veteran-LC 7 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

7th & 20th Chasseurs

CR/4: 4# Hs 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1st Dragoon Division Guedin:

CR/5: Guedin 7th & 30th Dragoons Veteran-LC 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

It. Dragoons de la Rein

CR/6: 4#Hs 2 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

### Army Reserve Corps (R):

#### Royal Italian Guard (R/G): Lecchi V-3/6"

RG/1: Fontanelli Velites Guard-Mx-Sk2 4 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

Gd Dragoons

RG/2: Lecchi, Grenadier Guard-Mx-Sk2 4 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

Chasseurs, Guards d'Honneur

#### Light Cavalry Division (R/LC): Sahuc 3/6"

R/LC/1: 8th & 25th Chasseurs Trained-LC 4 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

#### Baden Division (R/B): Lauriston 3/6"

R/B/1: 1st Grossherzog Trained-Sk2 9 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Erbgrossherzog, Jager's

#### Division (R/P): Pacthod: 3/6"

R/P/1: 8th Lt & 1st Ln Veterans-Sk2 8 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

R/P/2: 52nd Ln Veterans-Sk2 6 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2nd DRAGOON DIVISION (R/D): Pully: 2/6"

R/D/1: 23rd, 28th, & 29th Dragoons Veteran-LC 6 Sp \_\_\_\_\_

Infantry units 11, Cavalry units 5, Artillery units 3 Total: 19

Infantry 91 SP, Cavalry 33 SP, and Artillery 6 SP Total: 130

### Credits:

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## Ready-Made Labels for the Raab Scenario

**John: 24" Average**

**L: Mescery: 3/ 6"**

**L/1: Hussar**

**L/2 : Hussar**

**L/3: Insurrections Hussars**

**L/4: 3# Hs**

**C: Colleredo: 3/6"**

**C/1: Freicorps Inf.**

**C/2: Ln Sk1**

**C/3: Garrison**

**R: Jellacíc: 3/6"**

**R/1: Insurrection Inf.**

**R/2: Grenz Sk2**

**RC: Besán: 3/6"**

**RC/1: Insurrection Cavalry**

**RF: Davidovich: 3/6"**

**RF/1: Insurrection Inf. Mx**

**RF/2: Grenz Mx-Sk2**

**RES: Frimont: 2/6"**

**RES/1: Grenadier Sk1**

**RES/2: Grenz Sk2**

**RES/3: 12# Ft**

**RES/4: 12# Ft**

**Eugène: 24" Good**

**G: Grenier: 2/6"**

**G/I/1: Lt&Ln Sk2**

**G/I/2: Ln Mx-Sk2**

**G/II/1: Ln Mx-Sk2**

**G/II/2: Ln Sk2**

**H: D'Hilliers 3/6"**

**H/II/1: It. Ln Sk2**

**H/II/2: Ln Mx-Sk2**

**CR: Grouchy V-2/6"**

**CR/1: Jacquinet**

**CR/2: 6# It Gd Hs**

**CR/3: Colbert**

**CR/4: 4# Hs**

**CR/5: Guedin**

**CR/6: 4# Hs**

**R/G: Lecchi V-3/6"**

**RG/1: Fontanelli Mx-Sk2**

**RG/2: Lecchi Mx-Sk2**

**R/LC: Sahuc 3/6"**

**R/LC/1: Chasseurs**

**R/B: Lauriston 3/6"**

**R/B/1: Jager Sk2**

**R/P: Pacthod: 3/6"**

**R/P/1: Lt&Ln Sk2**

**R/P/2: Ln Sk2**

**R/D: Pully: 2/6"**

**R/D/1: Dragoons**