ULM (ELCHINGEN)

October 14, 1805 "Lasalle 2" Scenario



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BACKGROUND

In October 1805, the Austrian army at Ulm is on the verge of being completely surrounded, whether its commander, Field Marshal Mack, knows it or not. Napoleon has led his entire *Grande Armee* on a rapid turning movement to cut the Austrians off from their line of communication back to Vienna.

But Napoleon's great maneuver is not yet complete. A heated argument between Marshals Ney and Murat leaves French forces on the northern bank of the Danube River poorly deployed. Mack blindly sends columns of troops out from Ulm in multiple directions, probing for the French positions. It is not until mid October when Mack and his subordinates realize they are in the jaws of a trap. A possible route of escape does exist if Mack can maintain control over the Danube crossing at Elchingen. Two villages and a convent are perched high on a ridgeline, towering over the bridgehead and nearly 15,000 Austrian troops command this formidable position.

On October 13, 1805, Napoleon is alerted to the fact that Elchingen must be captured to seal off any hope of Mack's escape. The emperor sends Ney's VI Corps to storm the ridge and drive off the Austrian forces.

GAME LENGTH

The battle lasts for 12 turns. Sudden death ends the game if the French lose 9 units or the Austrians lose 8.

TABLETOP

The scenario requires a 6'x4' tabletop. The woods are rough ground and the Danube is impassible except at the bridge. Each town block may hold one unit as garrison. The abbey counts as a town block.

DEPLOYMENT

Ney deploys first with Villatte's brigade deployed across the Danube and Rouget and Laplanche in march column on the road. Mahler's Division is available as soon as space is clear on the road. The Austrian player sets up second in the noted deployment areas. Coburg's Advance Guard may deploy *anywhere* north of the Danube at least 5BW from any French unit.

SCENARIO NOTES

A "unit" of troops in Lasalle is roughly equal to an infantry battalion of 500 men. Some units in the historical order of battle have been amalgamated and consolidated to create a suitable force structure.

In this scenario, committing Ney for Momentum earns the French +d6 for the turn, not the standard +d3 in the *Lasalle* rules.

Ney and Riesch fielded nearly equal corps (just under 15,000 men each), though the French held an advantage in cavalry and artillery. More importantly for the scenario, the morale of the Austrian army was incredibly low at this point in the Ulm campaign. Despite these marked disadvantages, a smashing French victory at Elchingen was never assured. The Austrian player will need to strike the right balance between making good use of the natural defenses available and deciding whether to counter-attack the French bridgehead before it grows too large. Historically, Riesch played defense and never pressured Ney's crossing.

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FRENCH BRIEFING

Your orders from Napoleon are clear—secure this bridgehead over the Danube and drive the Austrians from the heights overlooking the river. Speed is of the essence!

- +5VP for Ober-Elchingen
- +3VP for Unter-Elchingen
- +1VP for each Austrian unit routed

<u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> Mahler's Division, starting Turn 3, from the bridge.

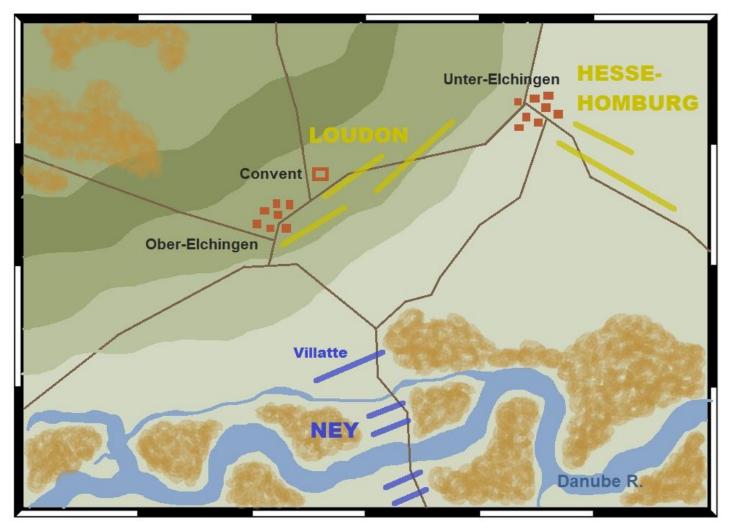
AUSTRIAN BRIEFING

A series of written missives from Field Marshal Mack provide us with little to no understanding of the strategic situation. It is unclear whether we are to defend the heights, defend the bridge, or fall back if pressed. You must bear the burden of command now...

+d6 VP for Ober-Elchingen +d6 VP for Unter-Elchingen +d6 VP for the bridge +1VP for each French unit routed

<u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> None.

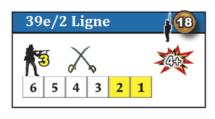
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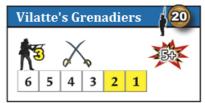
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Villatte's Brigade

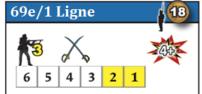




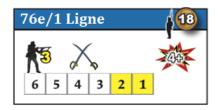
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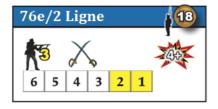


2nd Division (Loison) Rouget's Brigade



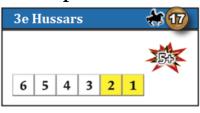








VI Corps Attachments







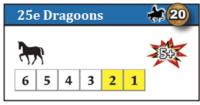
Laplanche's Brigade

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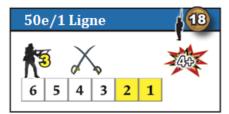




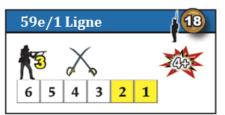


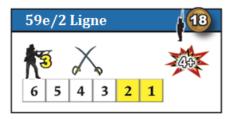
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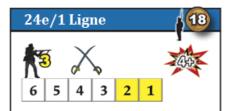


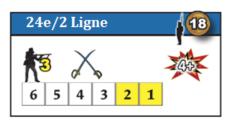


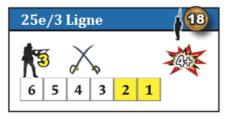


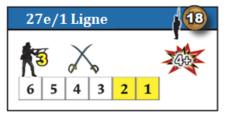


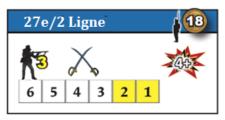
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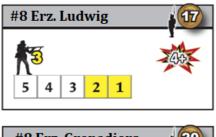


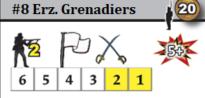
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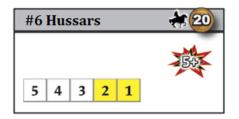


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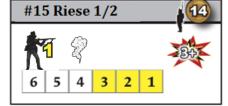
Coburg's Adv. Guard

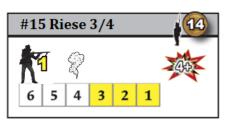


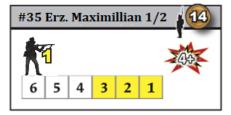


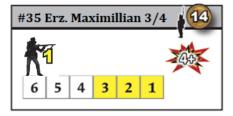


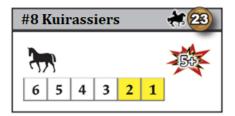
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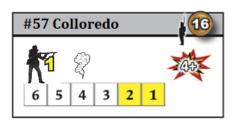






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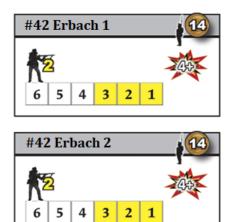
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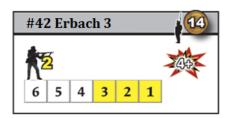
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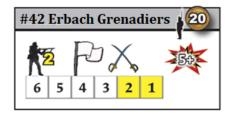
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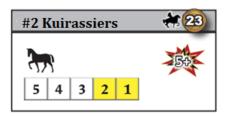
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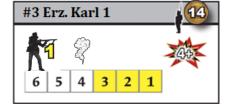


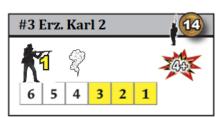


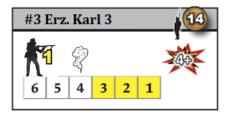


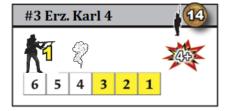


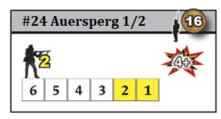
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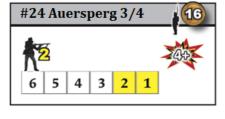






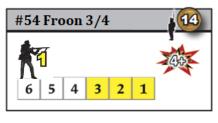


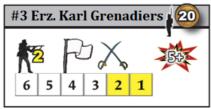


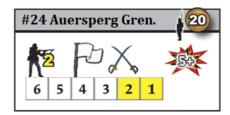




Hermann's Brigade







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