

GRAND BATTERY

MINOR BATTLES OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS

NO. 1 Battle of Amstetten November 5 1805

This is a fascinating little battle that incorporates a joint Russian and Austrian force against the French and is a part of the larger conflict of the War of the Third Coalition.

Following the defeat at Ulm, the Allies are in retreat. Bagration is ordered to fight a rearguard action. Just before the battle started, Murat made a mad charge at the head of two escorting squadrons of cavalry against no less than three Austrian cavalry regiments. No great surprise that he was beaten, but the pursuing Austrian horse were held off whilst the main French force caught up. Lannes was ordered to close on Bagration's positions. The Allies mustered around 6,700 troops, some 400 were killed or wounded and 1,700 were taken prisoner. The French had 7,500 infantry, 650 hussars and one horse battery.

Wargaming Amstetten

For the Austrians and Russians this is a delaying action. They must attempt to remain on the battle for 10 turns. At that point, they can then retreat off table beyond Amstetten. The French can win by destroying, routing or capturing the Allied force before turn 10.

Bagration's Allied Force

Bagration	Able
Kiev Grenadier Regt (2 Fusilier battalions) (900)	Experienced Steady
Kiev Grenadier Regt (Grenadier battalion) (450)	Veteran Steady
Azov Musketeer Regiment (2 battalions) (900)	Experienced Steady
Azov Musketeer Regiment (Grenadier battalion) (450)	Experienced Steady
6 th Jaeger Regiment (3 battalions) (1350)	Veteran Confident
Horse Artillery (6 pdr)	Experienced Steady
Von Nostitz-Reineck's (Austrian Infantry)	Cautious
7 th Grenz Regiment (2 battalions) (900)	Experienced Steady
9 th Grenz Regiment (2 battalions) (900)	Experienced Steady
Friedrich Wilhelm Prince Hohenloe-Kirchberg	Able
4 th Hussars (2 squadrons) (195)	Experienced Steady
11 th Hussars (3 squadrons) (260)	Experienced Steady
7 th Kuirassier Regiment (3 squadrons) (260)	Experienced Steady

Murat's Force

Murat – Reserve Cavalry Corps Commander	Gifted
Fouconnet (5th Light Cavalry Division commander)	Able
9 th Hussars (4 squadrons) (325)	Experienced Confident
10 th Hussars (4 squadrons) (325)	Experienced Confident
13 th Chasseurs a Cheval (4 squadrons) (325)	Experienced Steady
21 st Chasseurs a Cheval (4 squadrons) (325)	Experienced Steady
Horse artillery (6 or 7 pdr)	Experienced Steady
Lannes – V Corps commander	Able
Oudinot – 1st Infantry Division commander	Able
Laplanche-Morthieres – 1st Brigade commander	Able
13 th Ligne Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
58 th Ligne Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
9 th Ligne Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
81 st Ligne Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
Dupas – 2nd Brigade commander	Able
2 nd Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
28 th Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
3 rd Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
31 st Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
Ruffin – 3rd Brigade commander	Able
15 th Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant
18 th Légère Grenadiers (750)	Elite Arrogant

