

Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.

A scenario for:

# *Grand Manoeuvre:*

*Black Powder & Blue Steel*



*Napoleonic Miniatures*

*Wargames Rules*

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## Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.

### Allied Russian/Austrian player/s briefing:

#### General-Major Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration:

FML Mack has been forced to surrender at Ulm, the Russian Army and the remnants of Mack's Austrian forces are in retreat. However, you have been ordered by Kutuzov to make a rear guard action at the village of Amstetten. Holding the French here is your objective.

#### Possible battle arrays for Bagration's rear-guard:

We considered a couple of possible arrays for Bagration's command in our own games.

It's possible that the Kiev Grenadiers may be placed on the lower ground in front of Amstetten with the heavy position half-battery and even have some Grenadiers detached to garrison Amstetten itself.

This would leave sufficient room to deploy the 6<sup>th</sup> Jager on right and the Azov Musketeer Regiment on left on the heights and these could be supported by the 6 pdr light position half-battery.

Although the map shows all the Russian cavalry on the right, it is quite possible that the two "wings" of five Hussar squadrons and supporting Cossacks were arrayed on either flank of the Russian infantry. In the O.O.B's, the horse of both Russian commands have been divided into two equal "wings".

#### Russian reinforcement arrival time:

Miloradovich's column arrives at 16:32 hrs; 12 turns (modified by a plus a red d.6, and minus blue d.6). The leading unit of his column of march on the road at the western (left on the map) entrance to the town of Amstetten.

#### Suggestion for Milordovitch's order of march:

Hussars/Cossacks

Infantry Brigade: 8<sup>th</sup> Jagers (?)

Infantry Brigade: Major General Repninsky

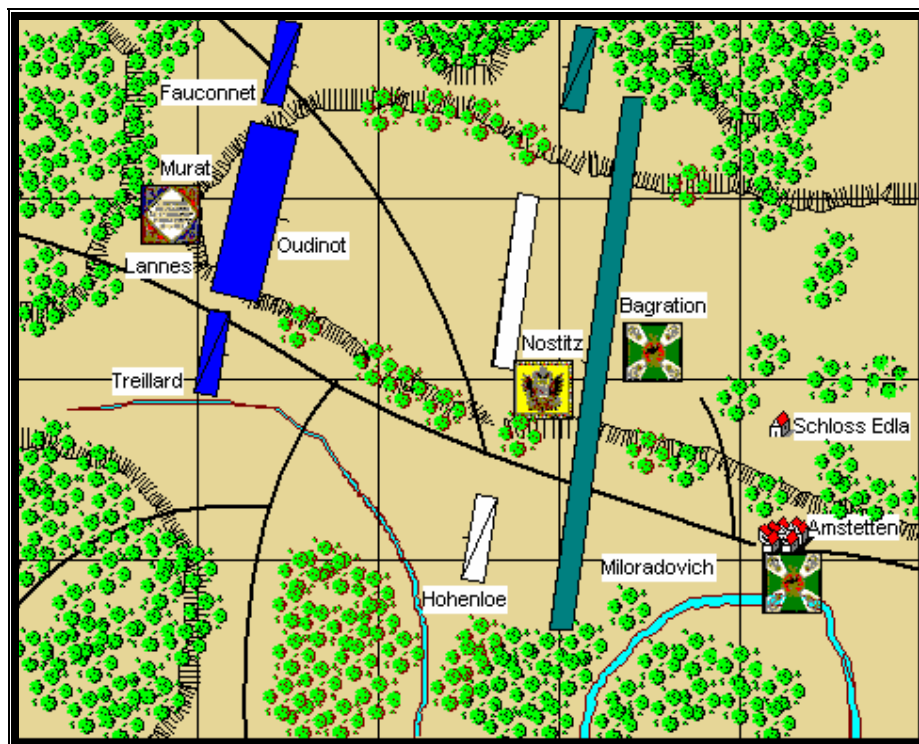
Infantry Brigade: Major General Berg (Grenadiers)

Infantry Brigade: (?)

Hussars/Cossacks

#### Victory conditions:

The Russians must delay and prevent a French pursuit until nightfall at 17:30 hours.



## **Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.**

### **Allied Russian/Austrian player/s briefing continued:**

#### **Optional Austrian deployment of Grenzers:**

In our games the Nostitz's Grenzers were kept in columns with skirmishers screening them until the French columns approached and Nostitz had them deploy to line formation.

I think they would have been arrayed in columns given the Austrian's employment of Grenzers in this period and that the accounts of the battle specifically mention two lines; the first one Austrian and the second one Russian.

But, however un-historical, Russo-Austrian players might find it more effective to deploy them as skirmishers in extended order, possibly in two lines or just with the Broder in line with the Peterwardien Grenz in column in reserve?

In which case the Grenzers might stand a better chance of inflicting disorder on the French columns as they advance, but it is unlikely that the command as a formed body would be able hold the French advance for long.

Hohenloe's Hussars may well have been stationed on the flanks and rear of the Grenzers; if so their morale should be linked and dependent upon the infantry's and they will retire if the infantry do.

#### **Optional array for Bagration's command:**

A Russian player option may be to allow Bagration's Russians to form in two lines: a second Russian line, or reserve, may be formed by the Kiev Grenadier Regiment.

The cavalry would most likely be divided equally on the flanks.

A reserve would make the Russians much more difficult to break.

If a reserve is formed, care should be taken that one leaves enough space behind Bagration's command to deploy Miloradovitch's division to support it when he arrives.

## Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.

### French player/s briefing:

#### Maréchal Joachim Murat (Wing Commander) and Maréchal Jean Lannes (Commander V Corps):

Your light cavalry has been pursuing the retreating Austrians and Russians for several miles; the time is 15:00 hours. Your orders are to pursue the retreating Russians and Austrians. The day is drawing to a close and it is important that your mission is carried out swiftly before it ends!

You have reached an opening in the wooded countryside on the heights above Amstetten and here you can now see Bagration's rearguard arrayed before you.

The map shows some possible deployments for the battle by about 15:48 hours, but details within these deployment areas may be changed to suit the players' particular plans.

#### Possible arrays for Oudinot's Grenadiers de la Reserve:

There is enough room on the plateau to deploy four battalions in line.

Considering the urgency of the situation, I believe that the fastest disposition would have been to form in lines of brigades. It would appear that Oudinot led with the elites drawn from the Legere regiments; those of Ruffin and Dupas (these were the brigades that were originally ordered to advance) with Laplanche-Morthières following then with the divisional artillery.

These "lines" of brigades may possibly have been in and remained in column formation for the assaults on the Austro-Russian lines.

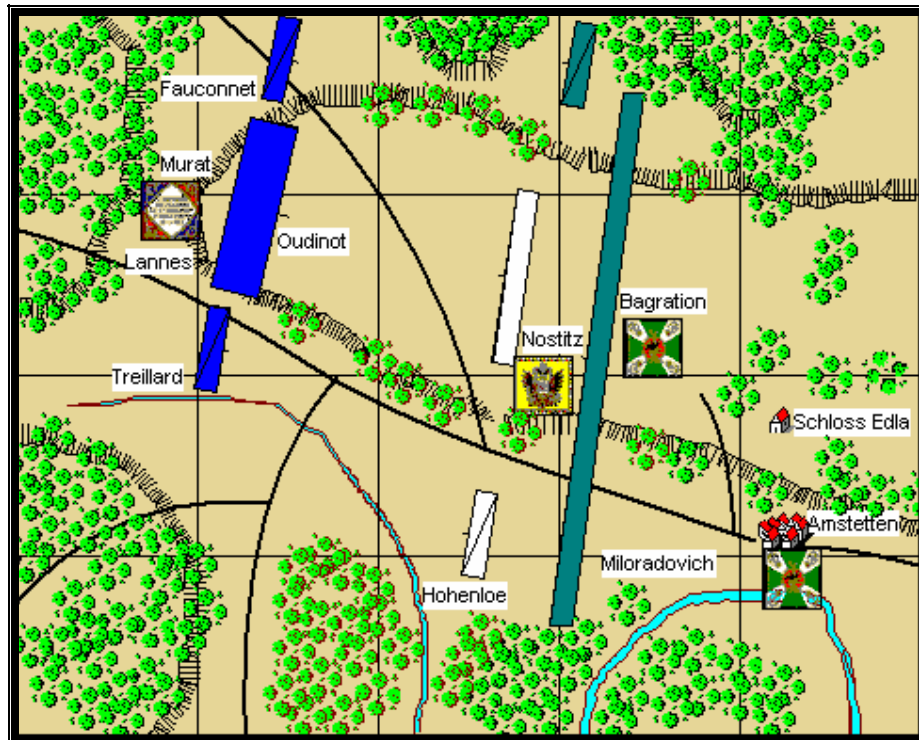
If it was leading, Ruffin's small brigade may have formed a skirmish line; if it was second in the order of march, it may have formed a reserve in support of Dupas's brigade. The French player is allowed to determine the order of march for Oudinot's division, so that the choice of the array will be the player's own.

Once the division is arrayed, the forming a ligne d'approche of the period with the division's skirmishers and artillery sections may take up valuable time.

These elite battalions were six-company organizations, and so if skirmishers are detached, battalions must form colonnes de peloton (company columns), otherwise columns of divisions are to be used.

#### Victory conditions:

The French must defeat and rout Bagration's rearguard and you must have resumed your pursuit of the allies by nightfall.





## Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.

### Umpire's Notes:

Sunset is at 16:45 Nightfall is at 17:30.

The length of the game is two and a half hours, or 38 game turns.

To keep track of the arrivals and start times see attached battle timetable for Amstetten.

The game starts at 15:48 hours but if you want to start the game with the arrival and deployment of Oudinot's division, add another 12 turns to the beginning of the game and start at 15:00 hrs. In which case, the leading unit will start in column on the road one turn from the woods edge, at the point where the French flag is shown on the map.

The slopes on the map are steep and so artillery may not fire up onto them, nor upon targets that are below them. The Danube should be 4 centimetres wide and is un-passable. Crossing the tributary stream to the west of the map (on the right) costs half a move deduction.

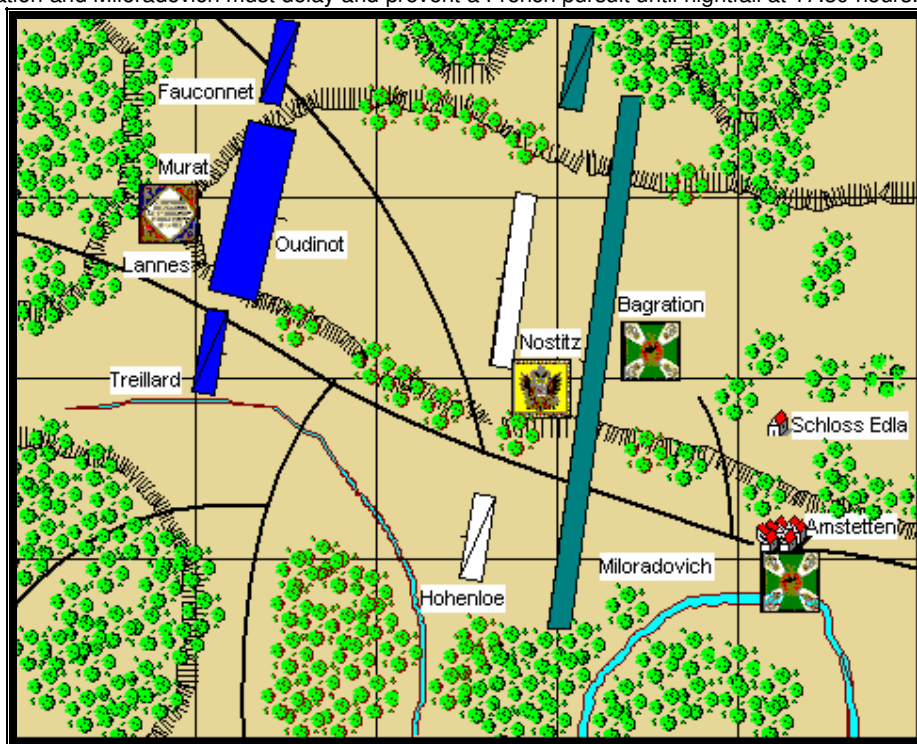
Morale is tested by division and each cavalry brigade for the Russians.

If they operate detached to one flank, Hohenloe's Austrian cavalry will have a separate morale to Nostitz's Grenz infantry.

### Victory conditions:

Bagration's rearguard must be routed and Lannes and Murat must have resumed their pursuit of the allies by the end of the game.

Bagration and Miloradovich must delay and prevent a French pursuit until nightfall at 17:30 hours.







**Amstetten 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1805.**  
**Austrian & Russian UNIT ROSTER:**

Commander 1st Column : General-Major Prince Petr I. Bagration (Good)

First Line:

General-Feldwachtmeister von Nostitz-Reineck (Good)

Unit No:	Unit Class:	Unit name & notes:
1	E	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 7 <sup>th</sup> Broder Grenz Regiment (C class skirmishers)
2	E	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 7 <sup>th</sup> Broder Grenz Regiment (C class skirmishers)
3	E	3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion 7 <sup>th</sup> Broder Grenz Regiment (C class skirmishers)
4	E	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 9 <sup>th</sup> Peterwardien Grenz Regiment (C class skirmishers)

FML Friedrich Wilhelm Prince Hohenloe-Kirchberg (Average)

5	B	4 <sup>th</sup> Hussar Regiment Hessen Homburg (4 squadrons)
6	B	4 <sup>th</sup> Hussar Regiment Hessen Homburg (4 squadrons)

Second Line:

(Initiatives for all regimental commanders: Average with the -2 regimental-level modifier)

Unit No:	Unit Class:	Unit name & notes:
1	C	Kiev Grenadier Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Fusiliers
2	C	Kiev Grenadier Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fusiliers
3	C	Kiev Grenadier Regiment Grenadiers
4	D	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Azov Musketeer Regiment
5	D	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Azov Musketeer Regiment
6	D	Grenadiers Azov Musketeer Regiment
7	D	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 6 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment
8	D	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 6 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment
9	D	3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion 6 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment

Artillery:

1	Sudakov`s Light Artillery ½ Battery (6x 6 pdr guns 3 medium bases)	
2	Boguslavsky`s Heavy Artillery ½ Battery (6x 12 pdr guns 3 heavy bases)	

Cavalry brigaded in two wings: Command initiative: Average with the -2 regimental-level modifier.

10	B	Pavolgrad Hussar Regiment (5 Squadrons)
11	F	Grekov-9 Cossacks
12	B	Pavolgrad Hussar Regiment (5 Squadrons)
13	F	Grekov-18 Cossacks

Artillery:

3	Ignatiev's 6 pdr Horse Artillery Battery (6 guns 3 medium bases)	
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Bagration`s command rating is "poor."

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**Austrian & Russian UNIT ROSTER:**

Lieutenant General Miloradovich (Average)

Infantry Brigade: unknown (Average)

Unit No:	Unit Class:	Unit name & notes:
14	D	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 8 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment
15	D	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 8 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment
16	D	3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion 8 <sup>th</sup> Jaeger Regiment

Infantry Brigade: Major General Repninsky (Average)

17	D	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Apsheron Musketeer Regiment
18	D	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Apsheron Musketeer Regiment
19	D	Grenadiers Apsheron Musketeer Regiment

Infantry Brigade: Major General Berg (Average)

20	C	Malorossiiski Grenadier Regiment 1 <sup>st</sup> Fusiliers
21	C	Malorossiiski Grenadier Regiment 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fusiliers
22	C	Malorossiiski Grenadier Regiment Grenadiers

Infantry Brigade: unknown (Average)

23	D	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Smolensk Musketeer Regiment
24	D	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Smolensk Musketeer Regiment
25	D	Grenadiers Smolensk Musketeer Regiment.

Artillery:

4	½ Battery 5 <sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment (6x 6pdr guns 3 medium bases)	
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Cavalry brigaded in two wings:

Command initiative: Average with the -2 regimental-level modifier.

26	B	Mariupol Hussar Regiment (5 Squadrons)
27	F	Kirsanov Cossacks

28	B	Mariupol Hussar Regiment (5 Squadrons)
29	F	Kiselev Cossacks

Artillery:

5	Ermolov's 6 pdr Light Horse Artillery Battery (6 guns 3 medium bases)	
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Miloradovich `s command rating is "abysmal."

Skirmishers from Russian Jager regiments are the same class as the parent unit when it fights as a formed body.

Third rank skirmishers from Russian Musketeer and Grenadier regiments have a -1 modifier.

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**French UNIT ROSTER:**

Reserve Cavalry Corps Commander : Maréchal Joachim Murat (Good)

5th Light Cavalry Division: Général de Brigade Fauconnet (Good)

1st Brigade: Général de Brigade Treillard (Good)

Unit No:	Unit Class:	Unit name & notes:
1	C	9 <sup>th</sup> Hussars
2	C	10 <sup>th</sup> Hussars

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Général de Brigade Fauconnet (Good)

3	C	13 <sup>th</sup> Chasseurs a Cheval
4	C	21 <sup>st</sup> Chasseurs a Cheval

Artillery:

1	5/4 <sup>th</sup> Horse Artillery Company 6x 8pdrs (3 medium bases)	
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V Corps Commander Maréchal Jean Lannes (Brilliant)

1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Grenadiers de la Reserve): Général de Division Oudinot (Good)

1st Brigade: Général de Brigade Laplanche-Morthières (Good)

5	C	1st Grenadier Regt : 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion d'élite from 13 <sup>th</sup> Ligne
6	C	1st Grenadier Regt : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion d'élite from 58 <sup>th</sup> Ligne
7	C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Regt : 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion d'élite from 9 <sup>th</sup> Ligne
8	C	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grenadier Regt : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion d'élite from 81 <sup>st</sup> Ligne

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade: Général de Brigade Dupas (Good)

9	C	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grenadier Regt : 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion d'élite from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Légère
10	C	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grenadier Regt : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion d'élite from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Légère
11	C	4 <sup>th</sup> Grenadier Regt : 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion d'élite from 28 <sup>th</sup> Légère
12	C	4 <sup>th</sup> Grenadier Regt : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion d'élite from 31 <sup>st</sup> Légère

3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade: Général de Brigade Ruffin (Good)

13	C	5 <sup>th</sup> Grenadier Regt : 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion d'élite from 15 <sup>th</sup> Légère
14	C	5 <sup>th</sup> Grenadier Regt : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion d'élite from 18 <sup>th</sup> Légère

Artillery:

2	1/1 <sup>st</sup> Foot Artillery Company 4x 8pdrs 2x4 pdrs (2 medium and 1 light base) This counts as a medium battery in the rules.	
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The French army command rating is "brilliant."



**Grand Manoeuvre : Black Powder & Blue Steel****Battle Timetable/Record for Amstetten.**

(Each 4-minute segment corresponds to one game turn)

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