

US Forces & Mexican
Battle of Buena Vista
22-23 February 1847

Commanding Officer: General Zachary Taylor
Staff - 41 officers and men.

United States Army Army of Observation

Colonel May's Dragoons

1st Dragoon Regiment (1 sqn) (133 men) - Cpt. Steen

2nd Dragoon Regiment (1 sqn) (76) - Colonel May

Arkansas Cavalry (479) Colonel Yell

1st Kentucky Regiment (330) Colonel Marshal

Cavalry (2 sqns)

Infantry (4 cos)

2nd Kentucky (571) Colonel McKee

1st Mississippi Rifles (368) Colonel Jefferson Davis

1st Illinois Regiment (580) Colonel Harden

2nd Illinois Regiment (573) Colonel Bissel

Texas Volunteer Company (61) Captain Connel

Texas Rangers (27) McCulloch

C Company, 3rd US Artillery Regiment (4 6pdrs) (75) Cpt Bragg

E Company, 3rd US Artillery Regiment (4 guns) (75)

Cpt. Sherman

4th US Artillery Regiment (8 guns) (150) Cpt. Washington

Indiana Brigade: General Lane (1,253 men total)

2nd Indiana Regiment Colonel Bowles (Gen Lane attached)

3rd Indiana Regiment Colonel Lane

4 Independent Infantry Companies Colonel Goreman

Total 4,792 men, 364 on sick call.

In Saltillo

1st Artillery

Cpt. Webster's Company (2 24pdr howitzers)

3rd US artillery

O'Brien's Artillery Detachment (3 guns)

1st Mississippi (2 cos)

4 Illinois Companies

Total casualties - 673 KIA/WIA & 1,500 - 1,800 deserted.

Mexicans:

Mexican Army of the North:

Commanding General: Generalissimo Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

Infantry Brigade: General Mejia

Division: Division General Blanco

Division: Division General Ortega

1st Division: Division General Lombardini

5 12pdr Guns (assigned)

2nd Division: Division General Pacheco

5 8pdr Guns (assigned)

These four divisions contained the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th Infantry Regiments, 1st & 2nd Mexico City Militia Battalions and the Militia Battalions of Celaya, Guadalajara, Lagos, Queretaro, and Puebla; the Regular standing Mexican Battalion, and the Tampico Coast Guard Battalion.

Brigade Division General Ampudia
1st Light Infantry Regiment
2nd Light Infantry Regiment
3rd Light Infantry Regiment
16pdr Foot Battery (3 guns)

Other
Engineer Regiment
Hussar of the Guard of the Supreme Power Regiment

Cavalry Brigade: General Andrade

Cavalry Brigade: General Torrejon

Cavalry Brigade: General Juvera

The cavalry regiments present in these three brigades were the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th Cavalry Regiments; Line Mexican Cavalry Battalion; Mounted Rifle Battalion; Tulancingo Cuirassiers; militia cavalry regiments of Guanajuato, San Luis, Michoacan and Oaxaca.

Cavalry Brigade: General Minon
4th Cavalry Regiment
Jalasco Lancer Regiment
Puebla Line Squadron

Artillery (total for army)
3 24pdrs guns
3 16pdr guns
5 12pdr guns
5 8pdr guns
1 7" howitzer

Total 14,500 infantry, 6,000 cavalry, 900 artillery & engineers.
Casualties 1,800 KIA/WIA, 294 POW, 4,000 deserted

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