

Prussian II Army  
Facing The French 2nd Army of the Loire  
15 November 1870 - January 1871  
Winter 1870-1871

Commander: HRH General der Kavallerie Prinz Karl von Preussen  
Chief of Staff: Generalmajor von stiehle  
Senior Quartermaster: Oberst Wright  
Artillery Commander: Generallieutenant von Colomier  
Engineer/Pioneer Cmder: Oberst Leuthaus

III Army Corps: Generalleutenant von Albensleben II

5th Division: Generallieutenant von Stülpnagel

9th Brigade: Oberst von Conta

1/,2/,Fus/Leib-Grenadier (Brandenburg) Regiment #8

1/,2/,Fus/5th Brandenburg Infantry Regiment #48

10th Brigade: Generalmajor von Schwerin

1/,2/,Fus/2nd Brandenburg Grenadier Regiment #12

1/,2/,Fus/6th Brandenburg Infantry Regiment #52

Attached:

Brandenburg Jäger Battalion #3 (1)

1st Brandenburg Uhlán Regiment #3 (4)

Artillery: Major Grube

1st Foot Battalion Brandenburg Field Artillery #3

1st Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

1st Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Feld Pionier Company, 3rd Battalion

Light Bridging Train

1st Sanitary Detachment

6th Division: Generallieutenant Baron von Buddenbrock

11th Brigade: Generalmajor von Rothmaler

1/,2/,Fus/3rd Brandenburg Infantry Regiment #20

1/,2/,Fus/Brandenburg Fusilier Regiment #35

12th Brigade: Oberst von Bismark

1/,2/,Fus/4th Brandenburg Infantry Regiment #24

1/,2/,Fus/8th Brandenburg Infantry Regiment #64

Attached:

Brandenburg Dragoon Regiment #2 (4)

Artillery: Oberstleutenant Beck

3rd Foot Battalion Brandenburg Field Artillery #3

5th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

6th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

5th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

6th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Feld Pionier Company, 3rd Battalion

2nd Sanitary Detachment

Corps Artillery: Oberst von Dresky

Horse Battalion Brandenburg Field Artillery #3

1st Horse Battery (6 guns)

3rd Horse Battery (6 guns)

2nd Foot Battalion Brandenburg Field Artillery #3

3rd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

4th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Feld Pionier Company, 3rd Battalion  
     Light Field Bridging Train  
 3rd Sanitary Detachment  
 Column Battalion, Brandenburg Field Artillery Regiment  
 1/,2/,3/,4/,5/Artillery Munitions Column  
 1/,2/,3/,4/Infantry Munitions Column  
 Pontoon Column  
 Brandenburg Train Battalion #3  
 Hospital Depot  
 Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column  
 1/,2/,3/,4/,5/Provision Columns  
 1/,2/,3,4/,5/,6/,7/,8/,9/,10/,11/,12/Field Hosp-  
     ital  
 Escort Squadron

IX Army Corps: General der Infanterie von Manstein

18th Division: Generalleutenant Freiherr von Wrangel

35th Brigade: Generalmajor von Blumenthal

1/,2/,Fus/Magdeburg Fusilier Regiment #36

1/,2/,Fus/Schleswig Infantry Regiment #84

36th Brigade: Oberst von Falkenhausen

(later Oberst Bayer von Karger)

1/,2/,Fus/2nd Silesian Grenadier Regiment #11

1/,2/,Fus/Holstein Infantry Regiment #85

Attached:

Lauenburg Jäger Battalion #9 (1)

Schleiswig-Holstein Hussar Regiment #16 (4)

{or Magdeburg Dragoon Regiment #6 (4)}

Artillery: Major von Heineccius

1st Foot Batallion Schleswig Field Artillery #9

1st Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

1st Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Feld Pionier Company, 9th Battalion

3rd Feld Pionier Company, 9th Battalion

1st Sanitary Detachment

Corps Artillery: Oberstlieutenant Collmann (not indicated  
as present by Palat)

2nd Foot Batallion Schleswig-Holstein Field  
Artillery Regiment #9

3rd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

4th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

3rd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

4th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)

2nd Horse Battery , Schleswig-Holstein Field

Artillery Regiment #9 (6 guns)

Column Battalion, Schleswig-Holstein Field Artillery

1/,2/,3/Artillery Munitions Column

1/,2/Infantry Munitions Column

Schleswig-Holstein Train Battalion

Hospital Depot

Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column  
 1/,2/,3/Provision Columns  
 1/,2/,3,4/,5/,6/Field Hospital  
 Escort Squadron  
Grossherzoglich Hessische (25th) Division:  
 Generallieutenant von Ludwig Prinz von Hessen  
 (detached to Orléans)  
49th Brigade: Oberst von Wieckeler  
 1st (Leibgarde) Infantry Regiment (2)  
 2nd (Grossherzog) Infantry Regiment (2)  
 1st (Guard) Jäger Battalion (1)  
50th Brigade: Oberst von Lyncker  
 3rd Infantry Regiment (2)  
 4th Infantry Regiment (2)  
 2nd Jäger Battalion (1)  
25th Cavalry Brigade: Generalmajor von Rantzau  
 1st Reiter Regiment (Garde Chevauxlegers) (4)  
 2nd Reiter Regiment (Leib-Chevauxlegers) (4)  
 Hessian Horse Battery (6 guns)  
Artillery:  
 Foot Battalion Hessian Field Artillery  
 1st Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Feld Pionier Company  
 2nd Sanitary Detachment  
Corps Artillery: Oberst von Jagemann  
 2nd Foot Battalion Schleswig-Holstein Field  
 Artillery Regiment #9  
 3rd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Horse Battery , Schleswig-Holstein Field  
 Artillery Regiment #9 (6 guns)  
 Column Battalion, Schleswig-Holstein Field Artillery  
 1/,2/,3/Artillery Munitions Column  
 1/,2/Infantry Munitions Column  
 Hessian Munition Column Battalion  
 1/,2/Artillery Munition Columns  
 1/,2/Infantry Munition Columns  
 Schleswig-Holstein Train Battalion  
 Hospital Depot  
 Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column  
 1/,2/,3/Provision Columns  
 1/,2/,3,4/,5/,6/Field Hospital  
 Escort Squadron  
 Hessian Train Battalion  
 Hospital Depot  
 Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column

1/,2/Provision Columns  
 1/,2/,3,4/,5/,6/Field Hospital  
 Escort Squadron  
X Army Corps: General der Infanterie von Voigts-Rhetz  
19th Division: Generallieutenant von Woyna  
 (Schwarzkoppen was ill)  
37th Brigade: Oberst Lehmann  
 1/,2/,Fus/Ostfriesland Infantry Regiment #78  
 1/,2/,Fus/Oldenburg Infantry Regiment #91  
38th Brigade: Generalmajor von von Wedell  
 (on 3 January 1871 - Oberst von Cranach)  
 1/,2/,Fus/3rd Westphalian Infantry Regiment #16  
 1/,2/,Fus/8th Westphalian Infantry Regiment #57  
Attached:  
 1st Hanoverian Dragoon Regiment #9 (4)  
Artillery: Oberstlieutenant Schaumann  
 1st Foot Battalion Hanoverian Field Artillery #10  
 1st Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Feld Pioniere Company, 10th Battalion  
 3rd Feld Pionier Company, 10th Battalion  
 1st Sanitary Detachment  
20th Division: Generallieutenant von Kraatz-Koschlau  
39th Brigade: Oberst von Valentini  
 1/,2/,Fus/7th Westphalian Infantry Regiment #56  
 1/,2/,Fus/3rd Hanoverian Infantry Regiment #79  
40th Brigade: Generalmajor von Diringshofen  
 1/,2/,Fus/4th Westphalian Infantry Regiment #17  
 1/,2/,Fus/Braunschweig Infantry Regiment #92  
Attached:  
 Hanoverian Jäger Battalion #10 (1)  
 2nd Hanoverian Dragoon Regiment #16 (4)  
Artillery: Major Krause  
 2nd Foot Battalion Hanoverian Field Artillery #10  
 3rd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Feld Pionier Company, 10th Battalion  
 Light Field Bridging Train  
 2nd Sanitary Detachment  
Corps Artillery: Oberst Baron von der Glotz  
 Horse Battalion Hanoverian Field Artillery #10  
 1st Horse Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Horse Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Foot Battalion Hanoverian Field Artillery #10  
 5th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 6th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 5th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 6th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 3rd Sanitary Detachment  
 Column Battalion, Hanoverian Field Artillery Regiment  
 1/,2/,3/,4/,5/Artillery Munitions Column

1/,2/,3/,4/Infantry Munitions Column  
 Train Battalion #  
 Hospital Depot  
 Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column  
 1/,2/,3/,4/,5/Provision Columns  
 1/,2/,3,4/,5/,6/,7/,8/,9/,10/,11/,12/Field Hospital  
 Escort Squadron  
XIII Army Corps: General der Infanterie Friedrich Franz  
 Grossherzog von Mecklenburg-Schwerin  
 (not present according to Palat)  
17th Division: Generalleutenant von Tresckow II  
33rd Brigade: Generalmajor Baron Kottwitz  
 1/,2/,Fus/Hanseatic Infantry Regiment #75  
 1/,2/,Fus/Hanseatic Infantry Regiment #76  
34th Brigade: Oberst von Manteuffel  
 1/,2/,Fus/Mecklenburg Grenadier Regiment #89  
 1/,2/,Fus/Mecklenburg Fusilier Regiment #90  
17th Cavalry Brigade: Generalmajor von Rauch  
 Dragoon Regiment #17 (4)  
 Dragoon Regiment #18 (4)  
 Uhlan Regiment #11 (4)  
Artillery: Major Kosel  
 3rd Foot Battalion, Schleswig-Holstein Field Artillery  
 Regiment #9  
 3rd Horse Battery (6 guns)  
 5th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 6th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 5th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 6th Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Feld Pioniere Company, 9th Battalion  
 Light Bridging Train  
 1st Sanitary Detachment  
 Schleswig-Holstein Train Battalion #9  
 Horse Depot  
 Field Bakery Column  
 1/,4/,5/Provision Column  
 7/,8/,9/Field Hospital  
22nd Division: Generalleutenant von Wittich  
43rd Brigade: Oberst von Röhl  
 1/,2/,Fus/Thuringian Infantry Regiment #32  
 1/,2/,Fus/Thuringian Infantry Regiment #95  
44th Brigade: Oberst Marschall von Bieberstein  
 (4 January 1871 - Oberst von Förster)  
 1/,2/,Fus/Kurhessian Infantry Regiment #83  
 1/,2/,Fus/Thuringian Infantry Regiment #94  
Attached:  
 Hussar Regiment #13 (4)  
Artillery:  
 2nd Foot Battalion, Hessian Field Artillery #11  
 3rd Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 4th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 5th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 6th Heavy Foot Battery (6 guns)

1st Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 2nd Light Foot Battery (6 guns)  
 1st Feld Pioniere Company, 11th Battalion  
 3rd Feld Pioniere Company, 11th Battalion  
     Light Bridging Train  
 2nd Sanitary Detachment  
 Hessian Train Battalion #11  
     2/,4/Provision Column  
     5/,9/Field Hospital  
12th Cavalry Brigade: Generalmajor ovn Bredow  
     Cuirassier Regiment #7 (3)  
     Uhlán Regiment #16 (3)  
     Dragoon Regiment #13 (3)  
     2nd Horse Battery, X Army Corps  
1st Cavalry Division Generallieutenant von Hartmann  
     1st Brigade: Generalmajor von Lübernitz  
         Königin (Pommeranian) Cuirassier Regiment #2 (4)  
         1st Pommeranian Uhlán Regiment #4 (4)  
         2nd Pommeranian Uhlán Regiment #9 (4)  
     2nd Brigade: Generalmajor von Baumgarth  
         East Prussian Cuirassier Regiment #3 (4)  
         East Prussian Uhlán Regiment #8 (4)  
         (not present according to Palat)  
         Lithuanian Uhlán Regiment #12 (4)  
     Artillery:  
         1st Horse Battery, East Prussian Artillery Regiment #1  
         Section, 3rd Medical Detachment, I Army Corps  
         Det/Provision Column, II Army Corps  
2nd Cavalry Division: Generallieutenant Graf zu Stolberg-  
     Wernigerode (not present according to Palat)  
     3rd Brigade: Generalmajor von Colomb  
         Leib-Cuirassier Regiment #1 (4)  
         Uhlán Regiment #2 (4)  
         Hussar Regiment #5 (4)  
     4th Brigade: Generalmajor von Baumbach  
         Hussar Regiment #4 (4)  
         Hussar Regiment #6 (4)  
     Artillery:  
         1st Horse Battery, Artillery Regiment #2  
         3rd Horse Battery, Artillery Regiment #6  
         1st Medical Detachment, VI Army Corps  
         1st Provision Column, VI Army Corps  
4th Cavalry Division: General der Kavallerie Prinz  
     Albrecht von Preussen (3 January - GM von Bernhardi)  
     (not present according to Palat)  
     8th Brigade: Generalmajor von Hontheim  
         Cuirassier Regiment #5 (4)  
         Uhlán Regiment #10 (4)  
     9th Brigade: Generalmajor von Bernhardi  
         Uhlán Regiment #1 (4)  
         Uhlán Regiment #6 (4)  
     10th Brigade: Generalmajor von Krosigk  
         Leib Hussar Regiment #2 (4)  
         Dragoon Regiment #5 (4)  
     Artillery:

1st Horse Battery, Artillery Regiment #5  
2nd Horse Battery, Artillery Regiment #11  
1st Section, Medical Detachment XI Corps  
Provision Column V Army Corps  
6th Cavalry Division: Herzog Wilhelm von Mecklenburg-Strelitz  
(not present according to Palat)  
14th Brigade: Generalmajor von Schmidt  
Magdeburg Dragoon Regiment #6 (4)  
Schleswig-Holstein Uhlan Regiment #15 (4)  
15th Brigade: Oberst von Drigalski  
1st Brandenburg Dragoon Regiment #2 (4)  
Dragoon Regiment #12 (4)  
Brandenburg (Zieten) Hussar Regiment #3 (4)  
2nd Horse Battery, Brandenburg Field Artillery  
Regiment #3 (6 guns)  
3rd Provision Column, II Army Corps  
Field Hospital, III Army Corps

Note: Palat is the source of the 15 November date. Bubbedeck's OB was undated, but internal dates clearly indicate that it was the organization of this force in January 1871. Apparently between November and January a number of forces joined this army and they are indicated by a notation that they were not indicated as being present in Palat's document.

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