

French 2nd Army of the Loire  
Battle of La Mans  
10-12 January 1871

Commanding General: Général de division Chanzy

16th Corps: Amiral Jauréguiberry

1st Division: Général de brigade Deplanque

1st Brigade: Général de brigade Bourdillon

3rd Chasseur à Pied Bataillon de Marche (1)

39th Regiment de Marche (3)

75th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Unknown National Guard Battalion (1)

2nd Brigade: Général de brigade Deplanque

37th Regiment de Marche (3)

Unknown Regiment de Marche (3)

33rd Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Artillery:

1st Section, 20/3rd Engineer Regiment

19/10th Artillery, Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)

19/8th Artillery, Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)

21/2nd Artillery, Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)

19/8th Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

Unknown battery (6 guns)

2nd Division: Général de division Barry

1st Brigade: Colonel Desmaisons

7th Chasseur à Pied Bataillon de Marche (1)

31st Regiment de Marche (3)

22nd Mobile Guard Regiment (2)

2nd Brigade: Colonel Bézar

38th Regiment de Marche (3)

66th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Artillery:

2nd Section, 20/3rd Engineer Regiment

19/9th Artillery Regiment (8-4 pdrs)

5/12th Artillery Regiment (8-4 pdrs)

6/12th Artillery Regiment (8-4 pdrs)

Unknown Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)

3rd Division: Général de division Mauhandy

Detached

Artillery Reserve:

14th Mixed/7th Artillery Regiment (12 pdrs)

12th Mixed/16th Artillery Regiment (12 pdrs)

2nd (bis) Mixed/7th Artillery Regiment (12 pdrs)

24/7th Artillery Regiment (7 pdrs)

2 Unknown Foot Batteries

2 Unknown Mountain Batteries

6/20th Horse Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)

7/20th Horse Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)

2 Unknown Engineering Sections

Total 60 guns

Cavalry Division: Général de division Michel

1st Brigade: Général de brigade Tripart

1st Hussar Regiment de Marche (4)

2nd Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)

2nd Brigade: Général de brigade Diegerad

6th Lancer Regiment (4)

3rd Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)

3rd Brigade: Général de brigade Tucé

3rd Cuirassier Regiment de Marche (4)

1st Dragoon Regiment de Marche (4)

4th Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)

Unknown Horse Battery (4 guns)

17th Corps: Général de division Colomb

1st Division: Général de division de Roquebrune

1st Brigade: Général de brigade Paris

41st Regiment de Marche (3)

71st Mobile Guard Regiment (2)

2nd Brigade: Colonel Fassemagne

11th Chasseur à Pied Bataillon de Marche (1)

43rd Regiment de Marche (3)

72nd Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Artillery:

1st Section, 3rd (bis)/1st Engineer Regiment

19/6th Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

19/7th Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

19/15th Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

2nd Division: Général de division Paris

1st Brigade: Colonel Koch

10th Chasseur à Pied Regiment de Marche (1)

48th Regiment de Marche (3)

Unknown Regiment de Marche (1)

Unknown Mobile Guard Battalion (1)

2nd Brigade: Colonel Thiboville

41st Regiment de Marche (3)

Unknown Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Artillery:

2nd Section, 3rd (bis)/1st Engineer Regiment

20/13th Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

4/3rd Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

3/3rd Artillery Regiment (6-4 pdrs)

3rd Division: Colonel de Jouffroy

1st Brigade: unknown

1st Chasseur à Pied Battalion de Marche (1)

45th Regiment de Marche (3)

70th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

2nd Brigade: Colonel Sautereau

46th Regiment de Marche (3)

Unknown Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Artillery:

1st Section, 4th (bis)/1st Engineer Regiment

20/8th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)

21/14th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)

20/10th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)

(one of 3 batteries probably detached)

Total 12 guns

Reserve Artillery:

32/Marine Artillery Regiment (8 pdrs)  
33/Marine Artillery Regiment (8 pdrs)  
1st (bis)/2nd Artillery Regiment (8 pdrs)  
2/2nd Artillery Regiment (8 pdrs)  
Unknown Foot Battery  
15th (bis)/18th Horse Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
16 (bis)/18th Horse Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
Total 38 cannon  
19/15th Artillery, Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)  
Unknown Mitrailleuse Battery (8 guns)

Cavalry Division: Général de division Viel d'Espeilles

1st Brigade: Général de brigade de Landieville

6th Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)  
Unknown Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)

2nd Brigade: Général de brigade Barbut

4th Cuirassier Regiment de Marche (4)  
5th Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)  
Unknown Regiment de Marche (4)

21st Corps: Capitaine de Fregate Jaurés

1st Division: Général de division Rousseau

1st Brigade: Colonel Roux

13th Chasseur à Pied Bataillon de Marche (1)  
58th Regiment de Marche (3)  
3e Bataillon de Garde Mobile de l'Aude  
1er Bataillon de Garde Mobile de l'Loire  
Inférieure  
5e Bataillone de Garde Mobile de la Sarthe  
Unknown Mobile Guard Battalion

2nd Brigade: Lt.Colonel de Villars

Marine Fusilier Battalion (1)  
90th Garde Mobile Regiment (2)  
1st Bataillone de Garde Mobile de la Sarthe  
Unknown Mobile Guard Battalion (3)

Attached:

8th Mixed Light Cavalry Regiment de Marche (4)  
2nd Section, 4th (bis)/2nd Engineer Regiment  
2 Sections, Maine et Loire Artillery (12 pdrs)  
25/Marine Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
25th (bis)/Marine Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
Total - 22 Guns

5 Companies of Franc tireurs

2nd Division: Général de division Colin

1st Brigade: Lt. Colonel Villain

10th Marine Infantry Battalion  
Unknown Regiment de Marche (3)  
Unknown Mobile Guard Regiment (3)  
Unknown National Guard Battalion

2nd Brigade: Colonel des Moutis

94th Line Regiment (2 cos)  
Lévy Bn/41st Regiment (3 cos)  
59th Regiment de Marche (2 cos)  
9th Marine Infantry Battalion  
43rd Mobile Guard Regiment (3)

Unknown Mobile Guard Battalion (1)  
Unknown National Guard Battalion (1)

Attached:

Unknown Cavalry Regiment (1 sqn)  
2nd Section, 8th (bis)/1st Engineer Regiment  
1 Section, Maine et Loire Artillery (12 pdrs)  
25th (ter)/Marine Artillery (4 pdrs)  
22/7th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
Total - 20 guns

6 Companies of Franc tireurs

3rd Division: Général de division Guillon

1st Brigade: Lt. Colonel Stéfani

6th Marine Infantry Battalion  
15th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)  
78th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)  
Unknown National Guard Battalion (1)

2nd Brigade: Général de brigade du Temple

3rd Marine Infantry Battalion (1)  
30th Mobile Guard Regiment (3)  
92nd Mobile Guard Regiment (3)  
Unknown National Guard Battalion (1)

Artillery:

1st Section, 4th (bis)/2nd Engineer Regiment  
21/10th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
21/12th Artillery Regiment (4 pdrs)  
1 Section, Maine et Loire Artillery (12 pdrs)  
Total - 22 guns

4th Division: Capitaine de Fregate Goujard

1st Brigade: Colonel Jehenne

62nd Line Regiment (1)  
97th Line Regiment (1)  
Combined Battalion (1)  
(25th & 86th Line)  
National Guard Battalions (4)

Attached:

Eclaireurs bretons (mounted)

2nd Brigade: Colonel de Pineau

19th Line Regiment (1)  
Garde Mobile de Mayenne (2 bns)  
Garde Mobile de Morbihan (1 bn)  
Unknown National Guard Battalion (1)  
Légion étranger (1 co)

Attached:

2nd Lancer Regiment (1 1/2 sqn)

Artillery:

Total - 40 guns  
Engineer Battalion (400 men)

Cavalry Division: Général de divisoin Guillon

1st Brigade:

Mixed Line Regiment (4 sqns)  
Regiment de Marche (4)  
2 Unknown Horse Batteries

2nd Brigade:

Mixed Line Regiment (4)  
2 Unknown Regiments de Marche (4 ea)

This Order of Battle was constructed from an order of battle that provides only the numbers and types of battalions assigned to each brigade and the numbers of guns assigned. It was expanded using the 11 December 1870 order of battle on the assumption that there were minimal changes in the identities of units where the counts did not change. Where changes occurred the term "unknown" is inserted to account for the variations.