

Annex 8: Orders of Battle - 2nd Battle of Polotsk – October 18th 1812

Clash on the left bank of the Polota

Russian Left Wing under GL Wittgenstein himself

Vanguards Balk & Diebitsch		3,519 men
Cavalry Rudiger	Rodianov II Cossacks Regiment	330 men
	Teptiarsk (?) Cossacks Regiment	100 men
	Grodno Hussar Regiment (half: 4 Sq.)	527 men
	Ingermannland Dragoons Regiment: 1 Sq.	97 men
	Half Horse Battery #3 (119 men)	4-6pdrs & 2 Licornes
Infanterie Denissiew (?)	25 th & 26 th Jager Regiments (4 Bns.)	1,888 men
	2/Kexholm Infantry Regiment	358 men
	Half Light Battery #45 (100 men)	4-6pdrs & 2 Licornes
Corps Principal Berg		7,971 men
Br. de Cav. de La Caste	Guard Dragoons, Uhlans & Hussars Depot (1 Sq. each) & Polish Uhlans Regiment Depot (2 Sq.)	696 men
	Riga Dragoons Regiment (3 Sq.)	392 men
	Half Horse Battery #3 (118 men)	4-6pdrs & 2 Licornes
Br. Kazatchkowski	Perm & Sievesk Infantry Regiments (4 Bns.)	1,483 men
	St. Petersburg Opolochenie: 2 cohorts	1,437 men
Br. Prince of Siberia	Mohilev & Kalouga Infantry Regiments (4 Bns.)	2,107 men
	St. Petersburg Opolochenie: 2 cohorts	1,436 men
Artillery	Position Battery #5 (199 men)	8-12pdrs & 4 Licornes
	Light Battery #27 (103 men)	8-6pdrs & 4 Licornes
Réserve Beguiczew		7,684 men
Br. Kakhoffski	Converged Grenadiers Depot from 1 st Gr. Division (3 Bns.)	1,887 men
	Guard Infantry Depot (2 Bns.)	926 men
	St. Petersburg Opolochenie: 3 cohorts	2,190 men
	Position Battery #14 (220 men)	8-12pdrs & 4 Licornes
Br. Fock	Converged Grenadiers from 5 th & 14 th divisions (4 Bns.)	1,408 men
	Depot Bn of Polotsk Infantry Regiment	236 men
	Light Battery #35 (220 men)	8-6pdrs & 4 Licornes
Br. ?	Converged Cuirassier Depot Squadrons (4 Sq.)	448 men
	Horse Battery #23 (149 men)	6-6pdrs & 2 Licornes
Total: 15,356 infantry + 2,590 cavalry + 74 guns (1,228 artillerymen)		

French Right Wing under Gouvion-Saint-Cyr

6th Division (Général de division Legrand + Général de brigade Moreau)		3,927 inf.
	26 th Light Infantry Regiment	1,284 inf.
	56 th Line Infantry Regiment	1,170 inf.
	19 th Line Infantry Regiment	919 inf.
	3 rd Portuguese Legion Infantry Regiment	550 inf.
	128 th Line Infantry Regiment (Hanseatic)	554 inf.
Artillery	11/5 th Foot Artillery	6-6pdrs & 2 How
	6/3 rd Horse Artillery	4-6pdrs & 2 How
8th Division (Général de division Maison + Général de brigade Grundler)		4,207 inf.
	11 th Light Infantry Regiment	1,019 inf.
	2 nd Line Infantry Regiment	1,507 inf.
	37 th Line Infantry Regiment	1,016 inf.

Foot Battery #8 (6 pdr)	4-6pdrs & 2 How
Foot Battery #4 (12 pdr)	4-12pdrs & 2 How
Foot Battery #6 (12 pdr)	4-12pdrs & 2 How
Total : 6,637 infantry + 38 guns (392 artillerymen)	

Other forces

Franco-Bavarian Detachments:

At Struwnia under La Mothe

	about 1,200 men
1 st Light Battalion	63 inf.
6 th Light Battalion	/
1 st Line Infantry Regiment <i>König</i>	195 inf.
9 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Isemburg</i>	187 inf.
3 rd Light Battalion	68 inf.
4 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Sachsen-Hildburghausen</i>	122 inf.
10 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Junker</i>	99 inf.
8 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Herzog Pius</i>	115 inf.
3 or 4 Bavarian Batteries	about 20 guns

Artillery

At Disna under Ströhl

	about 350 men
5 th Light Battalion	59 inf.
5 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Preysing</i>	125 inf.
11 th Line Infantry Regiment <i>Kinkel</i>	136 inf.
Artillery	2 guns

The rest of the cavalry is staggered along the Dwina, but on the right bank, between Disna in the West to Oula in the East. Several batteries are placed along the Dwina to support Merle.

Corps GL Count Steinheil

about 10,000 men

from the 6th division Rachmanof

2,900 men

Br. Bellegarde	Azov Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	820 men
	Nisov Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,200 men
	3 rd Jäger Regiment (2 Bns.)	700 men
	Light Battery #11 (180 men)	8-6pdrs & 4 Licornes

From the 21st division

6,730 men

Br. Adadourov	Neva Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,100 men
	Petrovsk Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,080 men
Br. ?	Lithuania Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,250 men
	Podolia Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,380 men
	2 nd Jager Regiment (2 Bns)	1,240 men
	Half Position Battery #21 (120 men)	4-12pdrs & 2 Licornes
Cavalry	Lotchiline Cossacks Regiment	300 men
	Finland Dragoons Regiment (3 Sq.)	260 men

Detachment Bedriagua

630 men

	Teptiarsk (?) Cossacks Sq.	75 men
	Converged Hussars Regiment (4 Sq.)	555 men

Estimation of the forces on August 16th: 8,770 infantry + 1,190 cavalry + 18 canons (300 artillerymen)

Detachment Bellingshausen (near Disna)

1,868 men

	1 st & 2 nd Converged Infantry Regiments (4 Bns.)	1,726 men
	Half Horse Battery #23 (142 men)	4-6pdrs & 2 Licornes

Detachment Alexseiev

3,320 men

	1 st Marine Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)	1,178 men
	St. Petersburg Opolochenie: 1 cohort	1,468 men
	Mittau Dragoons Regiment (4 Sq.)	569 men
	Half Light Battery #45 (105 men)	4-6pdrs & 2 Licornes

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