The Battle Of
Eylau
8 February, 1807

Following his complete victory over Prussia in the autumn of 1806, Napoleon advanced across northern Germany, chasing the remnants of Prussian forces and hoping to deal a decisive defeat to their Russian allies before winter brought a close to the campaign. In this he was disappointed; not only was he unable to sweep into the rear of the Russian army, but the new Russian commander, Count Levin Bennigsen, slipped the trap and gave Lannes’ corps a bloody nose at Pultusk on 26 December. The weather brought an end to the campaign, and both armies suffered in their winter quarters.

Napoleon hoped to lure the Russians into a decisive combat west of the Alle River, just as Bennigsen hoped to draw Napoleon too far East. The result was several inconclusive maneuvers in January as the armies groped for each other in terrible weather. The Russian cavalry screen proved to be the superior in these conditions, and throughout this campaign Napoleon’s couriers frequently fell into Bennigsen’s hands. Several small actions took place during the first week of February as the Russians retired eastwards, pursued by the French.

Throughout the afternoon of 7 February the leading French columns of Augereau and Murat tangled with Russian defenders near Eylau. Bennigsen had chosen good defensive ground, and was hoping to be reinforced by General L’estoq, who commanded Prussia’s last field division. Napoleon, by contrast, was struggling to assemble sufficient numbers, worried that the Russians would escape what he thought was a trap; he thus committed himself to a bloody assault against superior odds in sub-zero weather.

The battle of Eylau took place in a blinding snowstorm, and the fighting was characterized by huge shifts of initiative as the armies grappled in confusion. Napoleon’s pinning attack failed when Augereau’s men advanced blindly into Russian canister fire; one brigade was trying to advance in square (!) when it was shot to pieces. Augereau and St. Hilaire tried to rally the survivors just as the Russians launched a major assault on the French left which similarly became confused in a bloody tangle with Soul’s men.

Davout’s arrival on the right caught the Russians by surprise, and probably did more to save Napoleon’s army than Murat’s legendary cavalry charge in the center. In any event, by afternoon the battle had stalemated, with the Russian line bent back but not broken, and the French center paper thin. Had Benningsen been better able to see through the snow, he probably would have realized the remarkable chance he had to snap the French army in two, for L’estoq’s Prussians had finally arrived by 3:00 PM. But these troops were used to repulse Davout and restore the Russian line.

As night fell Ney’s VI Corps finally arrived and drove back the last Russian attempt on the French left. At the Russian council of war that night, Bennigsen decided to withdraw, knowing that Napoleon still had fresh troops en route. The Russian decision to quit the field allowed Napoleon to claim a victory, but in reality the battle had been a draw: 20,000+ dead on each side, and no end to the campaign in sight. The armies would limp back into winter quarters and wait for Spring.
The Scenario:
The weather is Snowing, and variable. The ground is Hard (Frozen). The game's Basic Length is 7 turns.

The town of Preussich-Eylau (1 base) is soft cover only. The Pasmar River is frozen solid, and need not even be depicted on the table, if you wish.

The Russians set up first.
The French army is "Fair." It begins with a break point of 13. (Raise by 2 when Ney arrives)
The Russian army is "Fair." It begins with a break point of 17. (Raise by 1 when L’estocq arrives.)

Reinforcements:
Davout’s III Corps: The French may enter Davout’s corps on the first pulse of the first turn. They may count it as a Force for CP purposes, even though it arrives, not deploys.

L’estocq’s Column: At the beginning of Turn Two, roll one die. If, at the beginning of any turn in which the die rolls equal or less than the current Turn number, L’estocq’s corps arrives on the first pulse of that turn.

Ney’s VI Corps: At the beginning of Turn Five, roll one die. If, at the beginning of any turn in which L’estocq’s corps has already arrived in the previous turn and the die roll is equal or less than the current Turn number, Ney’s corps arrives on the first pulse of that turn.

A Note on the Russian O.B.
Here we go again. No two sources agree. Sometimes you can’t even find agreement on the names of divisional commanders, much less precise unit strengths. The Russians didn’t make matters any easier for us; this is a typical early-war scrambled-egg of an army. Wing commanders command divisions in their own wings, plus brigades in their own divisions. It’s a mess. So I decided to make the three “front” wing commanders into Force commanders, since their battlefield positions never really changed during the fighting. I kept Dochturov, though, as a Wing Commander, because his large Reserve force was indeed sub-divided during the battle.

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The Eylau Battlefield:
**La Grande Armée**

Commander: Napoleon (Good)

Weather: Snowing, Variable (12")

Army's Break Point: 13

This is a Napoleonic Army of 5 Forces. (Until the arrival of Ney’s corps)

Napoleon has 2 ADCs (Mouton & Bertrand) and 3 Generals.

**Imperial Guard:** Bessières (V)  3 / 6"

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### VI Corps: Ney (V) (3 / 8” Aggressive)

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Russian Army
Commander: Bennigsen (Average)
Weather: Snowing, Variable (12")
Army's Break Point: 17
This is a Traditional Army of 6 Forces. (Until the arrival of L’estoq’s corps)
Dochturov is a Wing Commander with authority over the 4th and 14th Divisions and the Reserve Cavalry.

Right Wing: Toutchkov (V) 3 / 12"
Advanced Guard: Markov
R/A/1 Markov (MX) Veteran 8 SP
R/A/2 Gogel (Jägers) Veteran 7 SP
R/A/3 (Mixed Lt Cavalry) Trained 7 SP
5th Division: Toutchkov
R/5/1 Leontiev Veteran 7 SP
R/5/2 Ogarey (Jägers) Veteran 5 SP
R/C/1 Borosdin (Dragoons) Trained 7 SP
R/C/2 Shepeley (Hussars) Veteran 6 SP
R: 12-pdr Foot A ___
R: 12-pdr Foot B ___
R: 6-pdr Foot ___
R: 6-pdr Horse A ___
R: 6-pdr Horse B ___

Center: Osten-Sacken 4 / 9"
3rd Division: Titov
C/3/1 Oushakov (Grenadiers) Elite 7 SP
C/3/2 Titov Veteran 5 SP
C/3/3 Netting Veteran 6 SP
8th Division: Essen
C/8/1 Engelhardt (Grenadiers) Elite 8 SP
C/8/2 Filisov Veteran 6 SP
C: 12-pdr Foot A ___
C: 12-pdr Foot B ___
C: 6-pdr Foot A ___
C: 6-pdr Foot B ___

Left Wing: Osterman-Tolstoy 4 / 14” Cautious
Advanced Guard: Barclay
L/A/1 Lieven (Jägers) Veteran 9 SP
L/A/2 Dochturov (Hussars) Veteran 7 SP
Flying Column: Baggavout
L/F/1 Baggavout Veteran 6 SP
L/F/2 Lambert (Hussars) Veteran 7 SP
2nd Division: Osterman-Tolstoy
L/2/1 Mazovsky (Grenadiers) Elite 6 SP
L/2/2 Soukin (Grenadiers) Elite 7 SP
L/2/3 Lieven (Jägers) Veteran 6 SP
Cavalry: Pahlen
L/C/1 Cuirassiers
Elite 10 SP

L/C/2 Dragoons
Trained 7 SP

L: 12-pdr Foot A ___

L: 12-pdr Foot B ___

L: 6-pdr Horse A ___

L: 6-pdr Horse B ___

Reserve Wing: Dochurov 4

4th Division: Somov 3 / 6” (combined with elements of the 7th Division)
4/1 Scchreider
Veteran 6 SP

4/2 Arseniev
Veteran 8 SP

4/3 Zapolsky
Veteran 6 SP

4/4 Liaponov
Veteran 6 SP

4: 12-pdr Foot ___

4: 6-pdr Foot ___

14th Division: Kamensky 3 / 5”
14/1 Alexiev
Veteran 6 SP

14/2 Gersdorff
Veteran 6 SP

14/3 Pirch (Jägers)
Veteran 5 SP

14: 12-pdr Foot ___

14: 6-pdr Foot ___

Reserve Cavalry: Tschaplitz (V) 2 / 5” Aggressive
RC/1 Hussars
Elite 6 SP

RC/2 Dragoons
Trained 5 SP

RC/3 Cossacks 1
Raw 5 SP

RC/4 Cossacks 2
Raw 5 SP

RC: 6-pdr Horse ___

Prussian Corps: L’estocq 2 / 4” Aggressive
P/1 von Kall (Light inf) MX
Veteran 6 SP

P/2 Auer& Rembow (Grenadiers) MX
Veteran 7 SP

P/3 Dierecke
Veteran 5 SP

P/4 Prittwitz (Hussars & Uhlans)
Veteran 5 SP
LABELS FOR EYLAU

Napoleon (Good)
Gd: Bessières (V) 3 / 6"
G1 Soules (O.G. Gren) SK2
G2 Dorsenne (O.G. Ch) SK2
G/C Walther (Gd Cav)
G: 6-pdr Horse A
G: 6-pdr Horse B
G: 6-pdr Horse C
G: 6-pdr Horse D
IV: Soult 2 / 12"
IV/1/1 Candras (Légère) SK2
IV/1/2 Vare SK2
IV/2/1 Vivies/Ferey (Légère) SK2
IV/2/2 Schinner SK2
IV/3/1 Ledru (Légère) SK2
IV/3/2 Levasseur (Légère) SK2
IV/C Guyot (Ch & Hu)
IV: 12-pdr Foot
IV: 4-pdr Horse
VII: Augereau (V) 3 / 9"
VII/1/1 Lapisse (Légère) SK2
VII/1/2 Lefranc SK2
VII/2/1 Amey (Légère) SK2
VII/2/2 Sarrut SK2
VII/C Durosnel (Ch)
VII: 12-pdr Foot
III: Davout 1 / 14"
III/1/1 Ricard (Légère) SK2
III/1/2 Bonnet SK2
III/2/1 Lochet SK2
III/2/2 Grandeau SK2
III/3/1 Petit SK2
III/3/2 Gauthier SK2
III/C Marulaz (Chasseurs)
III: 12-pdr Foot
III: 4-pdr Horse
Cav: Murat (V) 3 / 8” Agg
C/H/1 St. Sulpice (Cuirassiers)
C/H/2 Clement (Cuirassiers)
C/D/1 Grouchy (Dragoons)
C/D/2 Milhaud 1 (Dragoons)
C/D/3 Milhaud 2 (Dragoons)
C/L/1 Bruyère (Hussars)
C/L/2 Watier & Maubourg (Chass)
C: 4-pdr Horse
VI: Ney (V) 3 / 8” Agg
VI/1/1 Liger-Belair (Légère) SK2
VI/1/2 Roguet SK2
VI/2/1 Marcognet (Légère) SK2
VI/2/2 Delabasse SK2
VI: 12-pdr Foot

Bennigsen (Average)
R: Toutchkov (V) 3 / 12"
R/A/1 Markov MX SK1
R/A/2 Gogel (Jägers) SK1
R/A/3 (Mixed Lt Cavalry)
R/5/1 Leontiev
R/5/2 Ogarey (Jägers) SK1
R/C/1 Borodin (Dragoons)
R/C/2 Shepeley (Hussars)
R: 12-pdr Foot A
R: 12-pdr Foot B
R: 6-pdr Foot
R: 6-pdr Horse A
R: 6-pdr Horse B
C: Osten-Sacken 4 / 9"
C/3/1 Oushakov (Gren)
C/3/2 Titov
C/3/3 Netting SK1
C/8/1 Engelhardt (Gren)
C/8/2 Filisov
C: 12-pdr Foot A
C: 12-pdr Foot B
C: 6-pdr Foot A
C: 6-pdr Foot B
Left: Osterman 4 / 14” Cau.
L/A/1 Lieven (Jägers) SK1
L/A/2 Dochturov (Hussars)
L/F/1 Baggavout
L/F/2 Lambert (Hussars)
L/2/1 Mazovsky (Grenadiers)
L/2/2 Soukin (Grenadiers)
L/2/3 Lieven (Jägers) SK1
L/C/1 Cuirassiers
L/C/2 Dragoons
L: 12-pdr Foot A
L: 12-pdr Foot B
L: 6-pdr Horse A
L: 6-pdr Horse B
Res: Dochturov 4
4th Div: Somov 3 / 6"
4/1 Schreider
4/2 Arseniev
4/3 Zapolsky
4/4 Liaponov
4: 12-pdr Foot
4: 6-pdr Foot

14th Div: Kamensky 3 / 5”
14/1 Alexiev
14/2 Gersdorff
14/3 Pirch (Jägers) SK1
14: 12-pdr Foot
14: 6-pdr Foot

R. Cav: Tschaplitz (V) 2 / 5” Agg
RC/1 Hussars
RC/2 Dragoons
RC/3 Cossacks 1 SK2
RC/4 Cossacks 2 SK2
RC: 6-pdr Horse

P: L’estocq 2 / 4” Agg
P/1 von Kall (Light inf) SK1 MX
P/2 Auer & Rembow (Gren) SK1 MX
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