

# “Bristling with guns”. Unter Laichling, 21 April 1809

A scenario for Lasalle by Sam Mustafa

## Background

It is 21 April 1809 in the Danube valley, twelve days after Austria’s invasion of Bavaria. The Franco-Bavarian forces have recovered from their initial surprise and blunted the impetus of the Austrian assault. The campaign is now in the balance. Battlefield intelligence on both sides has suffered from the close terrain, the fast pace of events and wishful thinking. Today, Napoleon believes he is chasing the main Austrian army back towards Landshut, while he has ordered Davout and Lefebvre to mop up the remnants of enemy units stranded south of Regensburg. His lieutenants are about to discover that Napoleon has made a major miscalculation.

Davout and Lefebvre have been advancing East along the Laber Valley, pushing the Austrian III and IV Corps out of a succession of rearguard positions. As they approach the town of Eggmüll and the main North-South road from Regensburg to Munich, it becomes clear that the Austrians have done with running. They have occupied a hilltop astride the French line of advance, bristling with artillery and prepared for defence. Davout and Lefebvre deploy their troops for a set-piece attack.

## Description

This scenario covers the initial assault on the Austrian hill position by Saint Hilaire’s French division and Deroi’s Bavarians.

## Objectives and Victory

There are two objectives on the map: one in the town of Unter Laichling and the other in the town of Schierling. Both are worth 1VP.

The game length is 10 turns.

Sudden death: 1/3

Baggage: Franco-Bavarians: D3 Austrians: A3



Table size: 24BW x 36BW

## Setup Notes

Both sides use random entry for off-table units.

The Austrian units set up first, anywhere in the upper two rows. Units in towns may set up in garrison.

The French on-table units set up second, anywhere in the bottom row.

| Units   | Strength <u>shaken</u> | Resolve | Special notes     |  |
|---|------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Austrians</b>                                |                        |         |                   |  |
| <b>IV Armee Korps</b>                           |                        |         |                   |  |
| <b>Division Somariva</b>                        |                        |         |                   |  |
| <b>Brigade Riese</b>                            |                        |         |                   |  |
| <i>R</i> 1/44<br>Bellegarde                     | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk2               |  |
| <i>R</i> Reserve<br>artillery 12pdr<br>position | 2 <u>1</u>             | 6       | 3 x 4+ <b>Hvy</b> |  |
| <i>R</i> 1/12<br>Deutsch Banat                  | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk3               |  |
| <b>Brigade Stutterheim</b>                      |                        |         |                   |  |
| <i>S</i> 2/12<br>Deutsch Banat                  | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk3               |  |
| <i>S</i> Vincent<br>Chevauleger                 | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 5+      |                   |  |
| <i>S</i> Stipcisz<br>Hussars                    | 7 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1   | 5+      |                   |  |
| <i>S</i> Cavalry<br>battery                     | 2 <u>1</u>             | 6       | 3 x 4+ <b>H</b>   |  |
| <b>Brigade Neustadter</b>                       |                        |         |                   |  |
| <i>N</i> 1/9<br>Czartoryski                     | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk2               |  |
| <i>N</i> 2/9<br>Czartoryski                     | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk2               |  |
| <i>N</i> 1/55 Reuss-<br>Greitz                  | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk2               |  |
| <i>N</i> 2/55 Reuss-<br>Greitz                  | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> 1     | 4+      | Sk2               |  |
| <i>N</i> 6pdr<br>brigade<br>battery             | 2 <u>1</u>             | 6       | 4 x 4+            |  |

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| <b>III Corps</b>                       |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>On Table</b>                        |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>Division St Hilaire</b>             |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>StH</b> Foot Battery                | 2 <u>1</u>                | 6       | 4 x 4+        |  |
| <b>57th Line</b>                       |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>57</b> 1/57                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>57</b> 2/57                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>57</b> 3/57                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>72nd Line</b>                       |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>72</b> 1/72                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>72</b> 2/72                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>72</b> 3/72                         | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>Lefebvre's provisional Corps</b>    |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>Division Deroi</b>                  |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>Brigade Siebein</b>                 |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>Si</b> 5th Bavarian Light Battalion | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>Si</b> 1/9th Bavarian Line          | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK2           |  |
| <b>Si</b> 2/9th Bavarian Line          | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK2           |  |
| <b>Si</b> Taxis Dragoons               | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 5+      |               |  |
| <b>Si</b> Light battery                | 2 <u>1</u>                | 6       | 4 x 4+        |  |
| <b>In Reserve</b>                      |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>105th Line</b>                      |                           |         |               |  |
| <b>105</b> 1/105                       | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>105</b> 2/105                       | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |
| <b>105</b> 3/105                       | 6 5 4 3 <u>2</u> <u>1</u> | 4+      | SK3, A        |  |