

and 50 Squadrons of his left Wing. The first Line was to advance by the Way of Makerene to Neiden, the Second by Peckhutte to Elfnick, and the Third, which consisted wholly of Cavalry, by the Wood of Wildenhayn to Vogelsang.

On the other Hand, General Ziethen, with 30 Battalions and 70 Squadrons of the Right, was to take the Great Leipzig Road, and coming out of it at the Ponds of Torgau, to direct his Attacks against the Villages of Suptitz and Groschwitz.

This Plan was executed in the following Manner: The King's Line, while on their March, fell upon the Corps under General Reid, consisting of two Regiments of Dragoons and three Battalions of Pandours, who retired at our Approach into the Wood of Torgau. But we found in the Wood near Wildenhayn another more considerable Corps of the Enemy, who after firing some Volleyes of Cannon on our Vanguard, immediately retired to Groschutz.

Our Vanguard was on the Point of attacking them when we learnt that St. Ignon's Dragoons were in the Wood on our Left between our Columns of Foot. Being immediately attacked by our Hussars, they wanted to retire, but met the Grenadiers of our Vanguard, whose Fire stopt them, so that our Hussars made most of them Prisoners. Those who escaped, fell in with our second and third Lines, where our Cavalry was, and were either dispersed or taken.

At Two in the Afternoon, the King got thro' the Wood to the little Plain of Neiden. There we found Bathiani's Dragoons, and a Regiment of Foot, which after firing some Cannon-shot, retired to Torgau, from whence we heard a brisk and continued Fire of Cannon and small Arms, which made us judge that General Zeithen was already engaged with the Enemy. On this we mended our Pace, and passing the Morasses near Nelden, inclined to our Right towards a small Wood, marching in three Lines. The Horse were on the Left of the Foot, with their Left at the Elbe.

On our approach, Marshal Daun made a Front, and received us with a brisk Fire of 200 Pieces of Cannon. His Position was as follows. His Right extended to Groschwitz, and his Left to Zinne. His Foot occupied very advantageous Eminences along the Leipzig Road. His second Line, against which we directed our Attack, was placed on a Piece of Ground which terminated in Hills towards the Elbe.

We had dispersed our Attack in such a Manner, that either our Right or Left must take the Enemy in Rear, and close them in, so that they should not be able to undertake

any Thing against that Part where we intended to effect our Attack. Nevertheless we were repulsed the first Time, after a very smart Fire of Artillery and Small-arms. Our Grenadiers suffered from the Austrian Carabincers. We made a second vigorous Attack; but we were again repulsed, and forced to give Way. Whereupon the King made Bareith's Dragoons advance, who took Prisoners the Emperor's own Regiment, those of Neuperger and Gaifrug, and a Battalion of Bareith's. At the same Time, Spaen's Curassiers fell upon other Regiments of Foot, and put them into Disorder. Upon which the Enemy advanced between sixty and eighty Battalions towards Torgau, placing their Left at Zinne, and their Right at the Elbe. The Prince of Holstein went to meet them with our Cavalry, and at first made them give Way; but, at the second Shock, he was himself forced to retire. Nevertheless, he returned to the Charge, and our third Line of Foot attacked the Vineyards of Suptitz, whilst General Ziethen with our right Wing took the Enemy in Rear. This Disposition had the desired Success; it threw the Austrians into great Disorder.

These different Attacks lasted till a Quarter after Nine at Night. As the Night was uncommonly Dark, it was not possible to pursue the Enemy. Marshal Daun is wounded in the Thigh, and it should seem that our Victory was facilitated by his Wound. The Enemy employed the rest of the Night in crossing the Elbe, with all Speed, on three Bridges of Boats which they threw over it at Torgau. Next Morning, at Day-break, we entered that Town, and seized twenty Boats belonging to their Bridges.

The Enemy lost in this Engagement four Generals, 200 Officers, and 7000 Men, whom we made Prisoners. We took 20 Pair of Colours, one Standard, 37 Cannon, and three Obusers. In the first Attacks, in which we were repulsed, the Enemy took two our Generals, some Officers, and about 1500 Soldiers. We compute our Loss at 2500 Men killed, and 4900 wounded. The Action was very sharp, the Ground was disputed on both Sides with the greatest Obstinacy.

We are preparing to march forwards, and to make all the Advantage of our Victory that the Season will allow.

Our two Generals whom the Enemy have made Prisoners, are Count Fiuckenstein and M. Bulow. A List of our killed and wounded will soon be published. The King's Breast was grazed by a Ball, and the Margrave Charles received a violent Contusion on the Thigh.

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