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Battle of Almanza 1707

Army list for Le Roi Soleil

The Battle of Almanza

Down by a crystal river side,
I fell a weeping;
To see my brother soldier dear,
Upon the ground lie bleeding.

It was from the Castle of Vino,
We marched on Easter Sunday;
And the battle of Almanza,
Was fought on Easter Monday.

Full twenty miles we marched that day
Without one drop of water;
Till we poor souls were almost spent,
Before the bloody slaughter.

Over the plain we marched along,
All in the line of battle;
To the beat of drums and colours fly
And thundering cannons' rattle.

Brave Gallaway, our General,
Cried, ' Fight on ! while you may;
Fight on! brave-hearted Englishmen,
You're one to five this day.

'Hold back ! nor make the first attack
'Tis what they do desire:
But when you see my sword I draw,
Let each platoon give fire.'

We had not marched some paces three,
Before the small shot flew like thunder
Hoping that we should get the day,
And likewise all the plunder.

But the Dutch fell on with sword in hand
And that was their desire;
Thirty-five squadrons of Portuguese,
They ran and never gave fire.

The Duke of Berwick, as I have been told,
He gave it out in orders,
That if the army should be broke,
To give the English quarter.

'Be kind unto my countrymen,
For that is my desire;
With the Portuguese do as you please,
For they will soon retire.'

Now to conclude and make an end
Of this my dismal story
One hundred thousand fighting men
Have died for England's glory.

But let no brave soldier be dismayed
For losing of a battle;
We have more forces coming on
Will make Jack Frenchman rattle



Almanza 1707

Earl of Galway (Average)

Wing Commanders

Das Minjas (Average) Erle (Average)

Allied Army - 3 Commands

CS: Average (10 pts)

Infantry

Command	Unit	Nationality	M	VBU	I	D	VD	Notes	Location	
FP	Das Minjas	Villaverde/Don Juan Alayada	P	6	5	1	C	1	Musket C	Right Wing - 1st Line
FP	Erle	Ilha/Henriques	P	6	5	1	C	1	Musket C	Centre - 1st Line
FP	Erle	Shimpton	E / D	6	6	1	B	2	Musket A	Centre - 1st Line
FP	Erle	Friesham	E / D	6	4	1	B	2	Musket A	Centre - 2nd Line
FP	Earl of Galway	Tyrawley/Conde de Alayada	E / D	6	4	1	B	2	Musket A	Left Wing - 1st Line

NOTES AND OPTIONS.

Ilha / Henriques replaced with

FP	Erle	Ilha	P	6	3	0	C	1	Musket C	Centre 1st Line
FP	Erle	Henriques	P	6	2	0	C	1	Musket C	Centre 1st Line

OR Villaverde/Don Juan Alayada replaced with

FP	Das Minjas	Villaverde	P	6	3	0	C	1	Musket C	Right Wing - 1st Line
FP	Das Minjas	Don Juan De Alayada	P	6	2	0	C	1	Musket C	Right Wing - 1st Line

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Cavalry

Command	Unit	Nationality	M	VBU	I	D	VD	Notes	Location	
CM	Das Minjas	Villaverde	P	8	4	1	C	1	Pistols 3 D6	Right Wing - 1st Line
CM	Das Minjas	Don Juan De Alayada	P	8	3	1	C	1	Pistols 3 D6	Right Wing - 2nd Line
CM	Earl of Galway	Tyrawley	E/D	8	4	2	B	2	Pistols 1 D6	Left Wing - 1st Line
CM	Earl of Galway	Conde de Alayada	P	8	3	1	C	1	Pistols 3 D6	Left Wing - 2nd Line

NOTES AND OPTIONS.

Artillery

Command	Unit	Nationality	M	VBU	I	D	VD	Notes	Location
ART c	Erle	P	3	2	0	C	2	ART C	
ART c	Das Minjas	E	3	2	0	B	2	ART C	

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Notes on the Portuguese Units.

The ratio of pike to musket for the units at the battle is not clear at all. Two sources talk of a high number of pike. I Le Roi Soliel, Musket Class C reflects a unit that is one third pike, this feels correct for this battle. The quality of the Portuguese forces was low, hence their actual role in the battle.



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Duke of Berwick (Good)

Wing Commanders

Durque de Popoli (Average) San Gilles (Average) and d'Avaray (Average)

3 Commands

CS: Average (10 pts)

Infantry

	Command	Unit	Nationality	M	VBU	I	D	VD	Notes	Location
FP	San Gilles	Guardia	Sp	6	4	1	A	3	Musket B	1st Line
FP	San Gilles	Labadie	Sp	6	4	1	B	2	Musket B	1st Line
FP	San Gilles	Vicentelo	Fr	6	7	1	B	2	Musket B	1st Line
FP	San Gilles	Caves/Du Burdel/Davila	Sp/Fr/Wal/Sav	6	7	1	B	2	Musket B	2nd Line
FP	San Gilles	Pons/Courville	Fr/Irish	6	5	1	A	2	Musket B	2nd Line

NOTES AND OPTIONS.

Guardia & Labadie can be combined

	San Gilles	Labadie	Sp	6	8	2	B	3	Musket B	1st Line
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Cavalry

	Command	Unit	Nationality	M	VBU	I	D	VD	Notes	Location
CM	Durque de Popoli	Duque de Popoli	Fr/Sp	8	6	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	1st Line
CM	Durque de Popoli	D'Asfeld	Fr/Sp	8	4	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	2nd Line
CM	d'Avaray	d'Avaray	Fr/Sp	8	6	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	1st Line
CM	d'Avaray	Abre	Fr/Sp	8	4	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	2nd Line

NOTES AND OPTIONS.

d'Avaray maybe split into two unit, one being a Dragoon unit - that may dismount and fight as FL

CM	d'Avaray	d'Avaray Horse	Fr/Sp	8	4	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	1st Line
CM	d'Avaray	d'Avaray Dragoon	Fr	8	2	2	B	2	Pistols 3 D6	1st Line

FL	d'Avaray	d'Avaray Dragoon	Fr	6	2	0	B	2	Carbine	1st Line
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ARTc	San Gilles		Fr	3	2	0	B	2	ART C	
ARTc	San Gilles		Sp	3	2	0	C	2	ART C	
ARTc	San Gilles		Sp	3	2	0	C	2	ART C	

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Optional Army list

The Allied Army was split just before the battle, and this may have cost them victory. Players may wish to play a "What if" scenario, where the Allied forces are all present at the battle. The Army List below represents that possibility.

Almanza 1707

Charles VI (Average) and Earl of Peterborough (Average)

Wing Commanders

Earl of Galway (Poor) Das Mijas (Average) Erle (Average)

Allied Army - 5 Commands

CS: Average (10 pts)

Infantry

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FP	Das Minjas	Villaverde/Don Juan Alayada	P	6	5	1	C	1	Musket C	Right Wing - 1st Line
FP	Erle	Ilha/Henriques	P	6	5	1	C	1	Musket C	Centre - 1st Line
FP	Erle	Shimpton	D / Ca	6	6	1	B	2	Musket A	Centre - 1st Line
FP	Earl of Peterborough	MacCartney	E / D	6	4	1	B	2	Musket A	Centre - 1st Line
FP	Earl of Peterborough	Friesham	E / D	6	4	1	B	2	Musket A	Centre - 2nd Line
FP	Earl of Galway	Tyrawley/Conde de Alayada	E / D	6	4	1	B	2	Musket A	Left Wing - 1st Line
FP	Charles VI	Catalan Brigade	Ca	6	3	1	B	1	Musket B	Reserve - Centre

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CM	Charles VI	Catalan Horse	Ca	8	5	1	C	1	Pistols 3 D6	Reserve - Centre
CM	Charles VI	Catalan Dragoons	Ca	8	3	1	C	1	Pistols 3 D6	Reserve - Centre
CM	Earl of Galway	Tyrawley	E/D	8	4	2	B	2	Pistols 1 D6	Left Wing - 1st Line
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ART c	Earl of Peterborough		D	3	2	0	C	2	ART C	
ART c	Das Minjas		P	3	2	0	B	2	ART C	

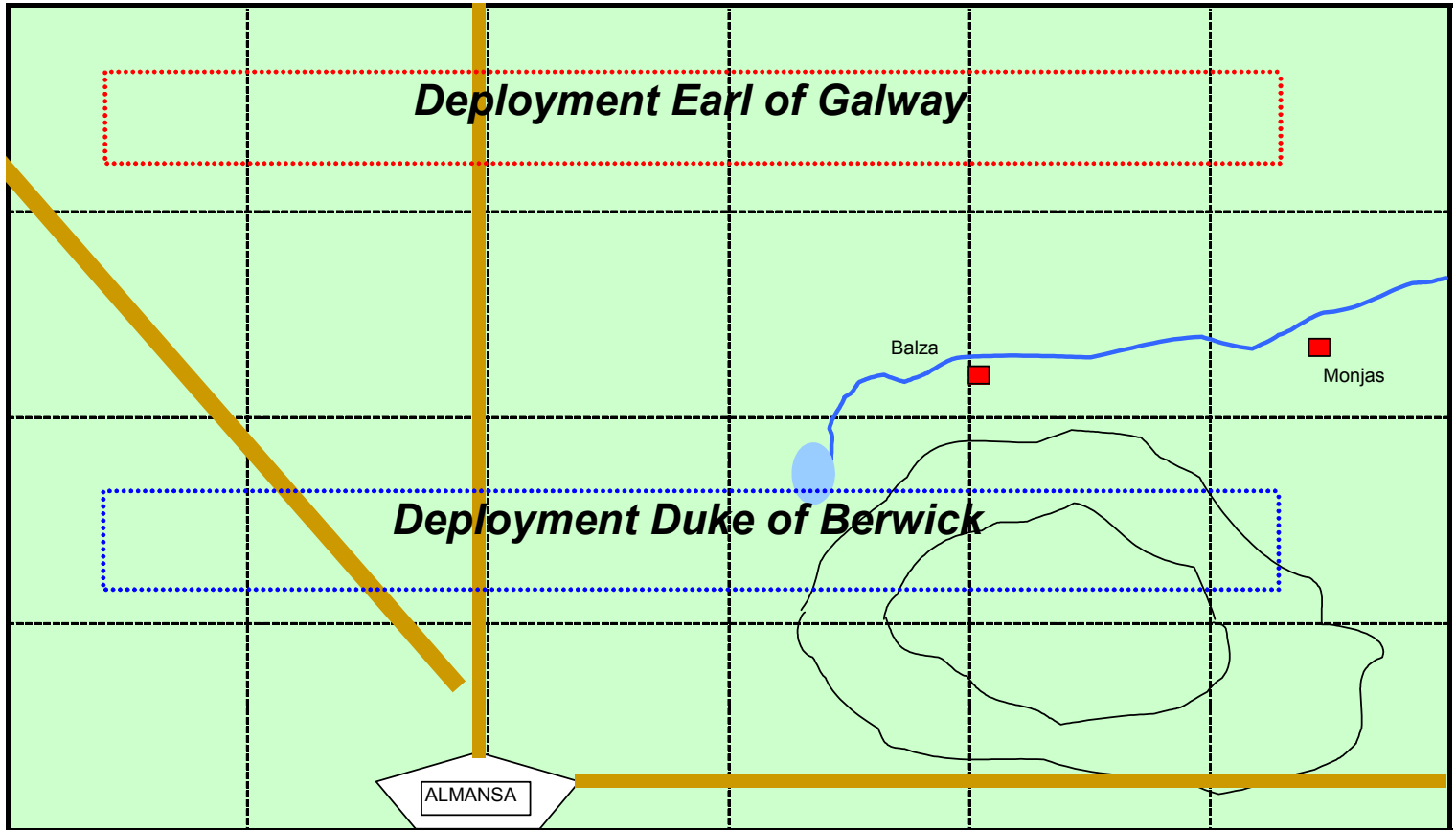
NOTES AND OPTIONS.

Earl of Peterborough and Earl of Galway would have found working together very difficult. Galway's command rating drops to Poor to reflect this, and his reluctance to follow Peterborough's orders.

The command abilities of Charles is likely to have been rather poor. He has nominal command of the army, and his rating represents that he had Peterborough at his side, effectively running the battle. However each turn, the Confederate player rolls two D6. On a roll of a double, the Confederate commander may not carry out any movement this turn. This reflects "Royal interference" in the chain of command. This event only occurs once a game.



Map



Each square 12" * 12".

Players may wish to extend the playing area by adding another 12" section behind the Earl of Galway's Deployment Area.

Notes

For an introduction to this battle information can be found at these links

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Almanza

<http://almansa2007.usuarios.tvalmansa.com/>

<http://www.almansa.es/alm/turismo/batalla.php>

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