

Wars of the French Revolution

FRENCH FORCES

The Revolution in France, quite rightly, saw all the civilised nations of Europe rebel against the violence of the revolution and the throwing down of the legal systems of government embodied in the person of the King.

The revolutionary French government reacted by combining the regular force of the Royalist Army, albeit purged of the aristocratic elements in its officer corps, and the politically inspired volunteers who, flocked to the colours to defend their revolution. The result was a mismatch between the professional, long service soldiers in white, *Les Blancs*, and the enthusiastic but untrained volunteers in blue, *Les Bleus*.

By 1793 a *levée en masse* allowed France to field huge numbers of troops, but again training was woeful and discipline was largely absent. The tactics developed relied on masses of skirmishers and artillery to shock the enemy before fast moving enthusiastic columns moved in with the bayonet to deliver the *coup de grace*.

The following lists reflect the transition through the period 1792 to 1802, seeing a chaotic Army of the revolution transform itself into an effective.

LES BLANCS ET BLUES, 1792

A force of regulars from the former royal Army mixed with republican Volunteers.

ORDRE MIXTE
Leader, Status II
Two Groups of 8 "Blancs", Muskets
Leader, Status I
Three Group of 10 "Sans Culottes", Muskets
Leader, Status II
Two Group of 6 Blanc Skirmishers, Muskets
Point Value: 45

The second force represents a force part of the *Levée en Masse* of 1793 where quality was replaced by numbers.

LEVÉE EN MASSE
Leader, Status II
Leader, Status I
Four Groups of Amalgam 1 st & 3 rd , Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Group of 6 Bleu Skirmishers, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Group of 6 Bleu Skirmishers, Muskets
Point Value: 39

Finally, we have a more mature force from the period of the late Republic.

LEVÉE EN MASSE
Leader, Status III
Two Groups of Line Infantry, Muskets
Leader, Status II
Two Groups of Line Infantry, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Group of 6 Légère Skirmishers, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Group of 6 Légère Skirmishers, Muskets
Point Value: 67

"Les Blancs" Infantry 1792-95					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	3	2	2	Sharp Practice
"Les Blues" Infantry 1792 (Sans Culottes)					Type	Militia
Points Value	3	Weapon	Musket		Size	10
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	No	No	-	2	-	Surly
"Les Blues" Infantry 1793-95					Type	Conscripts & Volunteers
Points Value	4	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	No	No	-	1	3	Aggressive
"Les Blancs" Skirmishers 1793-95					Type	Skirmishers
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	No	-	2	-	Sharp Practice
"Les Bleus" Skirmishers					Type	Irregular Skirmishers
Points Value	4	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Never	Yes	No	-	1	-	
"Amalgam" Infantry, 1st & 3rd Battalions 1796-98					Type	Conscripts & Volunteers
Weapon	4	Size	8		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	Yes	No	-	1		Aggressive
"Amalgam" Infantry, 2nd Battalion 1796-98					Type	Conscripts & Volunteers
Weapon		Size	8		Size	
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	3	1	2	Aggressive Sharp Practice
Infanterie Légère, 1794-95					Type	Conscripts & Volunteers
Points Value		Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	-	1	2	Aggressive
Infanterie Légère Skirmishers, 1794-95					Type	Skirmishers
Points Value		Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	No	-	1	-	Sharp Practice
Infanterie Légère, 1796 to 1802					Type	Regulars
Points Value		Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	1	-	Aggressive Sharp Practice Pas de Charge

Infanterie Légère Skirmishers, 1796 to 1802					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	9	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	1	-	Sharp Practice
Line Infantry, 1796 to 1802					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	3	2	2	Pas de Charge
Grenadiers, 1796 to 1802					Type	Elite
Points Value	8	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	3	1	2	Pas de Charge Sharp Practice Aggressive
Hussars and Chasseurs a Cheval					Type	Scouting Cavalry
Points Value	4	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	No	No	-	-	-	Weedy Coves
Dragoons					Type	Dragoons
Points Value	7	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	No	No	-	3	-	
Cavalry					Type	Impact Cavalry
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
No Shock	No	No	-	-	-	
Artillery					Type	Artillery
Points Value	7/8/10	Weapon	Gun		Size	5
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	2	-	Sharp Practice

AUSTRIAN FORCES

Austrian Forces in the Low Countries and in Italy were typical of the relatively small professional armies of the major European Powers. Here we represent them with three lists which provide some variety of unit types.

The first list is Fusiliers, either German or Hungarian, which may be upgraded to Grenadiers.

FUSILIERS FORCE
Leader, Status III
Leader, Status I
Three Groups of 8 Fusiliers, Muskets
Leader, Status II
Two Groups of 8 Fusiliers, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Groups of 6 Third Rank Skirmishers, Muskets
Point Value: 58 (Grenadiers 63)

The next list is a Grenzer force of border troops.

GRENZER FORCE
Leader, Status III
Two Groups of 8 Grenz, Muskets
Leader, Status II
Two Groups of 8 Grenz, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Groups of 6 Grenz Scharfschützen, Rifle and Pike
Leader, Status I
One Groups of 6 Grenz Scharfschützen, Rifle and Pike
Point Value: 69

Finally we have a Jäger force with the two front ranks fielding muskets, the third rank having rifles and providing the skirmishers.

JÄGER FORCE
Leader, Status III
Two Groups of 8 Jäger, Muskets
Leader, Status II
Two Groups of 8 Jäger, Muskets
Leader, Status I
One Groups of 6 Jäger Skirmishers, Rifles
Leader, Status I
One Groups of 6 Jäger Skirmishers, Rifles
Point Value: 71

Force Specific Characteristics

This force has the following specific Characteristics.

- **Ancien Régime:** Trained in the drill of a bygone age, the Austrians cannot form Attack Columns in this period.
- **Dangerous Pikeys:** The Grenzer Scharfschützen were provided with short pikes to protect them from enemy cavalry. In close combat against mounted cavalry will add 2D6 per group to reflect the effectiveness of these weapons.

German Fusiliers					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	3	-	3	Sharp Practice, Stubborn
Hungarian Fusiliers					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	-	3	-	Stubborn
Grenadiers					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	3	2	Aggressive, Sharp Practice
Third Rank Skirmishers (Fusiliers or Grenadiers)					Type	Skirmishers
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	No	-	3	-	Sharp Practice
Jäger Front Ranks					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	3	2	Sharp Practice, Stubborn
Jäger Skirmishers					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	11	Weapon	Rifle		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Yes	Yes	No	-	2	-	Sharp Practice
Grenz Infantry					Type	Regulars
Weapon	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	3	2	3	Aggressive
Grenz Scharfschützen Skirmishers					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	12	Weapon	Rifle & Short Pike		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	1	-	Sharp Practice
Uhlans, Cheveau Leger, Light Dragoons					Type	Scouting Cavalry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Sabre (or Lance for Uhlans)		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	No	No	-	3	-	In Hand
Dragoons					Type	Impact Cavalry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	No	No	-	2	-	In Hand
Cuirassiers					Type	Impact Cavalry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	No	No	-	2	-	In Hand, Cuirass

Artillery					Type	Artillery
Points Value	7/8/10	Weapon	Gun		Size	5
Formation	First Fire	Controlled V.	Crashing V.	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Sharp Practice