

Prussian Army of the Napoleonic Wars

The Prussian Army at the beginning of the Napoleonic Wars had changed little since the time of Frederick the Great. Indeed, to a degree it could be described as a living monument to the achievements of fifty years previous, disciplined yet structurally rigid, an army of a former time.

Prussia was to suffer overwhelming defeat at the hands of the French at Jena in 1806 and was obliged to completely reconstruct its military within the confines of a treaty which restricted its numbers. The result was the creation of a nation in arms which was to play a major part in the ultimate downfall of the French despot.

The four forces presented here trace the development of the Prussian Army of this period.

Frederick's Army. Up to 1806
Leader Status II
Leader Status I
Three Groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status II
Two Groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status I
One Group of 6 Schutzen Skirmishers
Points Value: 53
Grenadiers: 58

The second force represents a force after the reorganisations which occurred after Jena and serving with the French during the invasion of Russia.

Unenthusiastic Allies, 1812
Leader Status II
Three Groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status II
Two Groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status I
One Group of 6 Schutzen Skirmishers
Points Value: 50
Grenadiers: 63

An alternative to this is the Fusilier force, as follows

Unenthusiastic Allies, 1812
Leader Status II
Three Groups of 8 Fusiliers
Leader Status II
Two Groups of 8 Fusiliers
Leader Status I
One Group of 6 Fusilier Skirmishers
Points Value: 58

The last force represents the Prussians freed from the French yoke, either serving in Poland and Germany after the withdrawal of the Grande Armee from Russia or in the campaigns of 1814 or 1815.

Marschall Vorwärts Men
Leader Status III
Two groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status II
Two Groups of 8 Musketeers
Leader Status II
Two Groups of 8 Schutzen Skirmishers
Points Value: 57

Special Characteristics:

- **Unhappy Allies** – The Prussian Army serving alongside the French as allies will treat every unit as being Surly.
- **Controlled Fire:** Prussian troops up to the battle of Jena will only fire controlled volleys where this is shown as being Obligatory.
- **Ancien Régime:** Trained in the drill of a bygone age, the Prussians cannot form Attack Columns before 1812.

Prussian Musketeer & Fusiliers to 1806					Type	Regular
Points Value	5	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Obligatory	3	-	-	
Prussian Grenadiers to 1806					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Obligatory	2	-	-	Aggressive
Prussian Schutzen Skirmishers to 1806					Type	Skirmishers
Points Value	10	Weapon	Rifle		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	No	-	2	-	Sharp Practice
Prussian Musketeers 1812-13					Type	Regulars
Points Value	5	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	3	3	2	
Prussian Fusiliers, 1812-13					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	Sharp Practice
Prussian Fusilier Skirmishers, 1812-13					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	2	-	Sharp Practice
Prussian Grenadiers, 1812-13					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	3	2	Sharp Practice
Prussian Schutzen Skirmishers, 1812-13					Type	Skirmishers
Points Value	10	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	2	-	Sharp Practice

Prussian Landwehr, 1812-13					Type	Militia
Points Value	2	Weapon	Musket		Size	10
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	-	-	-	Poor Shots
Prussian Musketeers 1814-15					Type	Regulars
Points Value	6	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	3	2	2	Stubborn
Prussian Fusiliers, 1814-15					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	Sharp Practice, Stubborn
Prussian Fusilier Skirmishers, 1814-15					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Musket		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	1	-	Sharp Practice
Prussian Grenadiers, 1814-15					Type	Regulars
Points Value	7	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	Sharp Practice, Aggressive
Prussian Schutzen Skirmishers, 1814-15					Type	Light Infantry
Points Value	12	Weapon	Rifle		Size	6
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	-	-	1	-	Sharp Practice
Prussian Landwehr, 1812-13					Type	C & V
Points Value	4	Weapon	Musket		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	-	2	-	Stubborn
Prussian Cuirassiers					Type	Impact Cavalry
Points Value	8	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	-	-	-	-	1	In hand

Prussian Dragoons					Type	Dragoons
Points Value	8	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	No	-	-	-	1	In hand
Prussian Hussars					Type	Scouting Cavalry
Points Value	5	Weapon	Sabre		Size	8
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	-	-	-	-	1	In hand
Prussian Uhlans					Type	Scouting Cavalry
Points Value	6	Weapon	Lance		Size	
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	-	-	-	-	1	In hand
Prussian Artillery to 1806					Type	Artillery
Points Value	6/7/9	Weapon	Musket		Size	5
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	
Prussian Artillery 1812-15					Type	Artillery
Points Value	6/7/9	Weapon	Musket		Size	5
Formation	First Fire	Controlled Volley	Crashing volley	Step Out	Drill	Characteristics
Always	Yes	First Only	-	-	-	