

German 1st Army
Battle by Solesmes and Le Cateau
25-27 August 1914

III Army Corps: General der Infanterie von Luchow
5th Division

9th Infantry Brigade

1/,2/,F/Leib Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/48th Infantry Regiment

10th Infantry Brigade

1/,2/,F/12th Grenadier Regiment
1/,2/,3/52nd Infantry Regiment

Cavalry

1/,2/,3/3rd Hussar Regiment

5th Artillery Brigade: Oberst von Lotterer

1/18th Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-77mm guns ea)
2/18th Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-105mm howitzers ea)
1/,2/54th Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-77mm guns each battalion)
4 Light Munition Columns

Support Units

1st Company, 3rd Pioneer Battalion
5th Divisional Bridging Train
1st & 3rd Medical Companies

6th Division:

11th Brigade:

1/,2/,3/20th Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/35th Fusilier Regiment

12th Brigade:

1/,3/24th Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/64th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

4/,5/,6/3rd Hussar Regiment (3 sqns)

6th Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor von Kleist

1/,2/3rd Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-77mm guns each battalion)
1/39th Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-77mm guns ea)
2/39th Field Artillery Regiment
(3 btrys 4-105mm howitzers ea)
4 Light Munition Columns

Support Units

2nd & 3rd Companies, 3rd Pioneer Battalion
6th Divisional Bridging Train
2nd Medical Company

Corps Troops

1/2nd Guard Foot Artillery Regiment
4 150mm Batteries (4-150mm guns each)
7th Aviation Battalion
3rd Radio Battalion
3rd Corps Bridging Train
3rd Searchlight Platoon

4 Infantry Munition Columns
6 Field Artillery Munition Columns
3 Light Howitzer Munition Columns
8 Heavy Howitzer Munition Columns
12 Field Hospitals
6 Provision Trains
7 Vehicle Parks
2 Horse Depots
2 Field Bakeries Columns

IV Corps:

7th Division:

13th Brigade:

1/,2/,3/26th Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/66th Infantry Regiment

14th Brigade:

1/,2/,3/27th Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/165th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

10th Hussar Regiment (3 sqns)

7th Artillery Brigade:

1/,2/4th Field Artillery Regiment
1/,2/40th Field Artillery Regiment
(9 btrys, 4-77mm guns ea & 3 btrys, 4-105mm howitzers ea)

Support Troops

1st Company, 4th Pioneer
1st and 3rd Medical Companies
7th Divisional Bridging Train

8th Division:

15th Brigade:

1/,2/,3/36th Fusilier Regiment
1/,2/,3/93rd Infantry Regiment

16th Brigade:

1/,2/,3/72nd Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/153rd Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

10th Hussar Regiment (3 sqns)

8th Artillery Brigade:

1/,2/74th Field Artillery Regiment
1/,2/75th Field Artillery Regiment
(9 btrys, 4-77mm guns ea & 3 btrys, 4-105mm howitzers ea)

Support Troops

2nd & 3rd Companies, 4th Pioneer Battalion
2nd Medical Company
8th Divisional Bridging Train

IV Reserve Army Corps

7th Reserve Division:

13th Reserve Brigade:

1/,2/,3/27th Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/36th Reserve Regiment

14th Reserve Brigade:

1/,2/,3/66th Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/72nd Reserve Regiment

Attached:

4th Reserve Jäger Battalion

Cavalry:

1st Reserve Heavy Cavalry Regiment (3 sqns)

Artillery:

1/,2/7th Reserve Field Artillery Regiment
(6 btrys, 4-77mm guns ea)

Support Troops

4th Field Company, 2nd Pioneer Battalion No.4
7th Reserve Divisional Bridging Train
4th Reserve Medical Company

22nd Reserve Division:

43rd Reserve Brigade:

1/,2/,3/71st Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/94th Reserve Regiment

44th Reserve Brigade:

1/,2/,3/32nd Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/82nd Reserve Regiment

Attached

11th Reserve Jäger Battalion

Cavalry:

1st Reserve Jäger zu Pferd Regiment (3 sqns)

Artillery:

1/,2/22nd Reserve Field Artillery Regiment
(6 btrys, 4-77mm guns ea)

Support Troops

1st Reserve Company, 2nd Pioneer Battalion No. 4
2nd Reserve Company, 2nd Pioneer Battalion No. 4
22nd Reserve Divisional Bridging Train
11th Reserve Medical Company

2nd Cavalry Corps

2nd Cavalry Division

5th Cavalry Brigade:

2nd Dragoon Regiment
3rd Uhlán Regiment

8th Cavalry Brigade:

7th Cuirassier Regiment
12th Hussar Regiment

Leibhussar Brigade:

1st Leib Hussar Regiment
2nd Leib Hussar Regiment

Attached

4th Machinegun Battalion
Reserve Battalion/35th Field Artillery Regiment
unknown Pioneer Battalion
Signals Battalion

4th Cavalry Division

3rd Cavalry Brigade:

1/,2/,3/,4/2nd Cuirassier Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/9th Uhlán Regiment

17th Cavalry Brigade:

1/,2/,3/,4/17th Dragoon Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/18th Dragoon Regiment

Attached

7th Jäger Battalion
2nd Guard Machine Gun Battlaion
Reserve Battalion/3rd Field ARTillery Regiment
? Pioneer Battalion
Signals Detachment

9th Cavalry Division

13th Cavarly Brigade:

4th Cuirassier Regiment
8th Hussar Regiment

14th Cavarly Brigade:

11th Hussar Regiment
5th Uhlán Regiment

19th Cavalry Brigade:

19th Dragoon Regiment
13th Uhlán Regiment

Attached

7th Machinegun Battalion
Reserve Battalion/10th Field Artillery Regiment
unknown Pioneer Battalion
Signals Battalion

Note: Each division had a divisional bridging train and between the two divisions in each corps there were, generally, 3 medical companies and 3 pioneer companies.

Note: Each corps normally had a battalion (4 btrys, or 16 150mm guns) of heavy artillery, a radio detachment, an aviation detachment, and a corps bridging train. In addition, each corps had a number of infantry, artillery, and light (not in reserve corps) and heavy howitzer munition columns. There were also a further number of provision columns, vehicle parks and horse depots.

Note: On the army level there would generally be another avai-tion detachment, a radio detachment and a balloon squadron.

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