

## **The 3rd corps.**

As the order sent by the general headquarters for Thielmann was dated on 11.30 p.m. on the 14th of June, and the distance between Namur and Ciney (Thielmann's headquarters) being about 25 kilometers, it could be assumed that Thielmann received it by 2 or 3 a.m. but he actually got it at 4.45 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

It prescribed Thielmann "sogleich nach Empfang dieses Schreibens Ihr [3e] Armee-Korps bei Namur auf dem linken Maas-Ufer zu vereinigen".

Very little is known on the marches of this corps; somehow, the corps must have been delayed but in what way is still a mystery.<sup>2</sup> As a result, the corps was concentrated in and around Namur around 11 p.m.<sup>3</sup>

That night the headquarters of Thielmann was in Namur and the brigades occupied the following positions.

The brigade Von Kemphen at Namur.<sup>4</sup> The 9th brigade Von Borcke came to the right, that is north of Belgrade, at Beauvallon.<sup>5</sup> Its bivouac was located between Belgrade, Saint Servais and the "cense de Bricquegneaux".

Lucks 11th brigade was to the left, that is, between Belgrade, Salzinne and Flawinne.<sup>6</sup> The reserve-cavalry was also near Flawinne in position.<sup>7</sup>

The brigade Stülpnagel, the 12th brigade, had its positions between Saint Servais and the Chateau Berna Comines.<sup>8</sup>

The reserve artillery must have had a position to the left of the road to Nivelles.<sup>9</sup> This must have been a position somewhere near to the 11th brigade, but the exact location is unknown.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Pflugk Harttung, J.von In: GSA.VPH-HA.VI, nr.VII nr.4.p.2

MWB, 1846 p.20 – according to this source, the march order for the corps as issued by Thielmann, but unavailable, mentions this hour.

It reached the 12th brigade towards the morning. Cf. MWB, 1846 p.20 – from the account of captain Von Uethritz.

2. According to Von Plotho the troops of the corps left at 7.30 a.m. In: Der Krieg etc. p.32  
Von Clausewitz claims that Von Thielmann received the orders at 10 a.m. In: Hinterlassene Werke etc.p.36

Captain Von Röder, chief of staff of the brigade Von Luck, informs us that the brigade got the order to concentrate near Namur around 00.30 a.m.

He doesn't tell us when his troops left their positions. In: Röder, C.von Erinnerungen etc. p.320

Administrator Krack of the 3rd battalion 1st regiment Kurmark landwehrintanry (brigade Von Borcke) says his battailon left that morning in great haste, and for that reason the baggage was left behind. In: Bornstedt, Von. Das Gefecht bei Wavre etc. p.114

In the brigade of Von Stülpnagel, both fuselier battalions of the 31st regiment and the 6th regiment of Kurmark Landwehr infantry must have formed the vanguard which was led by major Von Natzmer, having the musketeer battalions in their wake. Cf.Gottschalck, M. Geschichte etc. p.72

3.Report of Von Thielmann. In: KA, VI.E.22.1 in: GSA,VPH-HA, VI nr.VII.5.p.35

Damitz, K.von. Geschichte des Feldzugs etc. p.107

Charras mentions 10 p.m. In: Histoire de la campagne de 1815. Vol.I p.128

Cf. Major Von Holleben (3rd battalion of the 8th Leib-regiment, brigade Von Borcke). In: Aus den hinterlassenen Papieren etc p.137

4.Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32

5.Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32

Major Von Holleben mentions Beauvallon as his position (3rd battalion of the 8th Leib-regiment, brigade Von Borcke. In: Aus den hinterlassenen Papieren etc p.137 He states his battalion assembled near Namur at 5 pm., passed through it and took up positions on the heights of Beauvallon.

The administrator Krack of the 3rd battalion of the 1st regiment Kurmark Landwehr infantry (brigade Von Borcke) informs us that there were so many troops in Namur that the distribution of provisions was seriously delayed. The first provisions it got were issued near Sombreffe in the afternoon of the 16th of June. In: Bornstedt, Von Das Gefecht bei Wavre etc. p.114

6. Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32

Also captain Von Röder, chief of staff of the brigade, reports a concentration near the bridge over the Meuse in Namur and then a position near Belgrade. In: Röder, C.von Erinnerungen etc. p.320

7.Förster, Von Geschichte des königlich preussischen Ulanen-Regiments Graf zu Dohna nr.8 p.65

Bredow, Von Geschichte des 2.Rheinischen Husaren-Regiments Nr.9 p.7

Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32

8. Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32

9. Plotho, C.von. Der Krieg des Verbundeten etc. p.32