

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> corps.

As the order sent by the general headquarters for Thielmann was dated on 11.30 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, it can 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 was 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, headquarters of Thielmann were in Namur and the brigades occupied the following positions. The brigade Von Kemphen at Namur. <sup>4</sup> The 9<sup>th</sup> brigade Von Borcke came to the right, north of Belgrade, at Beauvallon. <sup>5</sup> Its bivouac was located between Belgrade, Saint Servais and the "cense de Bricquegneaux". Luck's 11<sup>th</sup> brigade was to the left, between Belgrade, Salzinne and Flawinne. <sup>6</sup> The reserve-cavalry was also near Flawinne in position. <sup>7</sup> The brigade Stülpnagel, the 12<sup>th</sup> brigade, had its positions between Saint Servais and the Chateau Berna Comines. <sup>8</sup> The reserve artillery had a position to the left of the road to Nivelles somewhere near to the 11<sup>th</sup> brigade, but the exact location is unknown. <sup>9</sup>

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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 12<sup>th</sup> brigade towards the morning. Cf. MWB, 1846 p.20 – from the account of captain Von Uethritz.

The distance between Namur and Ciney (Thielmann's headquarters) was about 25 kilometres.

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, claims that the brigade got the order to concentrate near Namur around 00.30 a.m.

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

Administrator Krack of the 3rd battalion 1st regiment Kurmark landwehrintantry (brigade Von Borcke) says his battailon left that morning in great haste, and for that reason the bagage 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 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> battalion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leib-regiment, brigade Von Borcke. He states his battalion assembled near Namur at 5 pm., passed through it and took up positions on the heights of Beauvallon. In: Aus den hinterlassenen Papieren etc p.137

Administrator Krack of the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> regiment Kurmark Landwehr infantry (brigade Von Borcke) states 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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