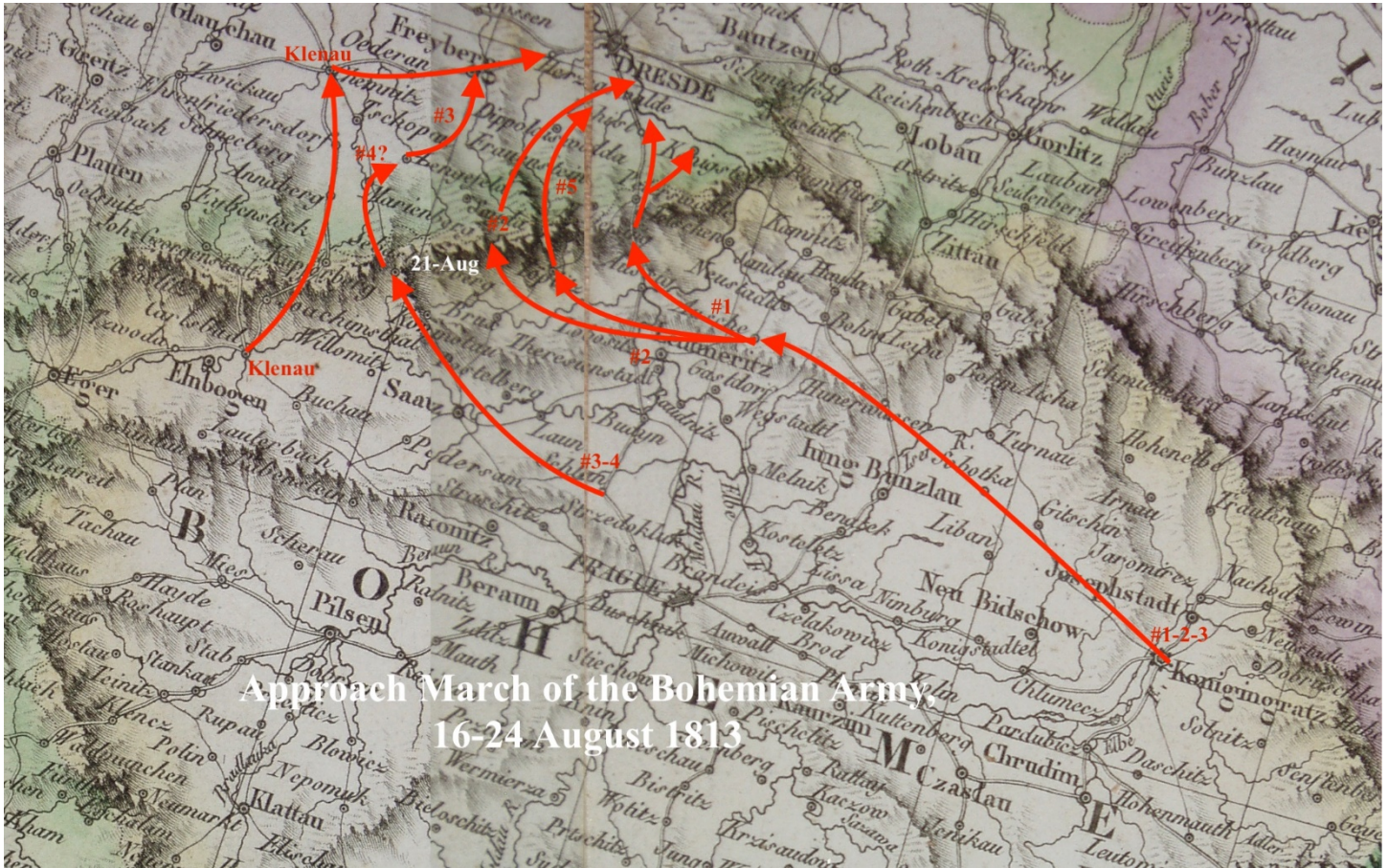


The Army of Bohemia's March to Dresden

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Approach March of the Bohemian Army,
16-24 August 1813

The official Austrian history for 1813 (Glaise von Horstenau, *Feldzug von Dresden*, 1913) gives a very detailed account of Allied movements from 21-24 August. Trawling through the text (approx. pages 80–117) yields the following general results—note that this does not track every division or deviation as much as one might wish, but it gives a good sense of the principal routes of advance the Allies employed to march out of Bohemia into Saxony.

As of 21 August

1st Column

Wittgenstein

Nollendorf

2nd Column

Kleist

Johnsdorf (Janov)/Nieder-Georgenthal (Horní Jiřetín)

3rd Column

Aust Right Wing

1st Lt Division

Sebastienberg (Hora Svatého Šebestiána)

Colloredo & Bulk

Domina (Krimov) and Sebastienberg

4th Column

Aust Left Wing

Crenneville

Weißenwolff

Main Body

SE of Pressnitz (Přísečnice, now Kryštofovy Hamry)

(= A.Liechtenstein & Lederer)

Klenau

Between Pressnitz and Kaaden (Kadan)

Mesko

vic. Gottesgab (Bozi Dar)

5th Column

Russo-Prussian Gd/Res

Still east and south of the line: Teplitz-Brüx-Komotau

As of evening 22 August

1st Column

Wittgenstein

Advance Guard

Pirna/Zehista

Main Body

Dohna/Groß-Cotta

Helfreich

observing Königstein

2nd Column

Kleist

Purschenstein/Neuhausen (Ziethen at Pilsdorf)

3rd Column

Aust Right Wing

1st Lt Div M.Liechtn

Mittelsaida

Colloredo

Olbernhau

Main Body

east of Marienberg

4th Column

Aust Left Wing

Crenneville

Lengefeld

Gyulai/H-H

Marienberg

Klenau

Mildenau

Mesko

Annaberg

5th Column (much unclear)

1st Gren Division

Johnsdorf

2nd Gren Division

Melnik (Mělník)

Guard Inf Divisions

SE of Brüx

2nd & 3rd Cuirassier Divs

Minitz (Minice)

1st Cuirassier Div . &

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Prussian Guard Cav | Chlumtschan (Chlumčany/Louny) |
| Russian Gd Lt Cav & | |
| Prussian Guard Inf | Welwarn (Welbern) (Velvary) |

Great confusion resulted from the revised orders issued on the morning of 23 August when subordinate commanders already had instructions for that day. What happened, of course, was that some units received the revised orders and were able to comply, others received them late and could only comply in a belated fashion with great exertion, others never seem to have received the new orders at all or not till the next day. This accounts for the semi-rest day Schwarzenberg authorized for 24 August and some of the seemingly odd entries below

As of evening 23 August

1st Column

Wittgenstein

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Advance Guard | east of Lockwitz (near an inn called the “Lugschenke”) |
| Main Body | vic. Dohna |
| Eugene/2 Corps | Zehista/Groß-Cotta |
| Helfreich | observing Königstein |

2nd Column

| | |
|--------|--|
| Kleist | Frauenstein/Reichenau (Ziethen at Hennersdorf) |
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3rd Column

Aust Right Wing

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| 1st Lt Div MLiechtn | Pretzschendorf |
| Colloredo | Lichtenberg |
| Civilart | Lichtenberg but not till 0900/24 August |
| Chasteler | Clausnitz |
| Bianchi | Zethau |

4th Column

Aust Left Wing

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Crenneville | Frauenstein (that night but ordered to Oberbobritzsch) |
| Weißerwolff & | |
| Lederer | Groß-Waltersdorf |
| A. Liechtenstein | Haselbach |
| Hess-Hom cavalry | Zethau |
| Klenau | Groß-Waltersdorf (arriving c. 0100/24 August) |
| Mesko | location unclear—possibly vic. Chemnitz or Öderan |

5th Column (much unclear)

| | |
|---|--|
| 1st Gren Division | Naßau |
| 2nd Gren Division | Melnik |
| 1 st Guard Inf Division | en rte to Teplitz/Brüx area from Welwarn |
| 2 nd Guard Inf Division | Hermsdorf (Heřmanice, part of Žandov (Sandau)) |
| 2 nd & 3 rd Cuirassier Divs | Sayda/Neuhausen |
| 1st Cuirassier Div | Brüx |
| Prussian Guard Cav | Brüx |
| Russian Gd Lt Cav | en rte to Teplitz/Brüx area from Welwarn |
| Prussian Guard Inf | en rte to Teplitz/Brüx area from Welwarn |

As of evening 24 August

1st Column

Wittgenstein (granted troops a rest more/less in place to await Main Army)

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Advance Guard | east of Lockwitz (near an inn called the "Lugschenke") |
| Main Body | vic. Dohna |
| Eugene/2 Corps | Zehista/Groß-Cotta |
| Helfreich | observing Königstein |

2nd Column

Kleist Rainholdshain (Ziethen at Karsdorf)

3rd Column

Aust Right Wing

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1st Lt Div M Liechtn | Höckendorf |
| Colloredo | west of Dippoldiswalde |
| Civilart | Lichtenberg (had arrived c. 0900/24 August) |
| Chasteler | Reichstädt (arrived early hours of 25 August) |
| Bianchi | west of Dippoldiswalde |
| Schneller | west of Dippoldiswalde |

4th Column

Aust Left Wing

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Crenneville | Höckendorf |
| Weißerwolff & | |
| Lederer | remained vic. Groß-Waltersdorf |
| ALiechtenstein | Groß-Waltersdorf |

| | |
|---|--|
| Nostitz/Hess-Hom | remained vic. Zethau |
| Klenau | Groß-Waltersdorf (arriving <i>c.</i> 0100/24 August) |
| Mesko | location unclear—apparently Öderan |
| 5 th Column (much unclear) | |
| 1st Gren Division | Dippoldiswalde |
| 2nd Gren Division | Melnik |
| 1 st Guard Inf Division | Kulm |
| 2 nd Guard Inf Division | Dippoldiswalde |
| 2 nd & 3 rd Cuirassier Divs | Dippoldiswalde |
| 1st Cuirassier Div | Peterswald (Petrovice (Ústí nad Labem District)) |
| Russian Gd Lt Cav | Peterswald |
| Prussian Guard Cav | Brüx |
| Prussian Guard Inf | Johnsdorf |

| Town Names | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| German | Czech | German | Czech | German | Czech |
| Brüx | Most | Kaaden | Kadaň | Pressnitz | Kryštofovy Hamry |
| Chlumcan | Chlumčany | Komotau | Chomutov | Schlackenwerth | Ostrov |
| Domina | Krimov | Laun | Louny | Sebastienberg | Šebestiána |
| Gottesgab | Boží Dar | Nollendorf | Petrovice | Teplitz | Teplice |
| Hermisdorf | Heřmanice | Georgenthal | Horní Jiřetín | | |
| Johnsdorf | Janov | Peterswald | Petrovice | | |