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
1/2/3/48th Infantry Regiment
1/2/3/12th Grenadier Regiment

10th Infantry Brigade
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:
1/2/3/24th 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:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 26th Infantry Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 66th Infantry Regiment

**14th Brigade:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 27th Infantry Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 165th Infantry Regiment

**Cavalry:**
- 10th Hussar Regiment (3 sqns)

**7th Artillery Brigade:**
- 1st, 2nd 4th Field Artillery Regiment
- 1st, 2nd 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:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 36th Fusilier Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 93rd Infantry Regiment

**16th Brigade:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 72nd Infantry Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 153rd Infantry Regiment

**Cavalry:**
- 10th Hussar Regiment (3 sqns)

**8th Artillery Brigade:**
- 1st, 2nd 74th Field Artillery Regiment
- 1st, 2nd 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:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 27th Reserve Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 36th Reserve Regiment

**14th Reserve Brigade:**
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 66th Reserve Regiment
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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 Uhlan 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 Uhlan 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 Battalion
Reserve Battalion/3rd Field Artillery Regiment
? Pioneer Battalion
Signals Detachment

9th Cavalry Division
13th Cavalry Brigade:
4th Cuirassier Regiment
8th Hussar Regiment
14th Cavalry Brigade:
11th Hussar Regiment
5th Uhlan Regiment
19th Cavalry Brigade:
19th Dragoon Regiment
13th Uhlan 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 aviation detachment, a radio detachment and a balloon squadron.

Reichsarchiv, Der Weltkrieg 1914 bis 1918, Das Marnedrama 1914, Druck und Verlag von Berhard Stalling, Oldenburg, 1926.


Copyright GFN 1992.