

Battle of Teugen-Hausen

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The **Battle of Teugen-Hausen** or the **Battle of Thann** was fought on 19 April 1809 between the French III Corps led by Marshal Louis-Nicolas Davout and the Austrian III Armeekorps commanded by Prince Friedrich Franz Xaver of Hohenzollern-Hechingen. The French won a hard-fought victory over their opponents when the Austrians withdrew that evening. The fighting occurred during the War of the Fifth Coalition, part of the Napoleonic Wars. The site of the battle is a wooded height approximately halfway between the villages of Teugn and Hausen in Lower Bavaria, part of modern-day Germany.

Also on 19 April, clashes occurred at **Arnhofen** near Abensberg, **Dünzling**, **Regensburg**, and **Pfaffenhofen an der Ilm**. Together with the Battle of Teugen-Hausen, the fighting marked the first day of a four day campaign which culminated in the French victory at the Battle of Eckmühl.

Austria's invasion of the Kingdom of Bavaria caught Emperor Napoleon I of France's Franco-German army by surprise. Though the advance of Archduke Charles' Austrian army was slow, mistakes by Napoleon's subordinate Marshal Louis Alexandre Berthier placed Davout's corps in great peril. As Davout withdrew southwest from Regensburg on the south bank of the Danube, Charles tried to intercept the French with three powerful attacking columns.

The first Austrian column missed the French altogether, while Davout's cavalry held off the second column. The third column crashed head-on into one of Davout's infantry divisions in a meeting engagement. Generals of both armies led their troops with courage and skill as the troops fought over two ridges. French reinforcements finally pushed the Austrians off the southern ridge late in the afternoon and Charles ordered a retreat that night. This opened a clear path for Davout to join the main body of the French army on 20 April.

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Order of battle

French forces

- III Corps: Maréchal Louis-Nicolas Davout (34,672, 47 guns)^[18]
 - Corps Artillery Reserve: Général de Division Antoine Hanicque (359)
 - (2) 12 pdr foot batteries (12 guns)
 - 2nd Division: Général de Division Louis Friant (11,440)
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Jacques Gilly
 - 10ème Régiment d'Infanterie Légère
 - 33ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Louis Grandeau
 - 108ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Claude Hervo
 - 111ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Joseph Barbanègre
 - 48ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Divisional Artillery: 8 pdr foot battery (8 guns)
 - 4th Division: Général de Division Louis Vincent Le Blond de Saint-Hilaire (11,330)
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Guillaume Latrille de Lorencez
 - 10ème Régiment d'Infanterie Légère
 - 3ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - 57ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Jean-Marie Destabenrath
 - 72ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - 105ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Divisional Artillery: 8 pdr foot battery (8 guns), 6 pdr horse battery (7 guns)
 - 3rd Division: Général de Division Charles-Étienne Gudin de La Sablonnière (11,543)
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Claude Petit
 - 7ème Régiment d'Infanterie Légère
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Pierre Boyer
 - 12ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - 21ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Brigade: Général de Brigade Jean Duppelin
 - 25ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - 85ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Ligne
 - Divisional Artillery: 8 pdr foot battery (6 guns), 4 pdr horse battery (6 guns)

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Part of the War of the Fifth Coalition



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Date 19 April 1809

Location Teugn, Bavaria

Result French victory

Belligerents

Austrian Empire First French Empire Bavaria

Commanders and leaders

Archduke Charles Emperor Napoleon I Louis Davout Louis Montbrun François Lefebvre

Strength

Teugen-Hausen: 18,000^[1] Teugen-Hausen: 28,000^[3]
Dünzling: 12,300^[2] Dünzling: 4,000^[2]
Arnhofen: 5,000^[2] Arnhofen: 7,600^[2]