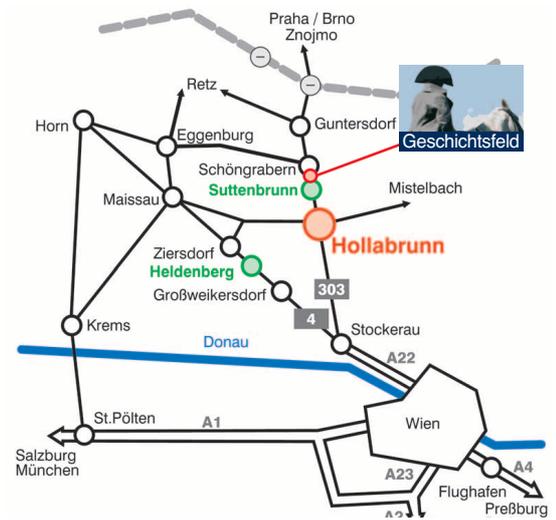


Napoleon in Hollabrunn

2./4. to 6. August 2006

Austria's biggest
historical re-enactment



Info for the Cavalry

For the sake of good order, I would like to remind the cavalry re-enactors – whether using their own horses or supplied horses – of the following:

Participants should **arrive** on **Wednesday, 2 August, from 12 noon onwards**. Loan horses will already be on site and can be picked up at this time. All horses will be accommodated in box tents. We will be providing straw, hay, pellets and water from Wednesday onwards.

Each cavalry re-enactor is responsible for his horse. The old cavalryman's saying applies – the horse comes first, then the man.

We recommend that you bring along:

- grooming equipment (hoof pick, horse brush, grooming brush)
- spurs
- cavalry bridle or curb bridle
- stallboy

The loan horses' boxes are to be mucked out and kept clean by the riders themselves. The horses must be groomed before and after being ridden and must be taken care of independently; hooves are to be cleaned and any injury or lameness must be reported immediately. It is the responsibility of the cavalry re-enactors to make sure that the horse entrusted to them is watered (a bucket of water should be brought to the box early in the morning, at midday and in the evening).

Each rider should be equipped with spurs (no pointed wheels). Basically, the horses may be ridden with curb bridles, so there is no objection to the use of original bridles (but these must be properly adjusted to the horse). The curb bridle represents a certain safety

factor in charges in particular. However, in the event of improper use of the cavalry command or the owner, if present, are entitled to prohibit their use at any time.

The saddlery must be treated with care; it should be checked for any damage when it is collected; any damage caused by the rider must be paid for.

Bridles, especially the bits, must be washed after every ride.

The horse and saddlery must be returned in cleaned condition at the end of the event.

Miss Lisi Stoiber has been appointed **Stall Corporal**. She knows the loan horses, can provide information on their individual traits, but will also supervise the proper care of the horses.

A meeting of the cavalry re-enactors will take place on Wednesday evening. The **cavalry will be led by Nikolaus Schmid and Ingo Köhler**. Both are responsible for the re-enactment, drills and co-ordination, and Romain Baulesch – who is in overall charge of the re-enactment – is responsible for historically correct presentation.

A **practice day** – without public present – is planned for **Thursday, 3 August**.

On **Friday, 4 August**, the cavalry, together with the infantry, will be in the **open country** outside of the battlefield.

On **Saturday, 5 August**, a **presentation and information event** will take place in the morning, with a **battle re-enactment** in the afternoon.

On **Sunday, 6 August**, a **presentation and information event** will take place in the morning, with a **battle re-enactment in the afternoon**. From 4pm onwards – after the end of the event – the horses must be cared for and the loan horses returned, properly groomed.

Insurance has been taken out for the loan horses, but not for the riders. Also, a **veterinary surgeon**, whose costs will be borne by us, will be available on site from Thursday to Sunday to attend to any acute complaints.

On **Sunday**, after the end of the event, **accounts** will be settled with each officer/responsible representative of each group, in cash, in exchange for a cash receipt. The **minimum attendance** for the cavalry is **Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday**. Each cavalry re-enactor with their own horse will receive 150,- euro for this period. For this purpose, please meet up with Wolfgang Horak at the generals' tent/ItalianArmy at 4 pm on Sunday. **Cavalry re-enactors who are given the use of loan horses will receive full board and accommodation, but no pay.**

Finally, a legal note: the organisation, the provision of fodder, insurance, the vet and the accommodation for the horses represents a considerable financial outlay. We have accepted the registration of the cavalry units and planned the above expenditure on this basis. We assume that the registration of the cavalry re-enactors took place with their knowledge. Should units or individual re-enactors fail to appear, despite registration (except for genuinely good reasons, naturally), then we will secure ourselves against loss from the resulting expenditure.

We trust that you understand the necessity for this.

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