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THE
REGIMENT OF THE FRANKFURT

CHAPTER III

TROOPS OF FRANKFURT

In 1792 the Prince Elector of Mainz, instead of the 4,000 men he was to maintain as Imperial troops, had only 2,800 soldiers under arms.

These were the regiments of Gymnich, Rüdte, Hatzfeld, Knorr, or, to use the popular expression of the time, the blue, yellow, red, and green regiments. An electoral guard of 50 men, 50 hussars, 30 chasseurs, 120 gunners; finally 6 sappers and 6 miners completed the small electoral army.

As for the old troops of Frankfurt, they included, in 1806, only:

- 3 companies of staff,
- 7 -- contingent of Courts,
- 1 -- firefighters,
- and 1 -- veterans,

in all 500 fusils, which had never fired...

It was with these elements, reinforced by the corps of the Chasseurs of Albini and the recruits raised at that moment, that the Confederate contingent fixed for Frankfurt was formed to 968 men, by act of the Confederation of 18 July 1806, and soon brought to 1,500 men, the Emperor having decided that one would take 1 per 100 of the population

of the 150,000 souls of the Grand Duchy.

The active forces of the Prince-Primate were thus composed:

- 1 infantry regiment,
- 1 company of foot chasseurs,
- 1 squadron of hussars,

plus depot companies, with some artillerymen and engineer soldiers.

These troops were garrisoned at Frankfort, Wetzlar, Regensburg, and Aschaffenburg; there was still a rural militia; finally there was a civic guard in the prefectures of the grand duchy, Frankfurt and Aschaffenburg, and later, in 1810, there was also one in Hanau and Fulda.

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