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The Germans under the French Eagles: Volume I

The Regiment of the Saxon Duchies – Conclusion

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REGIMENT OF THE FRANKFURT

CONCLUSION

The Grand Duchy of Frankfurt had supplied the French imperial troops with:

Battalion of Spain ...	854	men.
Reinforcements in four detachments ...	500	--
2 battalions for the Russian campaign ...	1,706	--
Reinforcements in three detachments ...	300	--
2 battalions for the campaign of 1813...	1,720	--
Levies for deposits and to complete war battalions ...	1,600	--

TOTAL... 6,679 men.

It is necessary to deduce from this figure the cadres coming from Spain and incorporated in the battalions of 1813, about 300 men.

We have seen with what difficulty these various battalions were raised; Dalberg, in spite of his "Napoleonism," however, had a sweeter hand than the Prussian minister von Stein, appointed by the Allied Provisional Administrator of Frankfurt. The latter, in fact, set up in the Grand Duchy in less than three months:

3 infantry battalions of line,
3 landwehr battalions,
2 companies of foot jäger,
1 company of horse jäger.

These troops, in whose ranks were still some veterans of Spain, were employed by the Allies, who were besieging Grenoble and Belfort.

When the Emperor, after the battle of Hanau, entered Frankfurt on the 31st of October, 1813, and took his quarters there in a house in the suburb belonging to the banker Bethman, he found no Prince-Primate: Dalberg, in fact, had left his capital for Aschaffenburg; he soon abandoned the latter city, and reoccupied himself in his bishopric of Constance, in order to escape the invading march of the columns of Chernishev.

The fate of the Grand Duchy was settled by the Allies on 13 December 1813. The Hanau Department was given to the Elector of Hesse, and Frankfurt, with its territory, became a Free City: The States of the Prince-Primate had lived.



Médaille commémorative (face et revers) donnée aux troupes de Francfort qui combattirent dans les rangs des Alliés.

[Décoration en argent, portée par un ruban de moiré blanche avec double bande et liséré cramoisi. — Collection de M. Bertin.]

Commemorative Medal (face and reverse) given to troops of

Frankfurt who fought in the ranks of the Allies.

[decorated in silver, carried by a ribbon of white moiré with a crimson double stripe and border. -- Collection of Mr. Bertin.]

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