

Cumberland's Army of Observation

The Duke of Cumberland's campaign in Germany between April and September 1757 was an inglorious one. As a general, Cumberland was certainly no Ferdinand of Brunswick, but he had other problems as well. His army was still forming when he took command, and was to remain outnumbered throughout the campaign. In addition he was handed a set of instructions that were unclear but gave him plenty of latitude for retreat.

It would be left to Prince Ferdinand to show that these troops could be formed into a fine army given the proper leadership. The table below is intended to make the army broadly comparable to the French.

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Brigade Commanders	Dithering	Dependable	Dashing
	1-2	3-6	-
Move initiative	-1		
Fire initiative	No modifier		
Formation change	Deduct half a move		
Movement to flank and rear	Deduct half a move		
Artillery	Half move to limber/unlimber		

All Troops

Troops can be classed as for His Britannic Majesty's Army in Germany. They simply awaited further training and better leadership to attain their level of performance under Ferdinand.

No British troops served in Cumberland's army. Also note that the *Legion Britannique* was not raised until 1760.

It is tempting to class Cumberland as an inferior commanding general, but on balance The Battle Of Hastenbeck shows both generals making mistakes and the French might easily have lost. Cumberland also had a reasonable record of command from his from previous campaigns. Dependable is probably fairer.