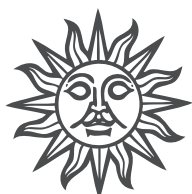


Wars and Soldiers in the Early Reign of Louis XIV

Volume II: The Imperial Army 1657–1687

Text and Illustrations by Bruno Mugnai



Helion & Company

Helion & Company Limited
Unit 8 Amherst Business Centre
Budbrooke Road
Warwick
CV34 5WE
England
Tel. 01926 499 619
Email: info@helion.co.uk
Website: www.helion.co.uk
Twitter: @helionbooks
Visit our blog at <http://blog.helion.co.uk/>

Published by Helion & Company 2019
Designed and typeset by Mach 3 Solutions Ltd (www.mach3solutions.co.uk)
Cover designed by Paul Hewitt, Battlefield Design (www.battlefield-design.co.uk)

Text © Bruno Mugnai 2019
Colour artwork by Bruno Mugnai © Helion & Company 2019
Maps drawn by George Anderson © Helion & Company 2019

Every reasonable effort has been made to trace copyright holders and to obtain their permission for the use of copyright material. The author and publisher apologise for any errors or omissions in this work and would be grateful if notified of any corrections that should be incorporated in future reprints or editions of this book.

ISBN 978-1-912866-55-7

British Library Cataloguing-in-Publication Data.
A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.
All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form, or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without the express written consent of Helion & Company Limited.

For details of other military history titles published by Helion & Company Limited, contact the above address, or visit our website: <http://www.helion.co.uk>

We always welcome receiving book proposals from prospective authors.

In memory of Raimondo Luraghi (1921–2012), whose books on Raimondo Montecuccoli revealed to me how much fascinating past lies behind our eerie present. (BM)

Contents

Foreword	viii
Acknowledgements	ix
Imperial Chronology	x
1. The Age of Limited Warfare?	15
2. <i>Austria Erit In Orbe Ultima</i>	21
The House of Austria	22
Habsburg Geostrategy	28
The <i>Reich</i>	38
3. The Army of the Emperor	50
Military Administration	57
The High Command	66
The <i>Obrist-Inhaber</i>	73
Logistics and Quartering	78
Infantry Organisation	82
Cavalry Organisation	87
Artillery Organisation	94
The Royal Hungarian Army and the <i>Militärgrenze</i>	97
The Provincial Militia	103
4. The <i>Reichsarmee</i>	108
The <i>Reichsmatricul</i>	109
The <i>Reich</i> in War	115
The ‘Laxenburg Alliance’	121
5. The Imperial Army on Campaign	124
Poland, Jutland and Pomerania, 1657–60	126
The Ottoman War of 1663–64 and the Miracle of Szentgotthárd	141
Insurgencies and Rebellions, 1671–1681	160
Duel on the Rhine, 1673–78	170
Prelude to Vienna, 1682–1683	193

WARS AND SOLDIERS IN THE EARLY REIGN OF LOUIS XIV

6.	Uniforms, Equipment and Ensigns	201
	Infantry	209
	Cavalry	222
	Artillery	234
	Ensigns	235
	Appendices	
I	<i>Reichsmatricel of 1663 (in simplum)</i>	240
II	Orders of Battle and Army Lists	248
III	List of Regiments	263
	Colour Plate Commentaries	289
	Bibliography	297