

**German 8th Army
26 August 1914**

8th Army Senior Command

Commanding Officer: Generaloberst von Benckendorff und von
Hindenburg
Chief of Staff: Generalmajor Ludendorff
1st General Staff
Officer: Oberstleutnant Hoffman
Senior Quartermaster: Generalmajor Grünert
Engineer Commander: Generalmajor Kersten

Aviation Forces:

16th Feld Fleiger (Field Aviation) Battalion
4th (Posen) Fortress Aviation Battalion
Z-5 (Zeppelin) in Posen

I Army Corps: General der Infantry von Francois

1st Infantry Division: Generalleutnant von Conta

1st Brigade: Generalmajor von Trotha

1/,2/,3/1st Grenadier Regiment

1/,2/,3/41st Infantry Regiment

2nd Brigade: Generalmajor von Paschen

1/,2/,3/3rd Grenadier Regiment

43rd Infantry Regiment

Cav1/,2/,3/alry:

1/,2/,3/,4/8th Uhlan Regiment

1st Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Moewes

16th Field Artillery Regiment

(1st & 2nd Bn - 3 btrys, each with 4 77mm guns)

52nd Field Artillery Regiment

(1st Bn - 3 btrys 77mm guns)

(2nd Bn - 3 btrys 105mm light field howitzers)

2nd Division: Generalleutnant von Falk

3rd Brigade: Generalmajor Mengelbier

1/,2/,3/4th Grenadier Regiment

1/,2/,3/44th Infantry Regiment

4th Brigade: Generalmajor Boëss

1/,2/,3/33rd Fusilier Regiment

1/,2/,3/45th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

1/,2/,3/,4/10th Jäger zu Pferd Regiment

2nd Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Fouquet

1st Field Artillery Regiment

(1st & 2nd Bn - 3 btrys, each with 4 77mm guns)

37th Field Artillery Regiment

(1st Bn - 3 btrys 77mm guns)

(2nd Bn - 3 btrys 105mm light field howitzers)

Corps Foot Artillery

I/1st Foot Artillery (4 150mm howitzers)

I/15th Reserve Foot Artillery (from Thorn after 8/25/14)

Corps Pioneers

1/,2/,3/1st Pioneer Battalion (1st & 2nd with 2nd Division, 3rd with 1st Division)

Avaition Forces

14th Feld Flieger Battalion

XVII Army Corps General der Kavallerie von Mackensen

35th Division: Generalleutnant Henning

70th Brigade: Generalmajor Schmidt von Knobelsdorf

1/,2/,3/21st Infantry Regiment

1/,2/,3/61st Infantry Regiment

87th Brigade: Generalmajor von Hahn

1/,2/,3/141st Infantry Regiment

1/,2/,3/176th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

1/,2/,3/,4/4th Jäger zu Pferd Regiment

35th Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Ahden

71st Field Artillery Regiment

81st Field Artillery Regiment

36th Division: Generalleutnant von Heineccius

69th Brigade: Generalmajor von Engelbrechten

1/,2/,3/129th Infantry Regiment

1/,2/,3/175th Infantry Regiment

71st Brigade: Oberst von Dewitz

1/,2/,3/5th Grenadier Regiment

1/,2/,3/128th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

1/,2/,3/,4/5th Hussar Regiment

36th Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Hahndorff

36th Field Artillery Regiment

72nd Field Artillery Regiment

Corps Foot Artillery

I/11th Foot Artillery Regiment

I/1st Reserve Foot Artillery (from 19-21 August)

Corps Pioneers

1/,2/,3/17th Pioneer Battalion (divided between divisions)

Corps Avaition Forces:

17th Feld Flieger Battalion

XX Army Corps: General der Artillery von Schlotz

37th Division: Generalleutnant von Staabs

73rd Brigade: Generalmajor Wilhelmi

1/,2/,3/147th Infantry Regiment

1/,2/,3/151st Infantry Regiment

1st Jäger Battalion
75th Brigade: Generalmajor von Böckmann
 1/,2/,3/146th Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/150th Infantry Regiment
Cavalry:
 1/,2/,3/,4/11th Dragoon Regiment
37th Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Buchholz
 73rd Field Artillery Regiment
 82nd Field Artillery Regiment
41st Division: Generalmajor Sontag
72nd Brigade: Generalmajor Schaer
 1/,2/,3/18th Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/59th Infantry Regiment
74th Brigade: Generalmajor Reiser
 1/,2/,3/148th Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/152nd Infantry Regiment
Cavalry:
 1/,2/,3/,4/10th Dragoon Regiment
41st Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Neugebauer
 35th Field Artillery Regiment
 79th Field Artillery Regiment
Corps Foot Artillery
 II/5th Foot Artillery Regiment
 II/2nd Guard Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (2 btrys
 of 100mm guns from Thron) after 9/1/14)
Corps Pioneers
 1/,2/,3/26th Pioneer Battalion (divided between divisions)
Corps Aviation Forces:
 15th Feld Flieger Battalion
 7th Fortress Aviation Battalion (from Lötzen)

I Reserve Corps Generalleutnant Otto von Below
1st Reserve Division: Generalleutnant von Förster
1st Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor Barre
 1/,2/,3/1st Reserve Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/3rd Reserve Infantry Regiment
72nd Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor Licht
 1/,2/,3/18th Reserve Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/59th Reserve Infantry Regiment
 1st Reserve Jäger Battalion
Cavalry:
 1/,2/,3/1st Reserve Uhlán Regiment
1st Artillery Brigade:
 1st Reserve Field Artillery Regiment
 (6 btrys, each with 4 77mm guns)
36th Reserve Division: Generalmajor Krüge
69th Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor von Homeyer
 1/,2/,3/21st Reserve Regiment

1/,2/,3/61st Reserve Regiment
2nd Reserve Jäger Battalion
70th Brigade: Generalmajor Vett
1/,2/,3/5th Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/54th Infantry Regiment
Cavalry:
1/,2/,3/1st Reserve Hussar Regiment
Artillery Brigade:
36th Reserve Field Artillery Regiment
(6 btrys, each with 4 77mm guns)
Corps Foot Artillery
I/4th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (from Königsberg)
II/2nd Guard Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (2-100mm btrys
from Thorn after 9/1/14)
II/17th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (1/2 of battalion
present, came from Marienburg after 9/3/14)
Corps Pioneers
4th & 1st Reserve Cos., 2/2nd Pioneer Battalion (divided
between divisions)
Corps Aviation Forces:
37th Feld Flieger Battalion (assigned after 9/1/14)

Independent Divisions and Brigades

3rd Reserve Division: Generalleutnant von Morgen
5th Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor Hesse
1/,2/,3/2nd Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/9th Reserve Regiment
6th Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor Krause
1/,2/,3/34th Reserve Regiment
1/,2/,3/49th Reserve Regiment
Cavalry:
1/,2/,3/5th Reserve Dragoon Regiment
Artillery:
3rd Reserve Field Artillery Regiment (6 btrys)
Pioneers
2nd Reserve Company, II/2nd Pioneers
Höherer Landwehr Commandeur Nr. 1 (Glotz Landwehr Division)
Generalleutnant Freiherr von der Glotz
33rd Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor von Oertzen
1/,2/,3/75th Landwehr Regiment
1/,2/,3/76th Landwehr Regiment
34th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor von Pressentin
1/,2/,3/31st Landwehr Regiment
1/,2/,3/84th Landwehr Regiment
Cavalry
4/Guard Cavalry Regiment
4th Sqn, IX Army Corps District
Artillery:
1st & 2nd Landwehr Btrys, IX Army Corps District
6th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor Kraemer
1/,2/,3/34th Landwehr Regiment
1/,2/,3/49th Landwehr Regiment

3rd Landwehr Squadron, 2nd Army Corps District
2nd Landsturm Battery, 2nd Army Corps District

70th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor Breithaupt
1/,2/,3/5th Landwehr Regiment
1/,2/,3/18th Landwehr Regiment
1st Ersatz Machinegun Company (from Graudenz)
1st Fortress Machinegun Battalion
5th Landwehr & 1st Landstrum Squadron, 17th Army Corps
5th Landwehr & 1st Landstrum Squadron, 20th Army Corps
2nd Landsturm Battery, 17th Army Corps District

1st Cavalry Division: Generalleutnant Brecht
1st Cavalry Brigade: Oberst von Glasenapp
1/,2/,3/,4/3rd Cuirassier Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/1st Dragoon Regiment
2nd Cavalry Brigade: Generalmajor Freiherr von Kapt-herr
1/,2/,3/,4/12th Uhlan Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/9th Jäger zu Pferd Regiment
41st Cavalry Brigade: Generalmajor von Hoffmann
1/,2/,3/,4/5th Cuirassier Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/4th Uhlan regiment

Attached:

2nd Jäger Battalion, 17th Army Corps District (after 8/21)

Artillery:

5th Machinegun Battalion
Reserve Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment (3 btrys,
each with 4 77mm guns)

From the Thorn Fortress

35th Reserve Division: Generalleutnant von Schmettau

5th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor von Mülmann

1/,2/,3/2nd Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/9th Landwehr Regiment

20th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor von Hertzberg

1/,2/,3/19th Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/107th Landwehr Regiment

Machinegun Battalion

4th Machinegun Battalion

4th Fortress Machinegun Company

Cavalry:

1/,2/,3/,4/3rd Reserve Heavy Cavalry Regiment

Artillery Brigade:

Ersatz Battalion, 35th Field Artillery Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 81st Field Artillery Regiment

Foot Artillery

I/11th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (3 btrys)

4th Battery, 15th Reserve Foot Artillery Battalion
(100mm guns)

Engineers:

1st Reserve Company, 2nd Pioneer Battalion No. 17

From Kulm, Graudenz & Marienburg Fortresses Generalmajor von Anger

69th Infantry Brigade: Generalmajor von Semmern

Ersatz Bn, 5th Grenadier Regiment
Ersatz Bn, 34th Fusilier Regiment
Ersatz Bn, 59th Infantry Regiment
Ersatz Bn, 129th Infantry Regiment
Ersatz Bn, 141st Infantry Regiment
Ersatz Bn, 175th Infantry Regiment

Others

3rd Fortress Machinegun Battalion
4th Fortress Machinegun Battalion
1st Ersatz Squadron, 17th Army Corps District

Artillery

Ersatz Battalion, 72nd Field Artillery Regiment
1/2 Ersatz Battalion, 73rd Field Artillery Regiment
1st Battery, 17th Reserve Foot Artillery Battalion

Engineers

1st Reserve Company, 26th Pioneer Battalion

Aviation Forces

6th Fortress Aviation Battalion

Königsberg Garrison Generalleutnant von Pappritz

Main Reserve Generalleutnant Brodrück

Ersatz Brigade: Oberst Weicke

1st & 2nd Ersatz Reserve Regiments

9th Landwehr Brigade: Generalleutnant Clausius

1/,2/,3/24th Landwehr Regiment
1/,2/,3/48th Landwehr Regiment

Other

3rd Ersatz Machinegun Company, 1st Army Corps District
3rd Ersatz Machinegun Company, 20th Army Corps District
1st Reserve Dragoon Regiment, 1st Army Corps District
Ersatz Cavalry Regiment, 1st Army Corps District
1 sqn from 8th Uhlán Regiment
1 sqn from 12th Uhlán Regiment
1 sqn from 10th Jäger zu Pferd Regiment

Field Artillery:

2nd Ersatz Battalion, 1st Army Corps (6 btrys from
1st, 37th & 52nd Regiments, including 1 horse
battery & 2 light field howitzer btrys)

Foot Artillery

1/2 II/1st Reserve Foot Regiment
II/4th Reserve Foot Regiment (1 100mm Btry)

Pioneers

4th Company, 2nd Pioneers No. 1

Sonstig Garrison

1st Landwehr Brigade

3rd Landwehr Regiment (2 bns)
3/4th Landwehr Regiment

Other

13 1/2 Ersatz Battalions from the Reserve & Landwehr
Regiments of the 1st & 20th Army Corps Districts
1st Reserve Machinegun Battalion
17th Ersatz Machine Gun Company
Fortress Machine Gun Company

Artillery (total 53 btrys)

1st Guard Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment
1st Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment
4th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (1st btry detached)
Main Reserve Artillery (6 btrys)
Landwehr, Ersatz, & Landsturm Btrys - 8 btrys

Pioneers

2 Battalions & 6 Companies from Landwehr, Ersatz and
Landsturm

Aviation

5th Fortress Aviation Battalion
Z-4 Zeppelin

2nd Landwehr Brigade: Oberst Freiherr von Lupin

4th Landwehr Regiment
33rd Landwehr Regiment
2nd Landwehr Squadron, 1st Army Corps District
2nd Landwehr Battery, 1st Army Corps District

Boyer Fortress, Lötzen: Oberst Busse

Ersatz Battalion/147th Infantry Regiment
4/18th Landwehr Regiment
2 1/2 Landsturm Battalions
11th Fortress Machinegun Battalion
Ersatz Squadron, 11th Dragoon Regiment
2nd Landwehr Battery, 20th Army Corps District
6th stationary foot batteries
1st Fortress Landwehr Pioneer Battalion
20th Army Corps Aviation Forces (organization unclear)

Reinforcements for 8th Army Arriving in September

Guard Reserve Corps General der Artillerie von Gallwitz

3rd Guard Division: Generalleutnant von Bonin

5th Guard Brigade: Generalmajor von Below

1/,2/,3/5th Foot Guard Regiment
1/,2/,3/5th Grenadier Regiment

6th Brigade: Generalmajor von Friedeburg

1/,2/,3/Guard Fusilier Regiment
1/,2/,3/Lehr (Instruction) Regiment

Cavalry:

1/,2/,3/,4/Guard Reserve Uhlán Regiment

Artillery: Generalmajor Graf von Schweinitz und Krain Freiherr
von Kauder

5th Guard Field Artillery Regiment
6th Guard Field Artillery Regiment

1st Guard Reserve Division: Generalmajor Albrecht

1st Guard Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor Freiherr von Langermann
 und Erlenkamp
 1/,2/,3/1st Guard Reserve Regiment
 1/,2/,3/2nd Guard Reserve Regiment
 Guard Reserve Jäger (Sniper) Battalion
15th Reserve Brigade: Generalmajor von Below
 1/,2/,3/64th Reserve Regiment
 1/,2/,3/93rd Reserve Regiment
Cavalry:
 1/,2/,3/Guard Reserve Dragoon Regiment
Artillery Oberst Mertens
 1st Guard Reserve Artillery Regiment
 3rd Guard Reserve Artillery Regiment
Corps Foot Artillery
 II/1st Guard Foot Artillery Regiment
Corps Pioneers
 1/,2/,3/28th Pioneer Battalion (divided between divisions)

XI Army Corps: General der Infanterie von Plüskow
22nd Division: Generalmajor Dieffenbach
43rd Brigade: Generalmajor von Hülsen
 1/,2/,3/82nd Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/83rd Infantry Regiment
44th Brigade: Generalmajor Nordbeck
 1/,2/,3/32nd Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/107th Infantry Regiment
Cavalry:
 I/6th Cuirassier Regiment (3 sqns)
22nd Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Gronau
 11th Field Artillery Regiment
 47th Field Artillery Regiment
38th Division: Generalleutnant Wagner
76th Brigade: Generalmajor von Versen
 1/,2/,3/71st Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/95th Infantry Regiment
83rd Brigade: Generalmajor Freiherr von Hanstein
 1/,2/,3/94th Infantry Regiment
 1/,2/,3/96th Infantry Regiment
Cavalry:
 1/,2/,3/6th Cuirassier Regiment
38th Artillery Brigade: Generalmajor Kraemer
 19th Field Artillery Regiment
 55th Field Artillery Regiment
Corps Foot Artillery
 I/18th Foot Artillery Regiment
 II/17th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (from Marienburg)
Corps Pioneers
 1/,2/,3/11th Pioneer Battalion (divided between divisions)
Corps Aviation Forces:
 28th Feld Flieger Battalion

Independent Formations

8th Cavarly Division Generalmajor Graf von der Schulenburg

23rd Cavarly Brigade: Generalmajor von der Decken

1/,2/,3/,4/Guard Reiter Regiment

1/,2/,3/,4/17th Uhlan Regiment

38th Cavarly Brigade: Generalmajor Weinschenken

1/,2/,3/,4/2nd Jäger zu Pferd Regiment

1/,2/,3/,4/6th Jäger zu Pferd Regiment

40th Cavarly Brigade: Oberstleutnant Freiherr von Friesen

1/,2/,3/,4/Karabinier Regiment

1/,2/,3/,4/21st Uhlan Regiment

Attached

8th Machinegun Battalion

Reserve Battalion/12th Field Artillery Regiment

From the Posen Fortress:

Haupt Reserve Generalmajor Graf von Bredow

19th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor von Schauroth

1/,2/,3/47th Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/72nd Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/133rd Landwehr Regiment

Other

5th Reserve Machinegun Battalion

2nd Fortress Machinegun Battalion

2nd Ersatz Battery, 17th Field Artillery Regiment

2nd Ersatz Battery, 56th Field Artillery Regiment

1/2 I/5th Reserve Foot Artillery Regiment (100m guns)

II/6th Reserve Foot Artillery

2nd Reserve Company, 1st Pioneer Battalion

2nd Reserve Company, 26th Pioneer Battalion

Other Forces Placed Under the 8th Army

Landwehr Corps: General der Infantry von Woyrsch

3rd Landwehr Division: Generalleutnant Freiherr von König

18th Landwehr Brigade: Generalleutnant von Grumbkow

1/,2/,3/6th Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/7th Landwehr Regiment

19th Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor Neven du Mont

1/,2/,3/37th Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/46th Landwehr Regiment

17th Ersatz Brigade: Generalleutnant Reiss von Scheurnschloss

Ersatz Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 77th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

1st Landwehr Cavalry Regiment (3 landwehr sqns &

1 ersatz sqn)

Artillery:

3rd Landwehr Field Artillery Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 20th Artillery Regiment (2 btrys)

Ersatz Battalion, 41st Artillery Regiment (2 btrys)

2 Landsturm Batteries

4th Landwehr Division: Generalleutnant von Wegerer

22nd Landwehr Brigade: Generalmajor Sachs

1/,2/,3/11th Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/51st Landwehr Regiment

23rd Landwehr Brigade: Oberst von Mutius

1/,2/,3/22nd Landwehr Regiment

1/,2/,3/23rd Landwehr Regiment

21st Mixed Ersatz Brigade: Generalleutnant von Busfe

Ersatz Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment

Ersatz Battalion, 78th Infantry Regiment

Cavalry:

Ersatz Cavalry Regiment of the 4th Landwehr Division

(4 sqns)

2nd Landwehr Cavalry Regiment (3 Landwehr Sqns &

1 Ersatz Sqn)

Artillery:

Ersatz Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment (2 btrys)

Ersatz Battalion, 57th Field Artillery Regiment (2 btrys)

2 Landsturm Batteries

Corps Foot Artillery

none

Corps Pioneers (distributed between divisions)

2nd Ersatz Company, 5th Pioneer Battalion

2nd Ersatz Company, 6th Pioneer Battalion

Corps Aviation Forces:

1 airplane from the Posen Fortress

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