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Alternate Orders of Battle for Cancha Rayada and Maipo

Alternate Order of Battle: Cancha Rayada, March 19, 1818

Patriots:

General Jose de San Martin

Right Division:

11th Argentine Battalion (735)
Chilean Coquimbo Cazadore Battalion (533)
7th Argentine Battalion (742)
1st Chilean Battalion (591)
2 Squadrons, Argentine Cazadores a Caballo (342)
1 Squadron, Chilean Escolta de Director (119)

Left Division:

2nd Chilean Battalion (736)
3rd Chilean Battalion (605)
Argentine Cazadores de los Andes Battalion (468)
4 Squadrons, Granaderos a Caballo (866)
Argentine Artillery (468)

Reserve:

8th Argentine Battalion (799)
Col. Borgoño's Chilean Artillery

Notes: The text lists "over 7600 men" and 36 cannons in an implied 3 batteries. Soria lists Col. Blanco Encalada's Chilean artillery battalion as having 705 men but does not include them in his Patriot dispositions. On the other hand, he does not list Col. Borgoño's artillery in his unit strengths but does place them with the reserve in his Patriot deployment.

Royalists:

Colonel Jose Ordoñez

Left Division:

Cazadore Battalion
Grenadier Battalion
1 Squadron, Lanceros del Rey (144)
1 Squadron, Arequipa Dragoons (160)

Center Division:

Concepcion Battalion (550)
1st Burgos Battalion (900)
1 Company, Zapadores (90)

Right Division:

2nd Arequipa Battalion (1000)
2nd Infante Don Carlos Battalion (907)
1 Squadron, Chillan Dragoons (180)
Frontier Dragoons Regiment (360)

Notes: The text lists 4600 men and 14 cannons. There are no notes as to the position of the artillery. The Arequipa, Infante Don Carlos and Burgos battalions all had 8 companies; 6 fusilier, 1 cazadore and 1 granadero. Based on its strength, the Concepcion battalion looks like it had 6 companies; 4 fusilier, 1 cazadore and 1 grenadier. Based on the assumption of equal strength between companies, the cazadore and grenadier battalions would each have a strength of 440 men. The adjusted strength for the Concepcion would be 370, the Arequipa 750, the Infante Don Carlos 681 and the Burgos 676.

Alternate Order of Battle: Maipo, April 5, 1818

Patriots:

General Jose de San Martin

Right Division:

11th Argentine Battalion (421)
Chilean Coquimbo Cazadore Battalion (763)
Chilean Infantes de Patria Battalion (505)

Left Division:

Argentine Cazadores de los Andes Battalion (421)
8th Argentine Battalion (423)
2nd Chilean Battalion (429)

Reserve:

7th Argentine Battalion (641)
3rd Chilean Battalion (431)
1st Chilean Battalion (365)

Cavalry:

4 Squadrons, Granaderos a Caballo (542)
Argentine Cazadores a Caballo &
Chilean Escolta de Director (938)

Artillery:

Argentine Artillery (264)
Col. Borgoño's Chilean Artillery Battery (140)
Col. Blanco Encalada's Chilean Artillery Battery (140)
21 cannons

Notes: Strength 5500 men and 21 cannons. O'Higgins is listed arriving at 5:00pm with the following: the Escuela Militar, 4th Chilean Battalion and 2nd Militia Cavalry Regiment of Santiago. No strengths are provided.

Royalists:

Brigadier General Mariano Osorio

1st Division:

Concepcion Battalion (550)
2nd Infante Don Carlos Battalion (951)
1 Company, Zapadores (85)

2nd Division:

2nd Arequipa Battalion (1034)
1st Burgos Battalion (956)

Cavalry:

1 Squadron, Lanceros del Rey (144)
1 Squadron, Arequipa Dragoons (160)
1 Squadron, Chillan Dragoons (180)
Frontier Dragoons Regiment (360)

Artillery:

Battery, Foot Artillery
Battery, Horse Artillery
14 cannons

Notes: Strength 5300 men and 14 cannons. The 1st and 2nd battalions each have 2 pieces of artillery ("de montaña", which means 4lbs). A division was formed with composite battalions of cazadore and granadero companies was formed, supported by 4 pieces of artillery. As in the note above, the adjusted strengths for the composite battalions yield the following: Cazadore 446, Granadero 446, Concepcion 370, Infante Don Carlos 741, Arequipa 774 and Burgos 716.

Source: Soria, Diego A. "Las Campañas Militar del General San Martín". Santa Fe, 2004.