

Alternate Order of Battle: Battle of Maipu, April 5, 1818

This order of battle is from "Las Fuerzas Armadas de Chile". It is on the high end and makes for a bigger battle. The commander and troop ratings are carried over from "Liberators!". They are not in the original document.

Order of Battle:

Patriot:

General Jose de San Martin (good; strong strategist)

Right Division:

Coronel Las Heras

11th Argentine Regiment (21/400-regular)
Chilean Coquimbo Cazadore Battalion (27/376-militia)
Chilean Infantes de la Patria Battalion (30/475-militia)
4 Squadrons Granaderos a Caballo (42/500-elite)
1 Chilean Artillery Battery 8 cannons (15/125)

Left Division:

Comandante Alvarado

2nd Chilean Infantry Battalion (30/399-militia)
8th Argentine Regiment (23/400-regular)
Argentine Cazadores de los Andes Battalion(21/400-regular)
4 Squadrons Chilean Cazadores a Caballo (19/500-regular)
4 Squadrons Argentine Cazadores a Caballo (26/393-regular)
1 Chilean Artillery Battery (15/125)

Reserve Division:

Coronel Quintana

1st Chilean Infantry Battalion (31/354-militia)
3rd Chilean Infantry Battalion (31/400-militia)
7th Argentine Regiment (27/614-regular)
San Martin's Escort (14/264)
1 Argentine Artillery Battery 4 cannons

Notes:

Sources conflict on the exact composition of the Patriot cavalry at Maipu. They either give the composition listed here or the composition listed in the book.

Since the 2 Chilean artillery batteries are the same size, assume 8 cannons for the 2nd.

The listing for San Martin's Escort is extremely confusing. First, it combines the numbers of the Escort and the Argentine artillery. The artillery would be about 8/60, leaving 6/204 for the Escort. Second, it is listed as "a cargo del mayor Pizarro, incluido en Granaderos", which could mean that Pizarro is a commander in the Granaderos a Caballo or that the entire Escort is derived from the Granaderos. If the latter the determination needs to be made if a deduction should be made to the Granaderos.

Royalist:

Brigadier General Mariano Osorio (poor; coward, low initiative)

Colonel Jose Ordoñez (good; inspiring, high initiative)

1st Brigade:

Brigadier Jose Ordoñez

Concepcion Battalion (550-regular)

Infante Don Carlos Battalion (951-regular)

Zapadores Company (85-regular)

1 Squadron Lanceros del Rey (144-militia)

1 Squadron Arequipa Dragoons (160-militia)

1 Squadron Chillan Dragoons (180-militia)

1 Artillery Battery 4x8lbr (regular)

2nd Brigade:

Coronel Jose M Baeza

Arequipa Battalion (1034-regular)

2nd Burgos Battalion (956-elite)

2 Squadrons Frontier Dragoons (360-regular)

Notes:

This order of battle includes both officers and troops for the Patriots but only troops for the Royalists. Add about 5-10 officers for each 100 troops.

The Royalist order of battle does not break the army into the divisions that it fought under in the actual battle, nor does it indicate the composite Cazadore and Grenadier battalions formed from the appropriate companies of each battalion. Indeed, this OOB bears strong resemblance to the beginning of the campaign and does not appear to include any of the losses of Cancha Rayada.

The Royalist OOB lists Coronel Baeza as commanding the 2nd Brigade. The division commanders at Maipu were Coronel Ordoñez, Coronel Morla (commander of the Burgos battalion) and Coronel Primo de Rivera, who was also Chief of Staff for the army.

Source:

"Las Fuerzas Armadas de Chile; Album Historico". Empresa Editora "Atenas", Boyle and Pellegrini Ltd, Santiago, 1928, p. 319.