

On 2 July, 1820 the Neapolitan Army had taken over the government in a coup, forcing their half-imbecile King Ferdinand IV to accept the role of a figurehead. As feared, the success of the liberal party in Naples caused unrest in other parts of Italy, particularly in Piedmont. Ferdinand fled for safety in Austria. Meanwhile Metternich consulted with the diplomats of the other Great Powers, who agreed with his plans to intervene.

At the start of 1821, the Austrian army in Italy was commanded by Johann Frimont, with Johann Hrabovsky as his Chief of Staff. At the next level there were two corps-sized HQ. The main body, led by Johann Mohr, would conduct the invasion of Naples. A large "Occupation Corps" under Ferdinand Bubna was available to intervene in Piedmont if the King of Sardinia asked for assistance.

The units involved were the following:

a. Infantry Regts

- # 1 - IR Kaiser: Naples
- # 2 - IR Alexander I: Naples
- # 4 - IR Deutschmeister: Naples
- # 7 - IR Erz. Ferdinand von Toscana: Piedmont
- # 8 - IR Erz. Ludwig Josef: Naples
- # 9 - IR Czartoryski: Piedmont
- # 13 - IR Wimpffen: Naples
- # 17 - IR Reuss-Plauen: Piedmont (one bn)
- # 18 - IR Reuss-Greiz, then Vetter: Naples
- # 21 - IR Gyulai: Naples
- # 22 - IR Leopold von Sizilien: Piedmont
- # 25 - IR ex-de Vaux: Naples
- # 27 - IR Chasteler: Naples
- # 33 - IR Colloredo: Naples
- # 34 - IR Wied-Runkel: Naples
- # 47 - IR Vogelsang: Naples
- # 48 - IR Radivoyevitch: Naples
- # 51 - IR ex-Splenyi: Naples
- # 52 - IR Erz. Franz Carl: Naples
- # 53 - IR ex-Hiller: Naples
- # 59 - IR Baden: Piedmont
- # 61 - IR St Julien: Naples
- # 62 - IR Wacquant: Piedmont
- Kaiser Jaeger Regt: I and III Bns to Naples
- Grenz IR Varasdin Creutzer # 5: One bn to Naples
- Grenz IR Varasdin St George # 6: One bn to Naples

b. Cavalry Regts

Dragoons