

FORCES AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY OF THE ORIENT

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In preface to his book¹, J. Christopher Herold states that the most authoritative history of Bonaparte's campaign in Egypt was written almost a century ago by the Marquis de La Jonquière, in five volumes totaling more than three thousand large pages in rather small print.² All writers on the subject since then, continues Herold, have drawn most liberally on that work, but no one has adequately acknowledged his debt to it. Note that La Jonquière was an officer in the French army and wrote under the auspices of the French Ministry of War, drawing on more unpublished documents on the subject than anyone since has seen. He passed judgment on no one, but his five volumes constitute as complete a dossier as any court of historians could wish.

I've decided to use some data provided in La Jonquière's work in terms of to show composition of the French army of the Orient during the various periods of the expedition. At any rate, along with Herold, I do acknowledge my debt to his work emphatically and in all sincerity. Note only, that La Jonquière completed his five volumes until certain period of time – upon Bonaparte's departure for France, that is 22 August 1799. Therefore, information related to the strength on the French army after that period left in dispute. Some of it could be retrieved from the British sources, especially those that related to 1801, when the British forces of General Abercromby landed in Egypt.³

¹ Herold, Christopher J., *Bonaparte in Egypt* (London, 1962).

² La Jonquière, Clement C. É. L. M. de T., *Expédition d'Égypte, 1798-1801* (Paris, Charles-Lavauzelle), 5 v., first edition published 1899-1907.

³ Mackesy, P., *British victory in Egypt, 1801: the end of Napoleon's conquest* (Routledge, 1995), New York.

1. Composition of the French Army¹
established by paymaster Esteve on the board of the vessel *l'Orient*
On 18 Prarial an VI (6 June 1798).

General Staff.....	143
1 General-in-Chef	
11 Generals of Division	
20 Generals of Brigade	
13 Adjudant-Generals	
2 Aide-de-camps, chefs of brigade	
16 Chefs of battalion	
68 Aide-de-camps or adjoints, captains	
12 Lieutenants	
Staff of Artillery.....	67
3 Chefs of Brigade	
3 Chefs of Battalion	
8 Captains of the 1 st class	
8 Captains of the 2 nd class	
6 Lieutenants of the 1 st class	
10 Lieutenants of the 2 nd class	
2 <i>gardes principaux</i>	
2 <i>gardes ordinaires</i>	
4 main train officers	
21 auxiliary train officers	
Corps of Engineers.....	66
3 Chefs of Brigade	
8 Chefs of Battalion	
3 Captains of the 1 st class	
11 Captains of the 2 nd class	
3 Lieutenants of the 1 st class	
2 Lieutenants of the 2 nd class	
1 Sous-lieutenant	
4 Adjoints of the 1 st class	
3 Adjoints of the 2 nd class	
14 Secretaries (clerks and draughtsmen)	
1 Senior Manager	
8 managers	
2 <i>gardes magazines</i>	
3 Senior equipages officers	
Commissars of the War.....	26
1 Commissar <i>Ordannateur-en-Chef</i>	
8 Commissars of the 1 st class	
17 Commissars of the 2 nd class	

¹ La Jonquière, vol. 1, chapter VII, pp. 509-517.

Officers of the Medical Corps.....	168
1 Chef Chirurgien	
1 Chef Pharmacist	
1 Chef Physician	
30 Medical officers of the 1 st class	
25 Medical officers of the 2 nd class	
110 Medical officers of the 3 rd class	

Treasurers of the Army.....	41
35 Paymasters	
6 Comptrollers	

By report.....511

Administration.....	445
103 Provision employees of the 1 st section	
100 Provision employees of the 2 nd section	
142 Employees of the hospitals	
35 Employees of the uniforms department	
20 Employee of the equipage of the artillery	
21 Employees of the transportation	
22 Employees of the postal services	

Savants (scientists, painters, etc.).....	167
21 Mathematicians	
3 Astronomers	
15 Naturalists	
17 Civil Engineers	
15 Geographers	
4 Architects	
3 Mechanics-constructors	
8 Designers	
1 Sculptor	
2 Musicians	
10 Painters	
3 Makers of the gun powder and saltpeter	
10 Specialists of the graceful writing and secretaries	
15 Consultants and interpreters	
9 Medical officers	
9 Hospital officers	
22 Printing workers	

Light Infantry.....	5,403
	(officers non-included)
2 nd demi-brigade.....	1,368
4 th demi-brigade.....	1,016
21 st demi-brigade.....	2,000
22 nd demi-brigade.....	1,019

Line Infantry (*de bataille*).....19,669
(officers non included)

9th demi-brigade.....1,509
13th demi-brigade.....2,430
18th demi-brigade.....1,550
19th demi-brigade.....1,500
25th demi-brigade.....1,530
32nd demi-brigade.....1,850
61st demi-brigade.....1,800
69th demi-brigade.....1,500
75th demi-brigade.....1,700
85th demi-brigade.....1,720
88th demi-brigade.....1,500
6th demi-brigade (1st battalion).....520
80th demi-brigade (1st battalion
and 3 grenadier companies).....560

Guides of the Head Quarters.....480
300 foot Guides
180 mounted Guides

By rapport.....26,675

Cavalry.....2,810
7th *bis* Hussars.....600
22nd Mounted Chasseurs.....250
3rd Dragoons.....360
14th Dragoons.....600
15th Dragoons.....200
18th Dragoons.....300
20th Dragoons.....500

Artillery and Engineers.....3,245
Sappers.....776
Miners.....192
Balloonists.....25
Trenches workers.....164
Foot artillery.....458
Mounted artillery.....888
Canoniers assigned to demi-brigades.....388
Artillery workers.....237

Total.....26,675

Officer Corps.....2,270

35,000

2. Situation of the Artillery personnel on the moment of embarkation ²⁴.

Horse (Light) Artillery	Total	Officers	Men
1 st Regiment, 3 rd company	64	4	60
1 st Regiment, detachment	44	2	42
3 rd Regiment, 5 th company	69	4	65
4 th Regiment, 3 rd company	74	4	70
5 th Regiment, 2 nd company	154	4	150
8 th Regiment, depot	103	3	100
Guides	21	1	20
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Subtotal:	529	22	507

Foot Artillery	Total	Officers	Men
1 st Regiment, 3 rd company	72	5	67
1 st Regiment, 11 th company	69	4	65
4 th Regiment, 7 th company	57	4	53
4 th Regiment, 11 th company	64	4	60
4 th Regiment, 12 th company	77	1	76
4 th Regiment, 13 th company	72	5	67
4 th Regiment, 14 th company	57	3	54
4 th Regiment, 15 th company	64	4	60
4 th Regiment, 16 th company	61	3	58
4 th Regiment, 17 th company	59	4	55
4 th Regiment, 18 th company	58	3	55
4 th Regiment, 19 th company	82	4	78
4 th Regiment, 20 th company	51	5	46
6 th Regiment, 18 th company	68	4	64
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Subtotal:	911	53	858

Also attached canonniers of the infantry demi-brigades:

	Officers	Men
4 th demi-brigade.....	3	52
9 th demi-brigade.....	2	42
13 th demi-brigade.....	3	54
19 th demi-brigade.....	3	40
30 th demi-brigade.....	3	62
32 nd demi-brigade	3	39
69 th demi-brigade.....	3	48
85 th demi-brigade.....	2	37
88 th demi-brigade.....	2	47
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	24	421

² Taken by La Jonquière from *Registre du personnel de l' Artillery*. It composed of four Generals of Brigade (Dommartin, d'Hennezel, Andréosy and Manscourt), 3 Chefs of Brigade, 3 chefs of battalion, 16 captains, 17 lieutenants, 6 gardes and sous-gardes, 24 train equipages specialists.

	Officers	Men
Pontoniers (1 <i>componte</i>)	2	57
Artificers 1 st squad.....	2	14
2 nd squad.....	2	13
Workers of the artillery 11 th company.....	3	56
12 th company	3	53
13 th (Company de Leon)	4	67
Company de Pyrenees.....	1	44
Laborers 1 st brigade.....	1	12
3 rd brigade.....	1	36
Laborers of the marines.....	1	10
Armoires de Leon.....	1	26
1 st Brigade 1 st squad.....	1	16
5 th squad.....	1	23
3 rd squad.....	1	20
	24	447

Horses: loaded in Toulon.....	503
in Marseille.....	201
in Genoa.....	200
in Chivita-Vecchia.....	326
	1,230

for General Staff.....	250
for Horse (Light) artillery.....	250
for cavalry (including mounted Guides).....	700

3. Situation of the Engineers personnel on the moment of embarkation.

General of Brigade (Cafarelli du Falga).....	1
Chefs of Brigade (Crétin, Sanson, Poitevin).....	3
Chefs of battalions.....	5
Captains.....	14
Lieutenants.....	7
Sous-lieutenant.....	1
Adjoints.....	7

37

Workers.....	10
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Miners	2 nd company: 3 officers, 48 sous-officers and miners.....	51
	5 th company: 3 officers, 44 sous-officers and miners.....	47
	Sappers: 19 officers, 930 sous-officers and sappers.....	949
	Laborers: 3 officers, 79 sous-officers and laborers.....	82

1,177

4. Composition of the command at the outset of the expedition, 19 May 1798.

Bonaparte, General-and-Chef

Generals of Division: Berthier (Chef of Staff), Baraguey d'Hilliers, Bon, Desaix, Dugua, Dumas, Kléber, Menou, du Muy, Reynier, Vaubois.

Generals of Brigade: Andréossy, Belliard, Cafarelli du Falga, Chanez, Damas, Davout, Dommartin, Friant Fugière, d'Hennezel, Lannes, Leclerc d'Ostein, Manscourt, Mireur, Murat, Veaux, Verdier, Vial, Zayonchek.

Author's note:

1. General of Division Louis **Baraguey d'Hilliers**, (1764-1813) was sent back to France from Malta Island with captured flags, standards and correspondence of the knights of the Maltese Orders, on 27 June 1798.

2. **Marmont**, Auguste-Frédéric-Louis Viesse (1774-1852), future Marshal of France.

Chef of Brigade of the 2nd Regiment of the Horse Artillery; at Malta he seized the banner of the Knights of St. John, earning himself promotion to General of Brigade, 23 June; transferred in Bon's division as a commander of the 1st brigade (4th Light demi-brigade); he was youngest General of the expedition at the age of 23(*sic!*). Took parts at the storm of Alexandria, battle of Pyramids, 21 July. Commandant of Alexandria on 28 November 1798, when replaced General Manscourt; repulsed attack of Arabs, 3 February, 1799; returned to France along with Bonaparte, 22 August 1799.

3. **Lanusse**, Française (1772-1801); General of Brigade, summoned from France and joined Army already in Egypt on 25 July 1798. Governed province Menauf replaced Zayonchek, 28 August; attached to cavalry brigade under Murat, 29 September; in Syria; attached to division Rampon 20 July 1799; at Aboukir, 25 July; Commandant of province Damiette, October 1799; promoted to General of Division by Kléber, 26 January 1800; battle at Mandora, 13 March 1801; in the battle of Canope he commanded left flank; was mortally wounded and died after amputation, 21 March.

5. Daily rations (regalement for the troops on board during the sea voyage) ³.

Biscuits.....18 ounces
Vine.....3/4 of the pint

Dinner, usually at 11:00 a.m.	Beef.....8 ounces
	or pork.....6 ounces
	or cod..... 4 ounces
	or vegetables...4 ounces
	or cheese.....4 ounces

Supper, at 5:30 p.m.	Vegetables.....4 ounces
	or rice.....2 ounces

³ La Jonquière, vol. 1, Annex V, p. 670.

6. Daily order for Army on board of the vessel *l'Orient*,
on 5 Messidor an VI (23 June 1798)⁴.

Division of General Kléber. – Adjutant-General Escale⁵.

General of Brigade Damas to command 2nd Light Demi-brigade

General of Brigade Verdier to command 25th and 75th demi-brigades

Division of General Desaix. – Adjutant-General Donzelot.

General of Brigade Belliard to command 21st Light Demi-brigade

General of Brigade Friant to command 61st and 88th Line demi-brigades

Division of General Bon. – Adjutant-General Valentine.

General of Brigade Marmont to command 4th Light Demi-brigade

General of Brigade Rampon to command 18th and 32nd Line demi-brigades

Division of General Menou.-Adjutant-General Rombauid

General of Brigade Veaux to command 22nd Light Demi-brigade

General of Brigade Vial to command 13th and 69th Line demi-brigades

Division of General Reynier.- Adjutant-General Jullien

General of Brigade Fugière to command 9th and 85th Line demi-brigade

Cavalry: General of Division Duma.- *Adjutant-Generals* Devaux and Almèras

General of Brigade Leclerc d'Ostein – 7 *bis* Hussars and 22nd Mounted Chasseurs regiments;

General of Brigade Mireur – 3rd and 20th Dragoons regiments;

General of Brigade Murat – 15th and 18th Dragoons regiments, and

General of Brigade Davout – 14th Dragoons Regiment attached to reserve of the HQ.

General of Division Dugua appointed general inspector of the cavalry.

Artillery: under command of the General of Brigade Dommartin.

Engineer Corps: under command of the General of Brigade Caffarelli du Falga.

Chef of Brigade Songis appointed the senior commanding officer of the parks.

General of Brigade Andréossy is Chef of equipages and pontoons.

General of Division du Muy and Generals of Brigade Zayonchek and Lannes attached to the HQ.

Citizen Sucy, Commissar *Ordannateur-en-chef*.

Signed: Alex. Berthier

⁴ La Jonquière, vol. 2, Chapter I, pp. 15-17.

⁵ By order on 9 Messidor (27 June) changes were made as follows: General Verdier to command 2nd Light Demi-brigade; General Lannes – 25th and 75th Line demi-brigades.

7. Situation of the Army of the Orient on 1 Fructidor an VI (18 August 1798)⁶

Bonaparte, General-in-Chief

Aide-de-camps: Junot, Sulkovski, Croisier, Duroc, Lavalette, Jullien, Louis Bonaparte, Eugène Beauharnais, Merlin

Berthier, Chef of Staff

Aide-de-camps: Dutailis, Leturcq, Bruyère, and Boudoux.

Citizen Sucy, Commissar *Ordannateur-en-chef*.

Generals of Division

Kléber
Desaix
Menou
Reynier
Bon
Dumas
Dugua
Vauboiss
Du Muy
Dommartin⁸
Chabot⁹

Aide-de-camps

Baudot, Layer, Damas
Savary⁷, Clément, Rapp
Bonnecarère, Forrier d'Able
Milet, Lami
Dermencourt, Montléger
Lambert, Beaumont
Dugua (his son)
Roustan, Gavotti
Cheffontaines
Doguereau
-

Generals of Brigade

Fugière
Rampon
Lannes
Verdier
Belliard
Veaux
Lanusse
Murat
Vial
Friant
Leclerc d'Ostein
Cafarelli du Falga
d'Hennezel
Andréossy
Zayonchek
Chanez
Davout
Damas
Manscourt
Marmont
Dupuy

Aide-de-camps

-
Millaud
Subervie
Caubet
Parat
Curnillon
Pierre Lanusse (his brother)
Colbert de Chabanais
S.Vial
Binot
Leclerc
Collignet
-
Guérin
Pierre
-
Labare
Franceschi
Peure
Montessuy
Mory

⁶ La Jonquière, vol. 2, Annex VI, pp.613-620

⁷ Future famous Minister of Police, 1810-1814.

⁸ Promoted to General of Division on 21 July 1798.

⁹ Chabot, Louis-François Jean (1757-1837); Governor of Corfu Island, November 1798 – March 1799.

Destang
Lagrange

-
Vial

Adjutant-Generals

Grézieu
Boyer
Beauvais
Cambise
Jullien
Escale
Devaux
Alméras
Rambeaud
Sournet
Valentin
Gilly
Donzelot
Roze
Brouard
Bribes

Adjoints

Lacuée, Desnanots
Blaniac, MacShehy
-
Simon
Jullien, Germain
Martel, Martin
Pérault, Moulet
Douillet, Curial¹⁰
Marchand, Decouz
Guillot, Fouissac
Valentin, Alliot
Farinières, Barnier
Donzelot, Berkem
-
Dangirard, Decocquerel
Laffite, Ruffat

Adjoints attached to the General HQ:

Beauvoisins, Netherwood, Deriot, Arrighi¹¹
Jarrin, Buscaille, Minerve-Mailly, Groisier,
Rousset-Montpartix, and Pascalis.

Note:

Adjutant-Général – during 1791-1803 period was a senior staff officer, responsible for the paperwork and daily orders.

Adjoint – usually sous-officer (lieutenant or captain) on a temporary staff duty; an assistant and aide-de-camp of Adjutant-General.

Commissaires des guerres – Commissars of War; civilians, appointed by the Directory and responsible for supply, evacuation, transportation, military justice, and other housekeeping functions.

¹⁰ Chef of Brigade of the 88th Line Demi-brigade, 23 September 1800, future Chef of Staff to the Corps of Chasseurs à Pied of the Imperial Guard

¹¹ de Casanova (1778-1853), future commander of the Empress' Dragoons of the Garde Imperiale

Designation of the corps (cont'd)¹²

1st Division – General of Division Dugua

Generals of Brigade. – Damas, Verdier, Destang. *Commissar of War.* – Raymondon

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
25 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Mansourah)	87	19	-	292	1,296	6
75 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Mansourah)	109	12	-	347	1,692	4
2 nd Light Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Mansourah)	79	18	-	511	1,194	11
Artillery of the division	3	1	-	17	51	-
Sappers attached	1	-	-	7	41	-
Total:	279	50	-	1,174	4,274	21

2nd Division – General of Division Bon

Generals of Brigade. – Rampon, Marmont. *Adjutant-Generals.* – Sornet, Valentin.
Commissar of War. – Bonquin.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
18 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Cairo)	72	40	-	137	1,271	8
32 nd Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Cairo)	65	33	-	143	1,450	18
4 th Light Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Cairo)	85	7	2	174	973	23
6 th Co. of the 4 th Regiment Foot Artillery	3	1	1	7	59	-
Detachment of the 8 th Regiment of the Horse Artillery	1	-	-	5	27	-
Sappers of the 5 th B-n	1	-	-	8	44	-
Total:	227	81	3	474	3,824	49

¹² La Jonquière, vol. 2, Annex IV., Ibid.

3rd Division – General of Division Reynier

General of Brigade. – Lagrange. *Adjutant-Generals.* – Beauvais, Devaux. *Adjoint.* – Segnolet.
Commissar of War. – Duprat.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
9 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Saleheyeh)	104	8	-	179	1,430	-
85 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Saleheyeh)	54	62	-	1,139	1,148	-
Detachment of the 4 th Regiment of the Foot Artillery	1	21	-	-	22	-
Detachment of the 4 th Regiment of the Horse Artillery	1	2	-	2	40	-
4 th Co. of the 5 th b-n of the sappers	6	3	-	138	249	-
Total:	166	75	-	1,458	3,229	-

4th Division – General of Division Desaix

Generals of Brigade. – Friant, Belliard. *Adjutant-General.* – Donzelot.
Commissar of War. – Duprat.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
61 st Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Abou-Seïfen)	60	36	-	240	1,690	-
88 th Line Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Abou-Seïfen)	65	30	-	120	1,629	-
21 st Light Demi-brigade (3 b-ns in Cairo)	91	16	-	294	1,529	-
11 th Co. of the 1 st Regiment of the Foot Artillery	3	1	-	30	35	-
5 th Co. of the 1 st Regiment of the Horse Artillery	2	2	-	22	45	38
Detachment of the sappers	1	-	-	-	48	-
Total:	222	85	-	706	4,612	38

5th Division – General of Brigade Lannes¹³ (substituted Menou)

General of Brigade. – Veaux. *Adjutant-General.* – Rambeaud. *Commissar of War.* – Chauvot.

Unit (Location)	Officers			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
	present	absent	vacant			
13 th Line Demi-brigade (old town of Cairo)	62	11	-	707	1,580	10
21 st Light Demi-brigade (old town of Cairo)	82	15	-	178	1,123	14
3 rd Co. of the 4 th Regiment of the Horse Artillery	5	-	-	11	73	30
5 th Co. of the 6 th b-n of the sappers	3	-	-	14	49	-
Total:	152	26	-	910	2,825	54

Cavalry Division – General of Division Dumas

Generals of Brigade. – Davout, Leclerc, Murat, Zayonchek. *Adjutant-General.* – Almèras.

Commissar of War. – Grobet.

Unit (Location)	Officers			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
	present	absent	vacant			
3 rd Dragoons (Cairo and Menauf)	30	-	3	239	137	123 for men 39 for officers
14 th Dragoons (Cairo, Menauf, Rosette)	29	9	-	80	436	100 for men 20 for officers
15 th Dragoons (Saleheyeh, Menauf, Rosette)	33	-	-	149	205	90 for men 31 for officers
18 th Dragoons (Saleheyeh, Damiette, Rosette)	28	-	-	184	197	16 for men 3 for officers
20 th Dragoons (Cairo, Alexandria)	31	-	-	225	332	60 for men 14 for officers
22 nd Mounted Chasseurs (Cairo and Saleheyeh)	32	-	-	139	179	117 for men 33 for officers
7 th <i>bis</i> Hussars (Cairo and Saleheyeh)	28	-	-	222	191	149 for men 51 for officers
Total:	211	9	3	1,238	1,677	655 for men 191 for officers (846 total horses)

¹³ Promoted to General of Division by Bonaparte on 10 May, 1799 (in Syria).

Garrison of Alexandria – General of Division Kléber
Adjutant-General. – Escale. Commissar of War. – Colasse.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) depot/detached/prison/ill, etc.	Present under arms	Horses
69 th Line Demi-brigade	87	15	3	405	1,497	-
Artillery attached to the division	6	2	-	14	126	-
Total:	93	17	3	419	1,623	-

7.1. Recapitulation of the Army of the Orient on 1 Fructidor an VI (18 August 1798).

Officer Corps:

Line Infantry.....	684
Light Infantry.....	337
Artillery and sappers.....	25
Cavalry.....	211

1,257

Absent (dispatched, hospitals, prison, etc.)...	326
Vacant.....	6

Line Infantry.....	15,436
Light Infantry.....	5,681
Artillery.....	286
Horse artillery, miners.....	1,384

Cavalry:

Dragoons.....	2,021
Mounted Chasseurs.....	286
Hussars.....	385

2,692

In prison.....	118
Absent by permission.....	424
Hospitals.....	2,380
Detached.....	1,320
In depot.....	427
Sent back to France.....	959

5,960

Author's note: in this accounting La Jonquière did not include the garrison of Alexandria.

Total present under arms.....20,441
 With the previous group of absentees.....26,401
 Dispensable.....23,147
 Indispensable..... 3,254

Horses:
 Officers.....289
 Troops.....693
 Artillery.....68

1,050

8. Artillery and Engineers¹⁴

	Officers	Sous-officers, canonniers, etc.
Horse Artillery	22	507
Foot Artillery	86	1,092 (17 officers and 266 left in the Malta's garrison)
Laborers, pontonniers	13	437 (2 officers on Malta)
Train of equipages	13	27 (3 officers on Malta)
Train of artillery	13	959 (14 officers on Malta)
Engineer Corps	41(1 General of Brigade, 3 Chefs of Brigade, 6 chefs of battalions, 16 captains, 7 lieutenants, 1 sous-lieutenant, 7 adjoints)	
Fortification Service	13	
Miners (2 nd and 5 th Co.)	5	87
Sappers	18	1,024
Laborers	3	79

¹⁴ La Jonquière, vol. 2, Annex VII, p. 626.

9. Situation of the Army of the Orient on 1 Brumaire an VI (22 October 1798).¹⁵

General of Division Desaix

Generals of Brigade. – Friant, Robin. *Adjutant-General.* – Donzelot.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) hospital/detached/depot			Present under arms	Total	Notes
21 st Light Demi-brigade (camp of Ellahoun)	44	22	28	656	454	108	946	2,538	3 rd b-n in El-Rahmanieh
61 st Line Demi-brigade (camp of Ellahoun)	28	14	2	370	149	130	454	1,147	3 rd b-n in Cairo
88 th Line Demi-brigade (camp of Ellahoun)	38	9	6	215	156	78	392	894	3 rd b-n in Cairo
5 Co. of the 1 st Regiment of the Artillery	2	2	-	-	20	-	33	57	
Sappers	-	-	-	3	-	-	12	15	
Laborers	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	
Total :	112	47	36	1,244	779	316	1,841	4,375	

Division Reynier

Generals of Brigade. – Leclerc, Lagrange. *Adjutant-Generals.* – Combise and Devaux.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) hospital/detached/depot			Present under arms	Total	Notes
9 th Line Demi-brigade (Koraim and Belbeis)	82	8	3	956	30	95	319	1,543	-
85 th Line Demi-brigade (Oasis Saleheyeh)	56	-	-	500	-	-	501	1,057	3 rd b-n in Rosetta
1 st and 4 th Regiment of the Foot Artillery (Ibid.)	4	-	-	41	-	-	67	112	
1 st Regiment of the Horse Artillery (Ibid.)	1	-	-	3	-	-	23	27	
Miners (Belbeis and Saleheyeh)	1	-	-	1	-	-	19	21	
Sappers (Ibid.)	6	-	-	32	-	28	369	435	
Laborers (Ibid.)	-	-	-	2	-	-	40	42	
22 nd Mounted Chasseurs (Belbeis)	7	-	-	27	-	-	126	160	
7 th bis Hussars (Saleheyeh)	9	-	-	-	-	-	162	171	
Total:	166	8	3	1,362	30	123	1,626	3,568	

¹⁵ La Jonquière., vol. 3, Annex II, pp. 697-702.

Division Bon

Generals of Brigade. – Rampon and Marmont. *Adjutant-General.* – Valentin.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) hospital/detached/depot			Present under arms	Total	Notes
4 th Light Demi-brigade (Cairo)	80	32	-	170	383	22	870	1,557	3 rd b-n in Mehal-let-el-Kébir
32 nd Line Demi-brigade (Cairo)	90	4	2	160	238	-	1,387	1,881	3 rd b-n in the Cairo's citadel
5 th Co. of the 4 th Regiment Foot Artillery (Cairo)	2	3	-	2	31	-	32	70	
3 rd Dragoons (Cairo)	28	5	-	14	105	-	221	373	183 horses
14 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	9	23	-	9	351	-	65	457	127 horses
20 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	32	2	-	38	28	-	294	394	231 horses
Total:	326	69	2	534	1,136	22	3,842	5,931	541 horses

Division Kléber (commanded by General of Division Dugua)

Generals of Brigade. – Verdier, Damas. *Adjutant-General.* – Laugier.

Unit (Location)	Officers present/absent/vacant			Men (not in ranks) hospital/detached/depot			Present under arms	Total	Notes
2 nd Light Demi-brigade (El-Menzaleh)	40	41	-	233	57	11	933	1,443	
25 th Line Demi-brigade (1 st and 2 nd b-ns in Damiette)	62	29	-	98	171	1	765	1,324	3 rd b-n located in Menauf
75 th Line Demi-brigade 1 st and 2 nd b-ns in Damiette)	55	6	3	163	218	-	820	1,292	3 rd b-n sent to General Murat
3 rd Co. of the 1 st Regiment Horse Artillery (Damiette)	2	2	-	26	-	3	88	121	
11 th Co of the Foot Artillery (Damiette)	2	-	-	-	-	-	37	39	
Detachment of the 15 th Dragoons (Damiette)	1	-	-	-	-	-	17	18	
Total:	162	78	-	520	446	15	2,660	4,237	

Division Menou (commanded by General of Brigade Lannes)
General of Brigade. – Veaux. Adjudant-General. – Rambeaud.

Unit (Location)	Officers			Men (not in ranks)			Present under arms	Total	Notes
	present	absent	vacant	hospital	detached	depot			
22 nd Light Demi-brigade (near Cairo and at El-Qobbet)	90	7	-	145	-	-	976	1,218	
13 th Ligne Demi-brigade (only grenadiers' companies in Cairo; the others - outside of the city)	96	12	2	131	133	137	1,364	1,875	3 rd b-n located in Damiette
3 rd Co. of the 4 th Regiment of the Horse Artillery	6	-	-	-	4	-	66	70	
Total:	192	19	2	276	137	137	2,406	3,169	

Cavalry division Dumas¹⁶

Generals of Brigade. – Leclerc d'Ostein, Davout. Adjudant-General. – Rabasse.

Unit (Location)	Officers			Men (not in ranks)			Present under arms	Total	Horses
	present	absent	vacant	hospital	detached	depot			
7 th <i>bis</i> Hussars (Boulaq)	15	10	1	33	217	-	162	438	272
22 nd Mounted Chasseurs (Boulaq)	24	11	-	47	170	-	133	395	209
3 rd Dragoons (in Cairo)	27	7	-	29	140	-	211	414	185
14 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	9	23	-	8	351	-	66	457	122
15 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	37	1	-	19	20	-	172	249	197
18 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	12	18	-	11	113	-	74	228	78
20 th Dragoons (Boulaq)	30	2	-	49	30	-	287	398	230
Total:	154	72	1	196	1,041		1,105	2,579	1,293

¹⁶ As noted, some cavalry units were attached to the infantry divisions; commanders of these divisions made their own accounting of the cavalymen attached, while staff of the cavalry division under Dumas made their own – that's why, by author's opinion, one can find some discrepancies in enumeration. Note that La Jonquière does not reflect these differences in his work.

10. Division of General Desaix on the moment of its departure from Cairo for the Upper Egypt on 25 August 1798¹⁷.

	Total	Hospitals	Detached
21 st Light Demi-brigade			
1 st battalion.....	595		
2 nd battalion.....	587	289	117
61 st Line Demi-brigade			
1 st battalion.....	488		
2 nd battalion.....	427		
Grenadiers of the 3 rd b-n.....	72	98	84
88 th Line Demi-brigade			
1 st battalion.....	289		
2 nd battalion.....	319	153	143
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> 2,777	<hr/> 540	<hr/> 344
Artillery: detachment of the 5 th Co. of the 1 st Artillery Reg.....		32	
Equipages of the artillery.....		30	
		<hr/> 60	
2 of the 5pdrs cannons, 3 caissons and 23 horses			
1 captain of Engineers and 21 sappers.			

11. Forces assembled for the Syrian campaign.¹⁸

Division Kléber. – Generals of Brigade Verdier, Damas.¹⁹

2 nd Light Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 25 th Line Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 75 th Line Demi-brigade.....	Total:	2,349

Division Reynier. – General of Brigade Lagrange.

9 th Line Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 85 th Line Demi-brigade.....	Total:	2,160

Division Bon. – Generals of Brigade Rampon, Vial.

1 st b-n of the 4 th Light Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 18 th Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 32 nd Demi-brigade.....	Total:	2,499

Division Lannes. – Generals of Brigade Veaux, Robin

1 st b-n of the 22 nd Light Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 13 th Line Demi-brigade		
1 st and 2 nd b-ns of the 69 th Line Demi-brigade.....	Total:	2,924

¹⁷ La Jonquière., vol. 3, Chapter IV, p. 192.

¹⁸ La Jonquière., vol. 4, Chapter I, pp. 148 -149.

¹⁹ Damas was replaced by Junot on 10 March 1799.

Cavalry Division. – General of Brigade Murat

1st squadron of the 7th bis Hussars
1st squadron of the 22nd Mounted Chasseurs
1st squadron of the 20th Dragoons
3rd, 14th, 18th Dragoons.....Total: 800 sabres

Artillery.....1,385
Engineers.....340
Foot and mounted Guides.....400
Dromadaires.....88

Total for the Syrian Army:.....12,945

12. Army forces on the moment of the retreat from Syria, 15 May 1798.²⁰

Division Kléber.....1,800
Division Bon.....1,509
Lannes.....1,716
Reynier.....1,522
Cavalry.....700
Artillery.....1,080
Guides.....333
Dromadaires.....88
22nd Light Demi-brigade.....300
b-n of the 25th Line Demi-brigade.....100
b-n of the 4th Line Demi-brigade.....250
Total:.....9,670

13. French field forces: deployment on 1 March 1801.²¹

Eastern Approaches. – General Reynier

Salahieh	14 th Dragoons	25
	22 nd Light Demi-brigade	430
	(garrison troops)	(100)
Suez	9 th Line Demi-brigade	100
	(garrison troops)	(50)
Belbeis	14 th Dragoons	25
	22 nd Light Demi-brigade	80
	(garrison troops)	(32)

²⁰ La Jonquière., vol. 4, Chapter XI, p. 630.

²¹ Cited in Piers Mackesy, *British victory in Egypt, 1801*. (Routledge) New York, 1995, pp. 57-59.

Cairo	14 th Dragoons	195 (and 67 dismounted)
	22 nd Light Demi-brigade	234
	9 th Line Demi-brigade	794
	13 th Line Demi-brigade	841
	85 th Line Demi-brigade	890

Damiette sector. – General Rampon

Damiette area (with Lesbeh, Mansura)	20 th Dragoons	153 (and 60 dismounted)
	2 nd Light Demi-brigade	540
	32 nd Line Demi-brigade (garrison troops)	542 (530)
Rahmanieh and delta	20 th Dragoons	80
Cairo	2 nd Light Demi-brigade }	462
	32 nd Line demi-brigade }	

Source: Table in Reynier²²

Alexandria sector. – General Friant

Alexandria and Aboukir	18 th Dragoons	115 (and 75 dismounted)
	61 st Line Demi-brigade	750
	75 th Line Demi-brigade (garrison troops)	950 (2,350)
Rosetta, Fort Julien and Bourlos	3 rd Dragoons	150 (and 30 dismounted)
	25 th Line Demi-brigade	100
	61 st Line Demi-brigade (garrison troops)	150 (320)
Rahmanieh and delta	25 th Line Demi-brigade	580
	75 th Line Demi-brigade	80
	(garrison troops)	(125)
Cairo	3 rd Dragoons	75
	25 th Line demi-brigade	230

Upper Egypt. – General Donzelot

Beni-Suef	21 st Light Demi-brigade	850
Kossier, El-Minya, Girga, Asyut	21 st Light Demi-brigade (garrison troops)	800 (110)

Army reserve, Cairo. – Commander-and Chef Menou

Cavalry of General Roize	7 th <i>bis</i> Hussars	240 (and 30 dismounted)
	22 nd Mounted Chasseurs	230 (and 40 dismounted)

²² *Ibid.*, p.57.

	15 th Dragoons	129 (and 52 dismounted)
Infantry of Lanusse's Division	4 th Light Demi-brigade	790
	18 th Line Demi-brigade	794
	69 th Line Demi-brigade	859
	88 th Line Demi-brigade (garrison troops)	883 (2,602)

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