

## The Raiding Force of Wincenty Gosiewski – August 1649

In the 17th century Lithuanian army raiding and reconnaissance forces often included winged hussar and reiter banners. These were supported by cossack style cavalry and dragoon units. These winged hussars frequently abandoned their lances on such occasions.

The presence of reiters provided a considerable fire support element. It is worth noting that many Lithuanian hetmans considered reiters as the second most important cavalry formation right after the winged hussars and used them as a shock unit.

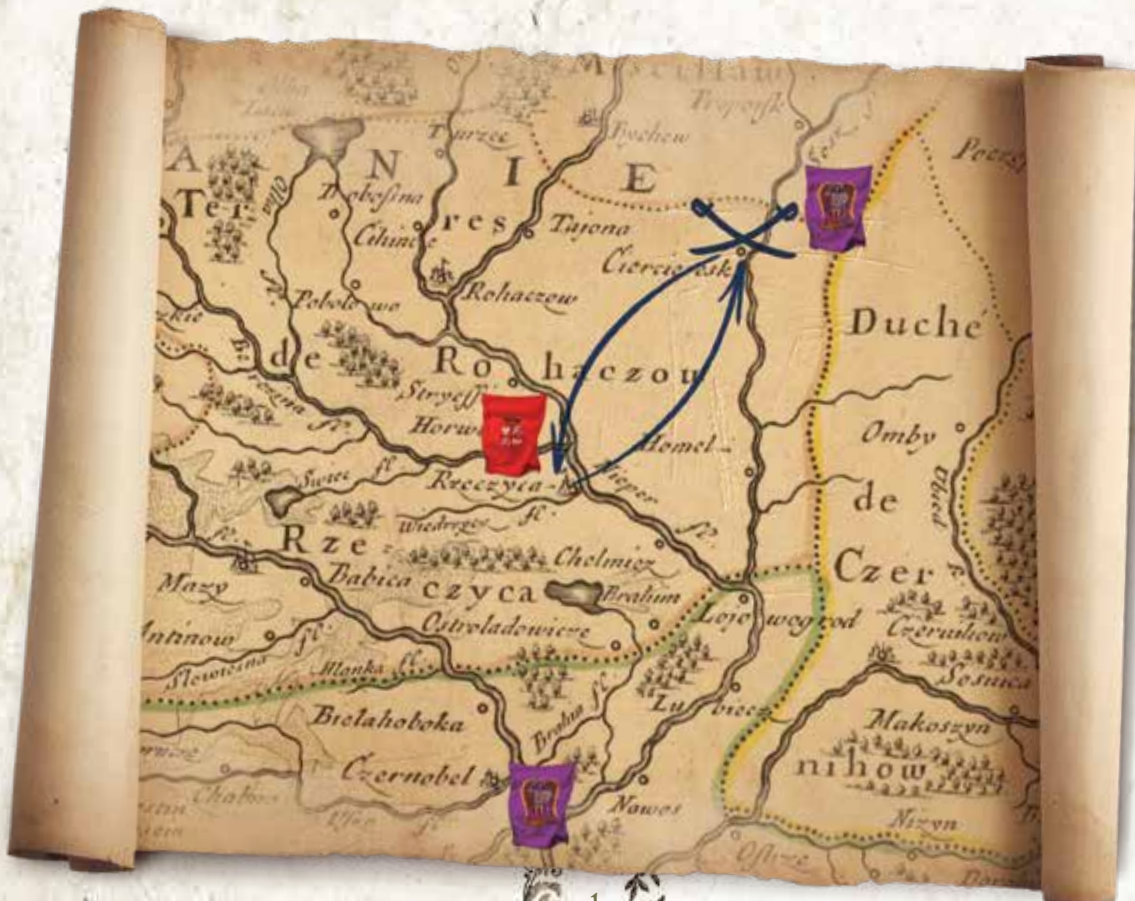
We would like to showcase the specificity of the Lithuanian army by presenting a historical force that included soldiers of various formations. After the Lithuanian army defeated the Cossacks at Loyew on August 31, 1649, the forces of Field Hetman Janusz Radziwiłł moved to a camp constructed by Rzeczyca. The hetman sent out numerous patrols that were supposed to establish contact with Cossack units and observe their movements. On August 12th Colonel

Wincenty Gosiewski led one such patrol. His task was to reach Czeczersk which was threatened by the Cossacks and to take prisoners. Gosiewski's soldiers returned to the camp on August 25th with a captured Cossack who provided information on the reinforcements sent by Chmielnicki from the Ukraine.

The force led by Wincenty Gosiewski numbered about 700 men and included the following banners/companies:

- Winged hussars under Wincenty Gosiewski
- Reiter under Lieutenant Colonel Gantzko (Ganschoff) from the Tyzenhauz's regiment
- Reiter under Tyzenhauz (probably only part of this company took part in the patrol) from his own regiment
- dragoon of Wincenty Gosiewski, led by major Nolde
- two unidentified cossack style cavalry banners

*For tournament and campaign games treat this skirmish force as Lithuanian.*



## Special Rules

### "You are not my brother"

Proud hussars often scorned men of lower birth and did not listen to their commands even in the midst of a battle...

*You may not attach Gantzkopf to a winged hussar banner (you may attach Gosiewski). In addition when Gantzkopf issues an order to the hussars, the winged hussars are Insubordinate.*

### "Good foreign men"

The prince's reiter regiment included experienced soldiers, veterans of the Thirty Years' War, and other conflicts.

*Reiters of the Gosiewski skirmish force have a Skill of 5.*



### Wincenty Aleksander Korwin Gosiewski (1620-1662)

Wincenty Aleksander Korwin Gosiewski (1620-1662) – field hetman since 1654. A supporter of John II Casimir, he played a major political and military role in Lithuania and was a counterweight to Janusz Radziwiłł and later Paweł Jan Sapieha. He fought in Poland leading the Lithuanian forces – he won a victory in 1656 at Prostki, only to be defeated several days later at Filipów. He participated in negotiations with the elector of Brandenburg in 1656. He was the royal commissioner for diplomatic missions from 1657. In 1658 after being surprised and beaten by a superior Muscovite force at Verkiai, he was a prisoner until 1662. After returning from captivity, he tried to break up the union of rebellious Lithuanian soldiers as he was a friend to the king. He was captured at the order of the vice-marshal of the union and was shot on November 29, 1662 near Ostrynia.

**Command points:** ■■■■

**Brave** – Commander and friendly units within 20cm of him may reroll failed Morale tests.

### Herman von Gantzkopf (Gantzkow, Ganckau, Gantskofft, Ganzkof)

A trusted officer of Hetman Janusz Radziwiłł, he served under his command from 1649 to 1655. He distinguished himself in many battles while commanding foreign contingent units (dragoons and reiters). He fought at Loyevin in 1649, Shklou, and Shepeleviche in 1654, and at Mogilev in 1655 where he was wounded during the assault on the city.

**Command Points:** ■

**"Dress ranks!"** - Gantzkopf was a good officer with years of experience in commanding foreign contingent units.

*Once per turn one foreign contingent Unit (reiters or dragoons) within 10cm from Gantzkopf may use the Military Drill Special Rule (see Kingdom of Sweden army list).*

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Special Rules:

ON THEIR OWN LAND, SWIMMING, "YOU ARE NOT MY BROTHER", "GOOD FOREIGN MEN"



Colonel (Gosiewski)

FSP: 8



Gosiewski's Winged Hussar banner



Gosiewski's Dragoon banner



Cossack style cavalry banner



Cossack style cavalry banner



Lieutenant (Gantzkopf)



Tyzenhauz's Reiter Company



Gantzkopf's Reiter Company

## NOTES:

- \* You may deploy this Skirmish Force only as one entire list. It costs 8 FSP.
- \* You may deploy Winged Hussars without lances. Winged Hussars with lances do not generate Reconnaissance Points, Winged Hussars without lances generate Reconnaissance Points in normal way.
- \* Cossack Style banner cannot have spears.