

MOUNTED COSSACK FORCE FROM THE OWRUCKI REGIMENT - JULY 1649

In mid July 1649, four Cossack regiments led by Michal Krzyczewski, set out from Chernobyl towards Mozyrz in an attempt to defeat the Lithuanian army commanded by the Field Hetman Krzysztof Radziwiłł. A vanguard was formed by the Owrucki regiment under Jan Bruciacki and his task was to capture the crossing points on the Pripyat River. He was also to screen the advance of the main force. On July 24th, Bruciacki's mounted sotnias (the regiment consisted of 1500 mounted and 500 foot Cossacks), started to cross the Pripyat marshes and the river itself. They easily captured a bridgehead on the northern bank of the river and commenced pursuit after the Lithuanians including a Tartar banner led by Rotamaster Łożecki and a dragoon unit that were watching the crossing. The Lithuanian soldiers commenced a hasty retreat, however the Cossack sotnias caught up with them near the village of Wielki Bór. Colonel Bruciacki's moloitsy scattered the Lithuanians and

took several prisoners. With this victory, the Cossacks were able to secure the crossing and gather some intelligence about the Lithuanian forces they faced and the terrified survivors of the Wielki Bór skirmish carried the news of the approaching Cossack army to the Lithuanian camp in Rzeszyca.



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Special Rules:

SWIMMING, "WITHOUT WATER, MUD OR HOLES A COSSACK IS AS GOOD AS GONE", ON THEIR OWN LAND*

		Colonel Jan Brucciacki		Additional units		
FSP: 4	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>		
FSP: 5	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>			<p>Mounted sotnia</p>	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>	
FSP: 6	<p>Mounted sotnia (elite)</p>			<p>Plastuny</p>	<p>Skirmishers</p>	<p>Plastuny</p>
FSP: 7	<p>Mounted sotnia</p>			<p>Esaul</p>	<p>Plastuny</p>	<p>Skirmishers</p>
FSP: 8	<p>Mounted sotnia (elite)</p>	<p>Plastuny</p>	<p>Skirmishers</p>	<p>Plastuny</p>	<p>Skirmishers</p>	

NOTES:

- +1 FSP for an Esaul with 1 Command Point. Esaul has the same characteristics as a mounted Colonel. Esaul is free if you field FSP:8 level.
- +1 FSP for 3 mounted Cossacks (normal or elite) bases.
- +1 FSP for fielding Plastuny scouts or Skirmishers from the additional units. Number of bases depends on level of your Skirmish Force (2 bases on FSP: 4-6 levels or 4 bases on FSP: 7-8 levels). If you field 4 bases of Skirmishers you

may deploy them as 2 units consisting of 2 bases or one unit consisting of 4 bases.

- * If the Skirmish Force has at least 6 bases of Plastuny scouts or Skirmishers then it gets "On Their Own Land" Special Rule.