CAMPAIGN OF 1870–1871

THE

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IN THE BATTLES NEAR METZ

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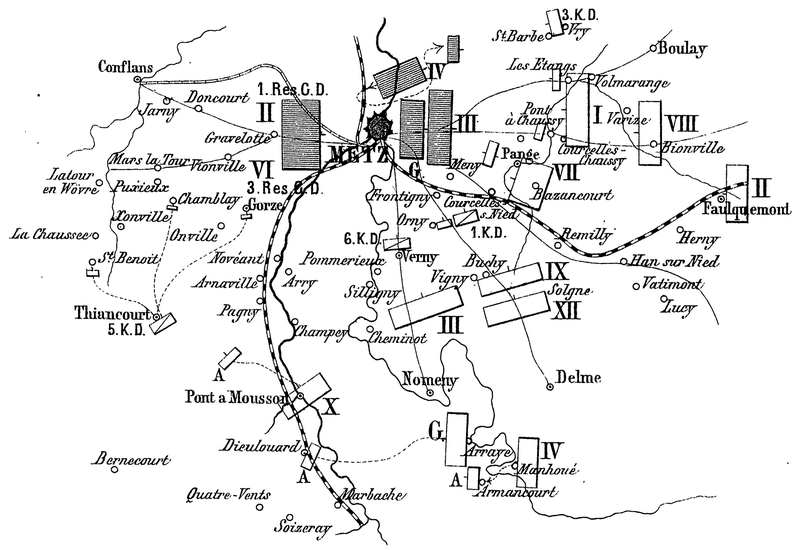
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SKETCH

of the approximate Positions of the I.st and II.nd German
and of the French Armies on the 14.th August 1870
shortly before the Commencement of the battle.



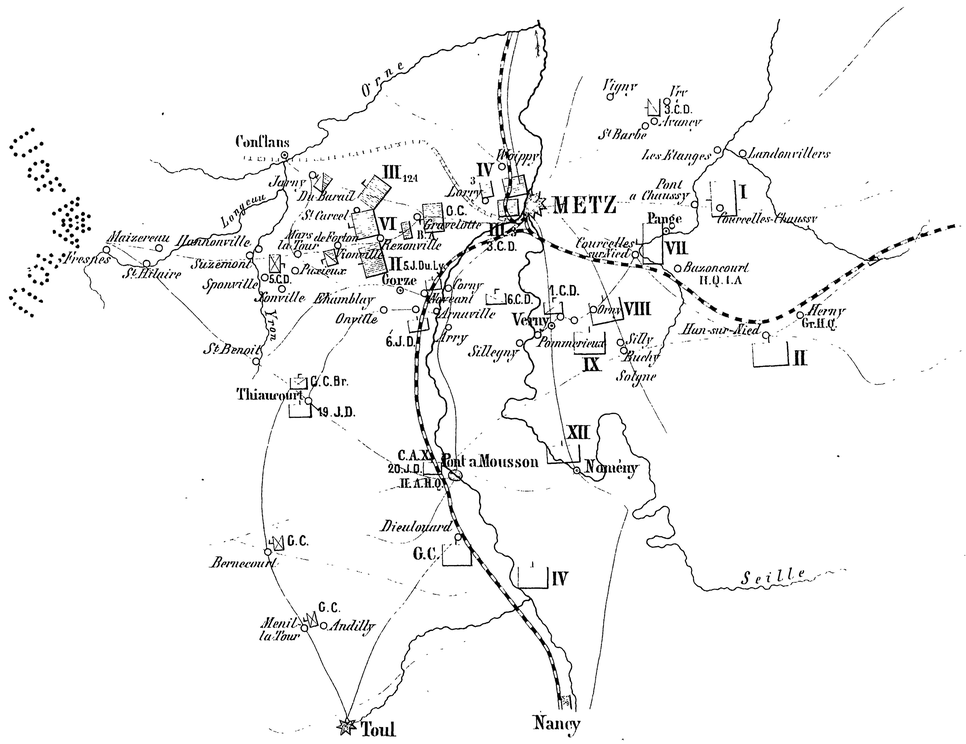
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The shaded blocks indicate the French armies.
The others the German.
The Roman figures indicate the N.o of the Corps,
the Arabic the Cavalry Divisions.
A. Advanced Guard.

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POSITION

of the I^st^ and IInd German and French armies at Metz on the evening of the 15th August and in the night between the 15th and 16th August 1870.



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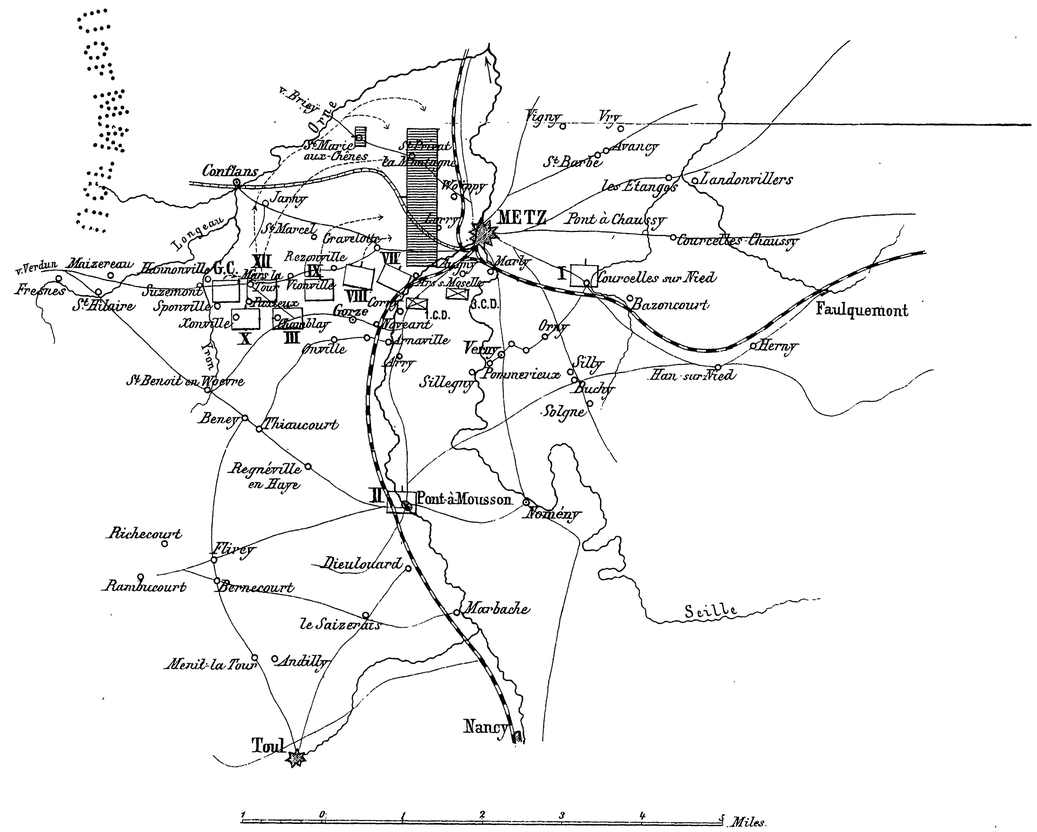
Remarks.

1. The shaded blocks indicate French troops, the other, Germans.
2. The Roman figures are the numbers of the Corps.
   Arabic " " " " " " Divisions
3. Ly. Von Lyncker's Detachment
   G.D. Brigade of Dragoons of the Guard.
   5.C.D. The Vth Cavalry Division was divided between Suzemont, Puxieux and Xonville.
   C.A.X. Corps Artillery, 10th Army Corps, with the exception of 2 H.A. Batteries, which were at Thiaucourt.

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POSITION

of the Ist and IInd German and French armies at Metz on the evening of the 15th August and in the night between the 17th and 18th August 1870.



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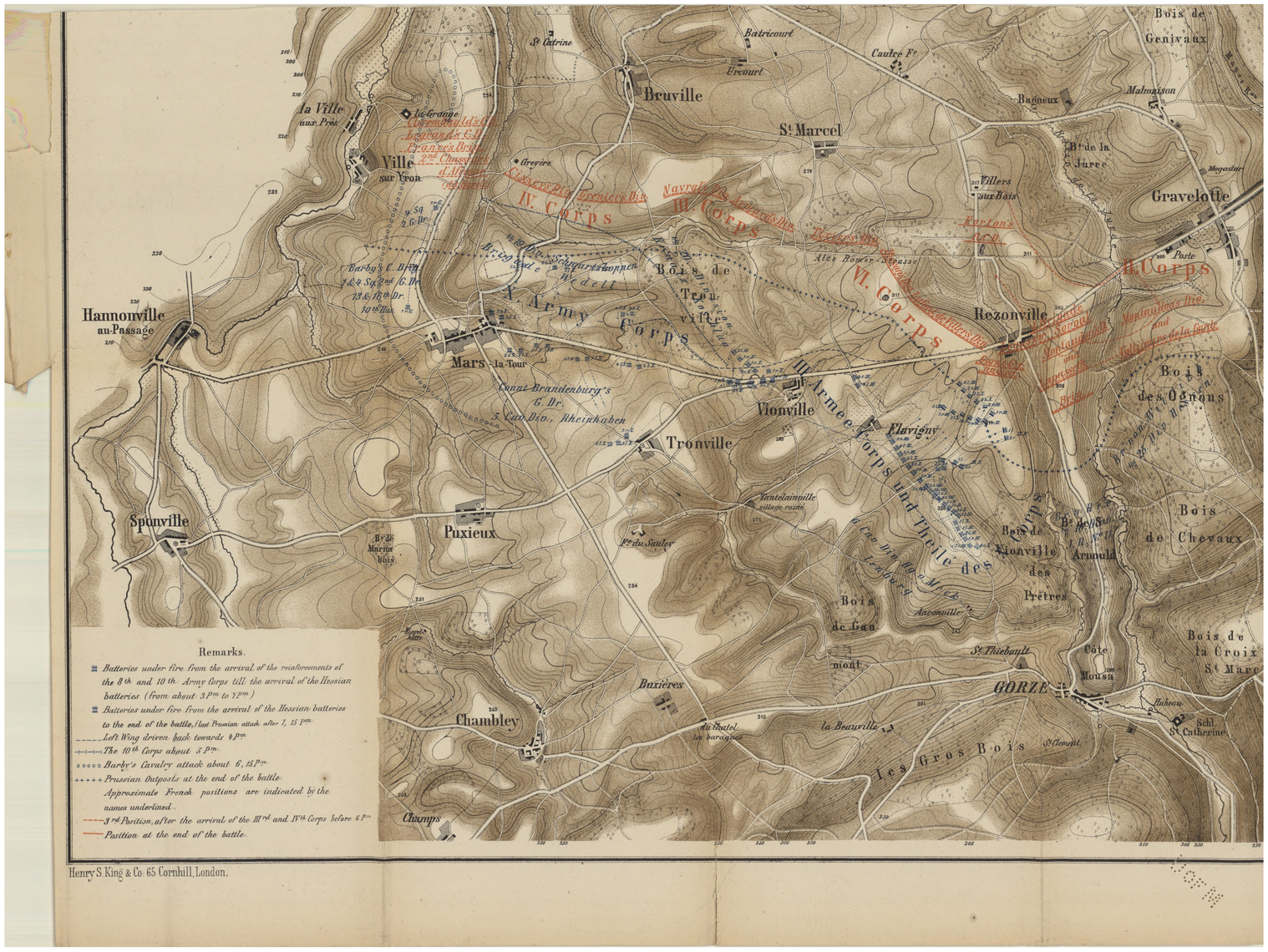
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PLAN OF THE BATTLE OF METZ

14th August 1870 (Borny-Courcelles.)




Bois de Genivaux
Batricourt
Ste Catrine
Urcourt
Caulre Fe
Bruville
Bagneux
Malmaison
St Marcel
Bois de la Jurée
Mogador
Villers aux Bois
Gravelotte
Poste
Ia Ville aux Près
la Grange
Ville sur Yron
Grevere
IV. Corps
III. Corps
VI. Corps
II. Corps
Hannonville au-Passage
Bois de Trouville
Rezonville
Mars-la-Tour
Vionville
Flavigny
Tronville
Bois des Ognons
Bois de Chevaux
Bois de la Croix St Marc
Sponville
Puxieux
Bois de Vionville des Prêtres
Bois de Arnaud
Bois de Gaumont
Ancomville
St Thiebault
Côte Mousa
GORZE
Baxières
Chambley
la Beauville
Les Gros Bois
Champs
Remarks.
Batteries under fire from the arrival of the reinforcements of the 8th and 10th Army Corps till the arrival of the Hessian batteries (from about 3 Pm to 7 Pm)
Batteries under fire from the arrival of the Hessian batteries to the end of the battle, last Prussian attack after 7, 15 Pm
Left Wing driven back towards 4 Pm
The 10th Corps about 5 Pm
Barby's Cavalry attack about 6, 15 Pm
Prussian Outposts at the end of the battle
Approximate French positions are indicated by the names underlined.
3rd Position, after the arrival of the IIIrd and IVth Corps before 6 Pm
Position at the end of the battle.
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PLAN OF THE BATTLE OF METZ

on the 16th August 1870 (Mars-la-Tour and Vionville)

Remarks.

- Batteries under fire until 10 o'clock when Frossard resumed the Offensive.
- Batteries under fire till the Capture of Flavigny (10 to 12 o'clock.)
- Batteries under fire from the Capture of Flavigny till the evacuation of the Bois de Tronville (from 12 to 3 o'clock.)

The names underlined indicate the French positions approximately.

- 1st Position of the IInd and VIth French Corps till soon after 12 o'clock.
- 2nd Position from the repulse of the IInd French Corps to the arrival of the IIIrd Corps (about 2. 30 Pm.)

- 5th Cavalry Division
- Grüter's Brigade — about 9 o'clock.
- Rauch's " "
- Prussian line about 1 o'clock.
- Bredow's Cavalry attack towards 2 Pm.

The arabic numbers - the numbers of the Batteries.
r, s, l - H. A. (reitende), Heavyfield (schwere) or Lightfield (leichte) Battery.
Roman numbers or 'G' - numbers of the Brigades.
Batteries underlined more than once have kept the same position during the periods indicated by the signs.

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Scale 1:40000

1000 500 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 tausa Paces.

1000 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 tausa Yards.

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Scale 1:40000

1000 500 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 6000 Paces.

1000 0 1 2 3 4 5 6000 Yards.

PLAN OF THE BATTLE OF GRAVELOTTE

on the 18th August 1870.

Remarks.

- Batteries under fire from the opening of the ba… attle until 3 P.M.
- Batteries under fire until 5 P.M. shortly before… the first attack of the Guard.
- Batteries under fire from the first attack of t… e Guard until the end of the battle.
- Line of German outposts at the end of the ba… ttle.
- French position at the end of the battle.
- The arabic numbers are those of the batteries …
- r. s. L. H. A (reitende). Heavy field (schwere), or Li… ight field (leichte) Battery.
- The Roman numbers or 'C' indicate the Brigs… ades.
- Batteries underlined more than once retained … the same position during the periods indicated as above by those lines.

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