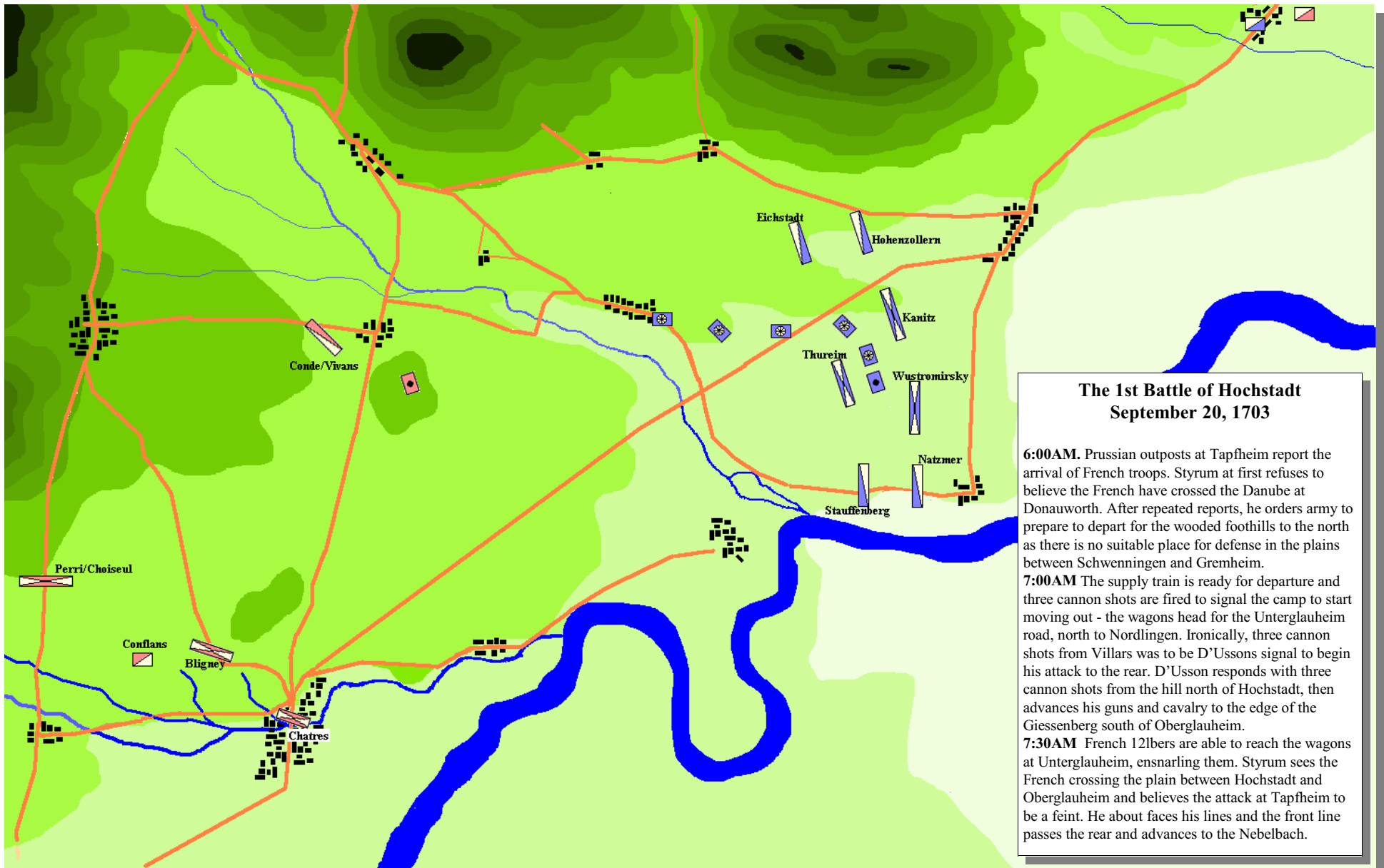


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September 20, 1703**

The Schweningen/Hochstadt region on 1703. Contours are in 10 meter intervals.

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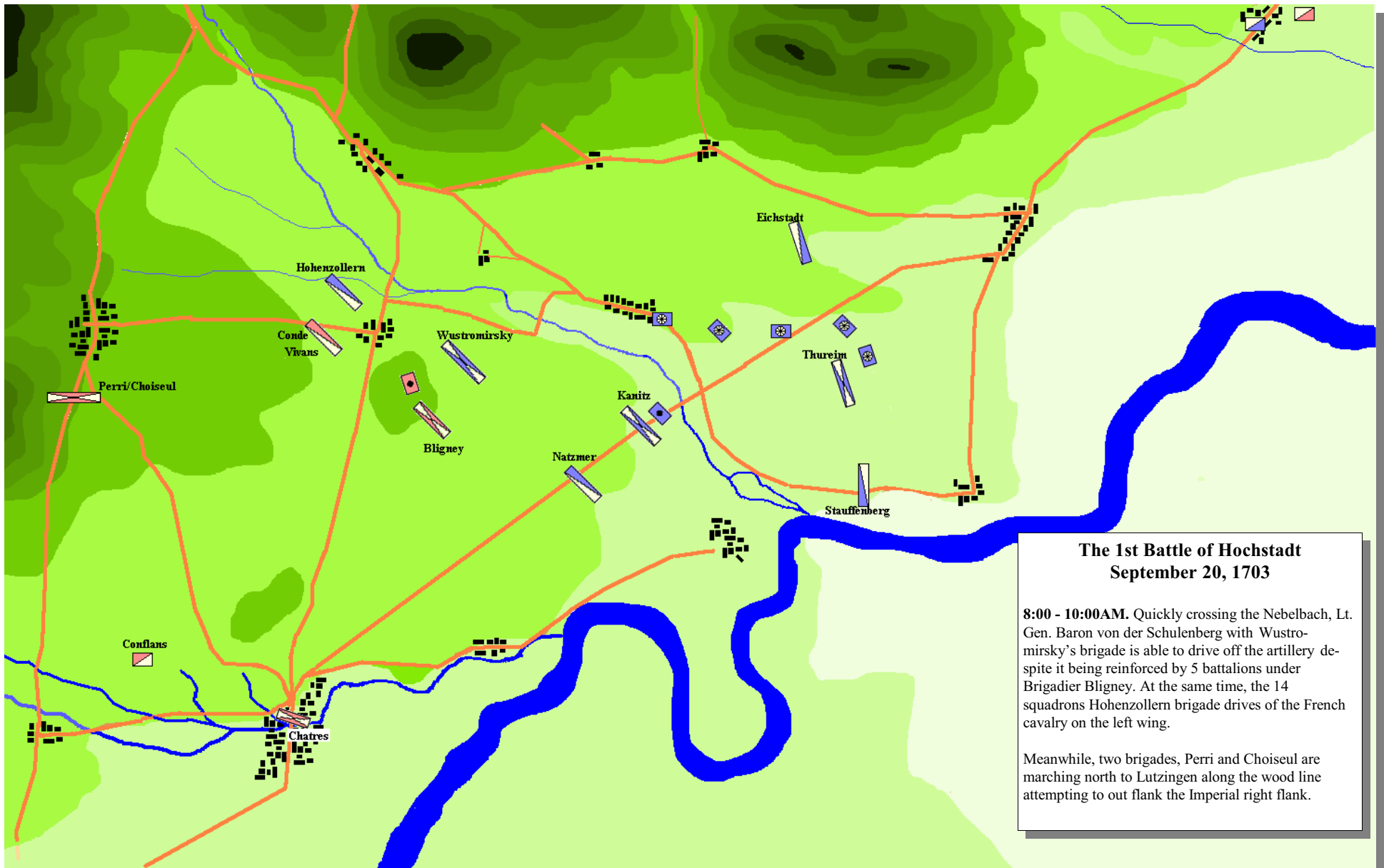


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**6:00AM.** Prussian outposts at Tapfheim report the arrival of French troops. Styrum at first refuses to believe the French have crossed the Danube at Donauworth. After repeated reports, he orders army to prepare to depart for the wooded foothills to the north as there is no suitable place for defense in the plains between Schwenningen and Gremheim.

**7:00AM** The supply train is ready for departure and three cannon shots are fired to signal the camp to start moving out - the wagons head for the Unterglauheim road, north to Nordlingen. Ironically, three cannon shots from Villars was to be D'Ussons signal to begin his attack to the rear. D'Usson responds with three cannon shots from the hill north of Hochstadt, then advances his guns and cavalry to the edge of the Giessenberg south of Oberglauheim.

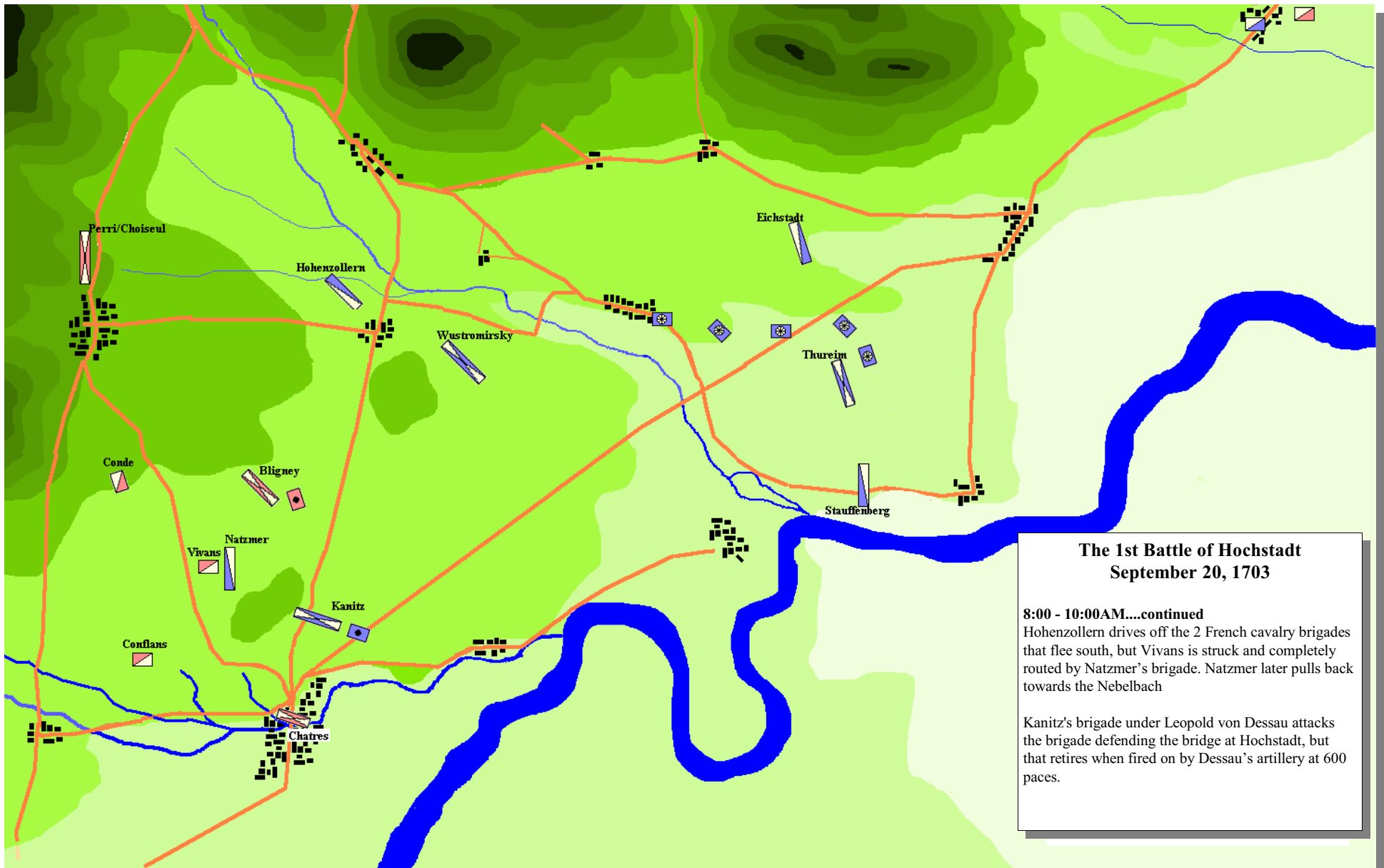
**7:30AM** French 12lbars are able to reach the wagons at Unterglauheim, ensnaring them. Styrum sees the French crossing the plain between Hochstadt and Oberglauheim and believes the attack at Tapfheim to be a feint. He about faces his lines and the front line passes the rear and advances to the Nebelbach.



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**8:00 - 10:00AM.** Quickly crossing the Nebelbach, Lt. Gen. Baron von der Schulenberg with Wustromirsky's brigade is able to drive off the artillery despite it being reinforced by 5 battalions under Brigadier Bligney. At the same time, the 14 squadrons Hohenzollern brigade drives off the French cavalry on the left wing.

Meanwhile, two brigades, Perri and Choiseul are marching north to Lutzingen along the wood line attempting to out flank the Imperial right flank.

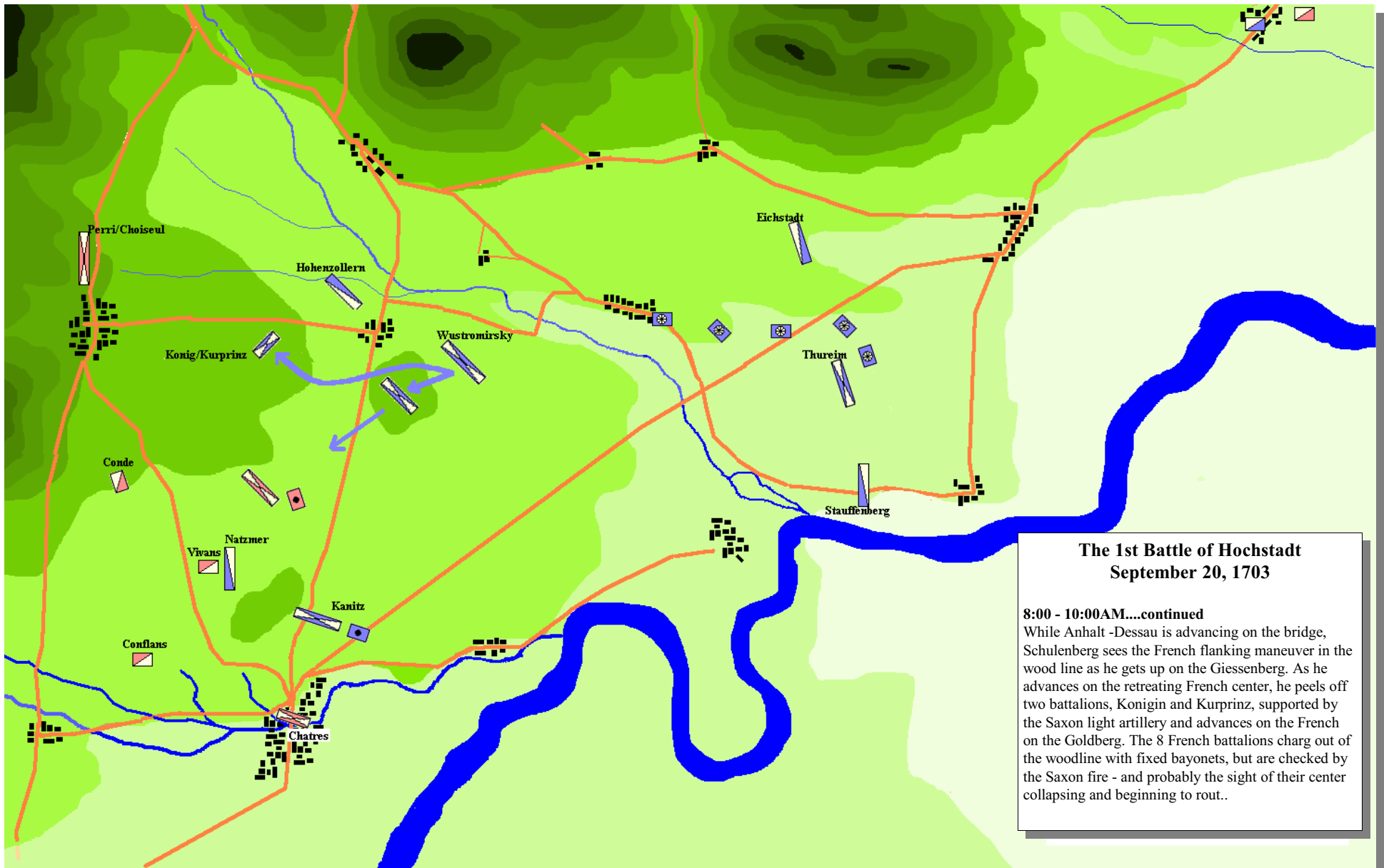


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**8:00 - 10:00AM....continued**

Hohenzollern drives off the 2 French cavalry brigades that flee south, but Vivans is struck and completely routed by Natzmer's brigade. Natzmer later pulls back towards the Nebelbach

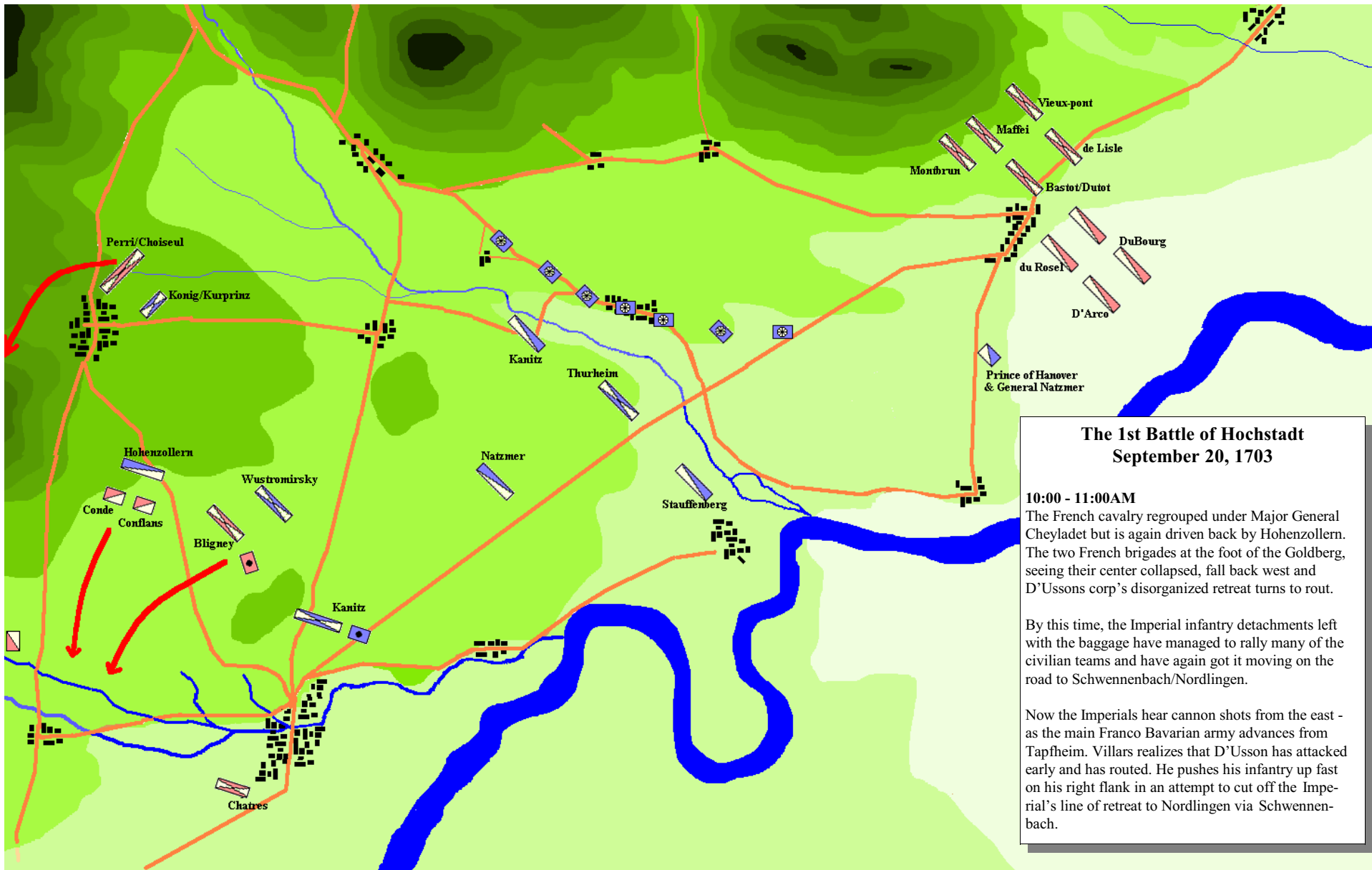
Kanitz's brigade under Leopold von Dessau attacks the brigade defending the bridge at Hochstadt, but that retires when fired on by Dessau's artillery at 600 paces.



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#### 8:00 - 10:00AM....continued

While Anhalt -Dessau is advancing on the bridge, Schulenberg sees the French flanking maneuver in the wood line as he gets up on the Giessenberg. As he advances on the retreating French center, he peels off two battalions, Konigin and Kurprinz, supported by the Saxon light artillery and advances on the French on the Goldberg. The 8 French battalions charge out of the woodline with fixed bayonets, but are checked by the Saxon fire - and probably the sight of their center collapsing and beginning to rout..



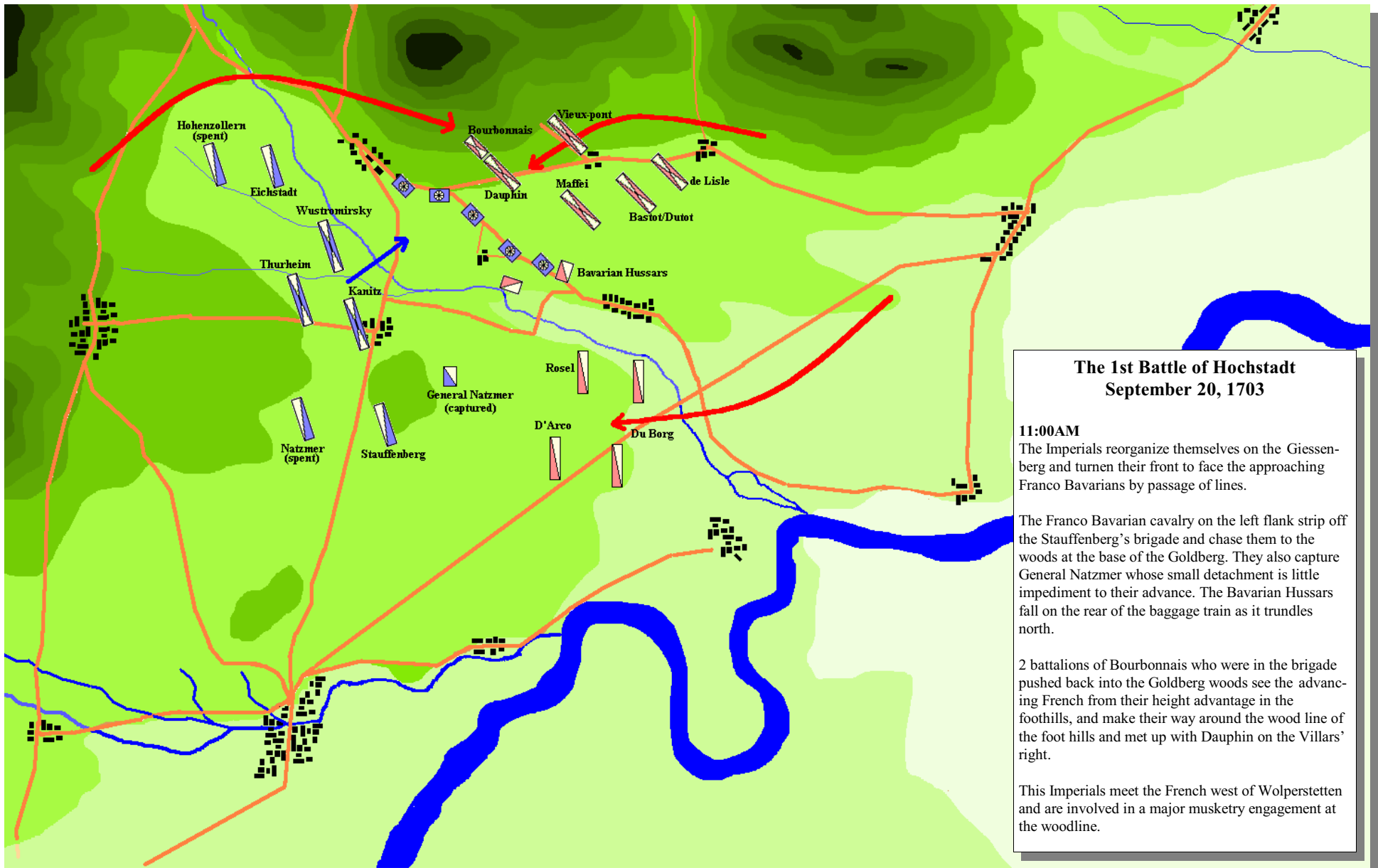
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#### 10:00 - 11:00AM

The French cavalry regrouped under Major General Cheyladet but is again driven back by Hohenzollern. The two French brigades at the foot of the Goldberg, seeing their center collapsed, fall back west and D'Ussons corp's disorganized retreat turns to rout.

By this time, the Imperial infantry detachments left with the baggage have managed to rally many of the civilian teams and have again got it moving on the road to Schwennenbach/Nordlingen.

Now the Imperials hear cannon shots from the east - as the main Franco Bavarian army advances from Tapfheim. Villars realizes that D'Usson has attacked early and has routed. He pushes his infantry up fast on his right flank in an attempt to cut off the Imperial's line of retreat to Nordlingen via Schwennenbach.



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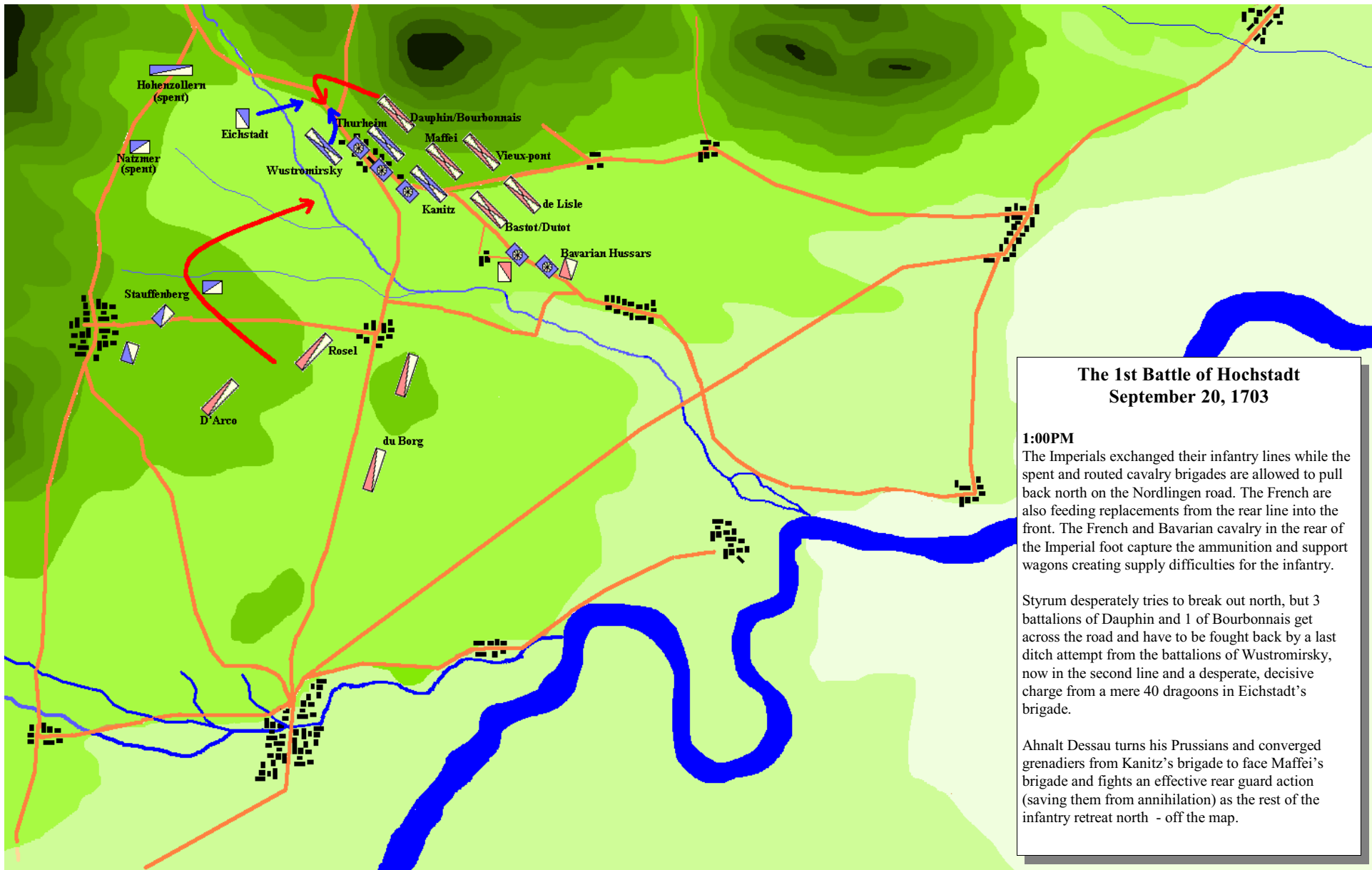
#### 11:00AM

The Imperials reorganize themselves on the Giessenberg and turn their front to face the approaching Franco Bavarians by passage of lines.

The Franco Bavarian cavalry on the left flank strip off the Stauffenberg's brigade and chase them to the woods at the base of the Goldberg. They also capture General Natzmer whose small detachment is little impediment to their advance. The Bavarian Hussars fall on the rear of the baggage train as it trundles north.

2 battalions of Bourbonnais who were in the brigade pushed back into the Goldberg woods see the advancing French from their height advantage in the foothills, and make their way around the wood line of the foot hills and met up with Dauphin on the Villars' right.

This Imperials meet the French west of Wolperstetten and are involved in a major musketry engagement at the woodline.



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**1:00PM**

The Imperials exchanged their infantry lines while the spent and routed cavalry brigades are allowed to pull back north on the Nordlingen road. The French are also feeding replacements from the rear line into the front. The French and Bavarian cavalry in the rear of the Imperial foot capture the ammunition and support wagons creating supply difficulties for the infantry.

Styrum desperately tries to break out north, but 3 battalions of Dauphin and 1 of Bourbonnais get across the road and have to be fought back by a last ditch attempt from the battalions of Wustromirsky, now in the second line and a desperate, decisive charge from a mere 40 dragoons in Eichstadt's brigade.

Ahnalt Dessau turns his Prussians and converged grenadiers from Kanitz's brigade to face Maffei's brigade and fights an effective rear guard action (saving them from annihilation) as the rest of the infantry retreat north - off the map.