

French army

Avant garde; Commander: Marshal de Gie

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Gendarme d'Ordonnance	350/3	Lance, heavily armoured	DETERMINED
Crossbowmen	300/2	Crossbow	SKIRMISHING
Mtd crossbowmen	200/2	Crossbow	SKIRMISHING
Swiss Pikemen	1000/8	Pike	DETERMINED
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Artillery	?/1	Field gun	

Main battle; Commander: King Charles VIII (keyword; LE ROI EST MORT)

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Gendarme d'Ordonnance	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	DETERMINED
Crossbowmen	600/4	Crossbow	
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Rear guard; Commander: Count de Foix

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Gendarme d'Ordonnance	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	DETERMINED
Crossbowmen	600/4	Crossbow	
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Crossbowmen	600/4	Crossbow	
Baggage train	?/NA		PLUNDER

Italian army

Right flank; Commander: Count of Caiazzo (keyword: PRUDENT)

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Stradiots	400/4	spear	PLUNDER
Mtd crossbowmen	400/4	crossbow	SKIRMISHING
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Mercenary crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	MERCENARY
German merc. crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	MORALE (= firm)
Militia crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	CITY MILITIA
Militia crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	CITY MILITIA
Artillery	?/1	Field gun	

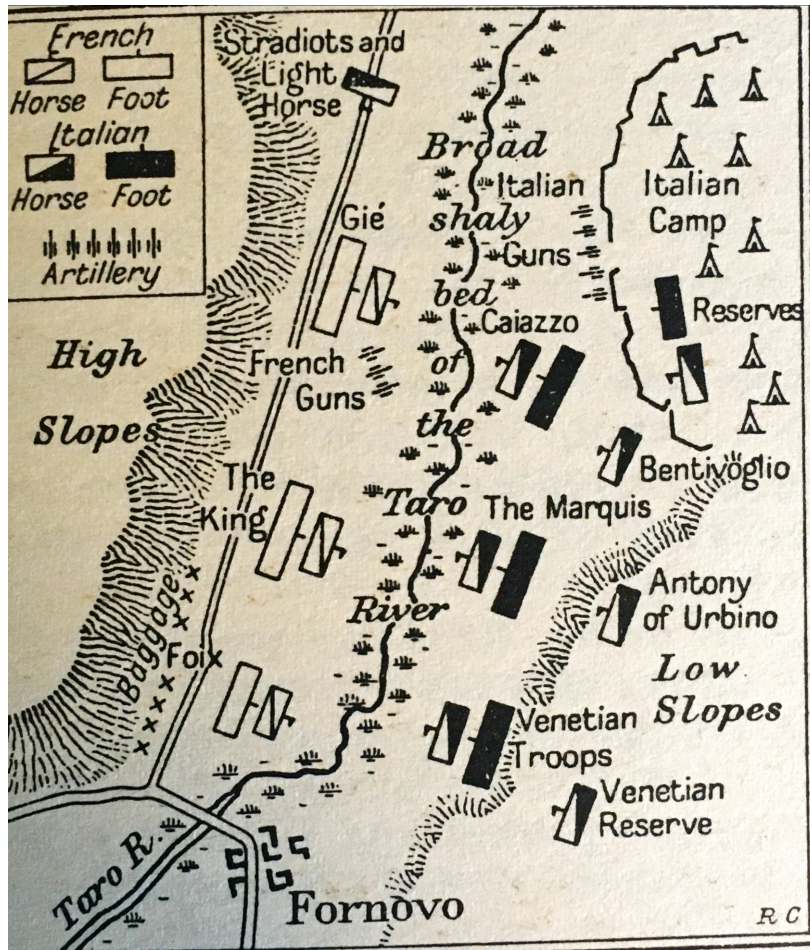
Centre; Commander: Francesco Gonzaga (keyword: PRUDENT)

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Mtd crossbowmen	500/5	crossbow	SKIRMISHING
Mercenary crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	MERCENARY
Mercenary crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	MERCENARY
Militia crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	CITY MILITIA
Militia spearmen	1000/8	spear	CITY MILITIA

Left flank; Commander: Fortebraccio de Montone (keyword: PRUDENT)

Unit	Size/Elements	Weaponry	Most relevant Keyword
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Elmeti	300/3	Lance, heavily armoured	
Stradiots	200/2	spear	PLUNDER
Militia crossbowmen	800/6	crossbow	CITY MILITIA
Militia spearmen	500/4	spear	CITY MILITIA

Scenario & FACTs



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- The Taro is a swollen river following extensive rainfall. It is, however, fordable at all points.
- The WEATHER is fair
- There is no TERRAIN blocking or hindering LINE OF SIGHT
- All slopes on the battlefield are gentle and pose no obstacle, nor provide any tactical advantage. The slopes to the French rear are steep.
- The time of the battle is unknown, but likely took place in the morning. TIME OF DAY is not relevant

VICTORY & DEFEAT

The Italians had trapped the French and cut off the latter's way home. However, the Italian art of war did not stimulate the total destruction of an enemy army. The French must force the Italian army in retreat, thus admitting defeat and the superiority of the French forces. Any other result is a total victory for the Italians, and will likely involve the French paying literally a King's ransom!