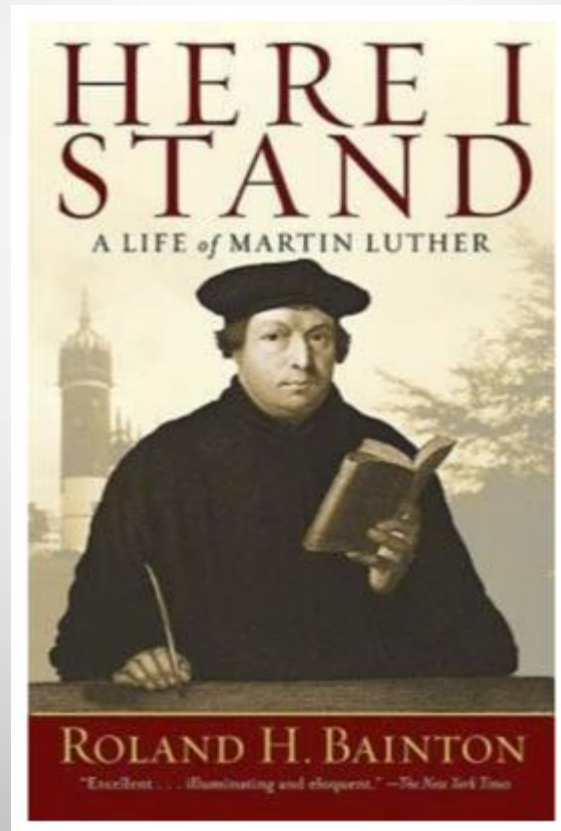# Germany's Last Knight

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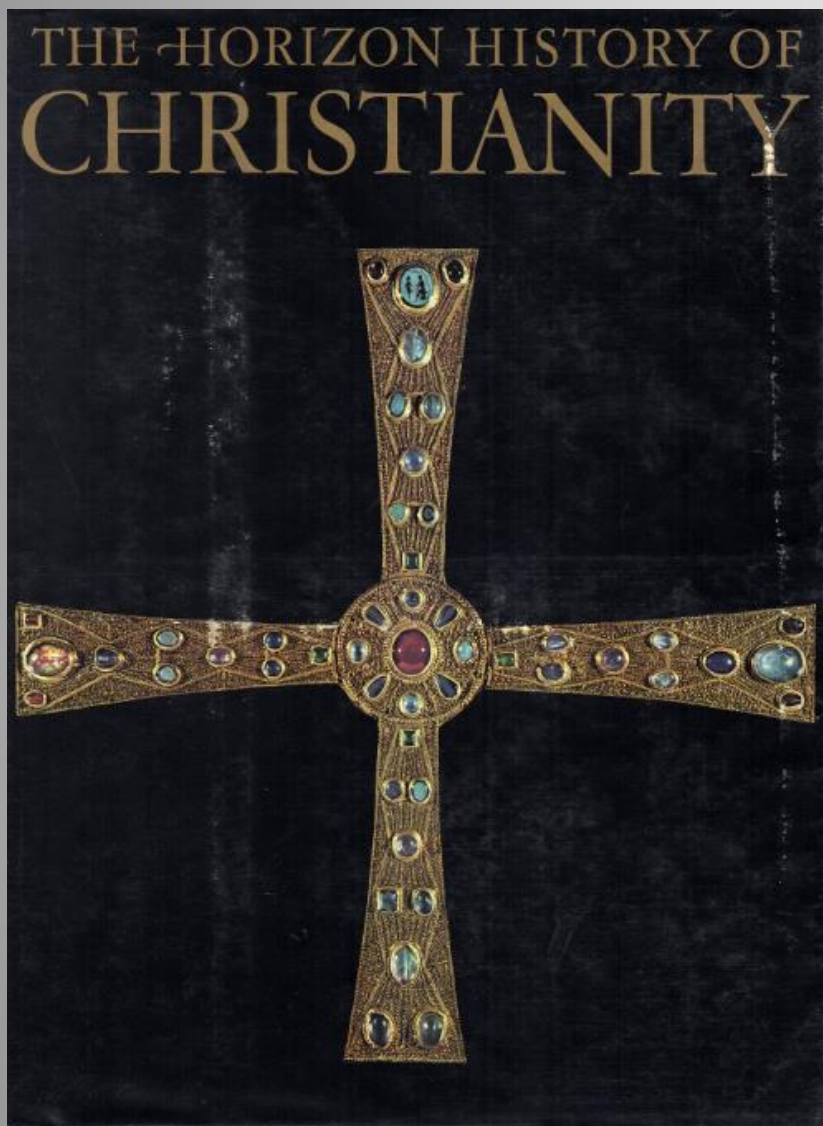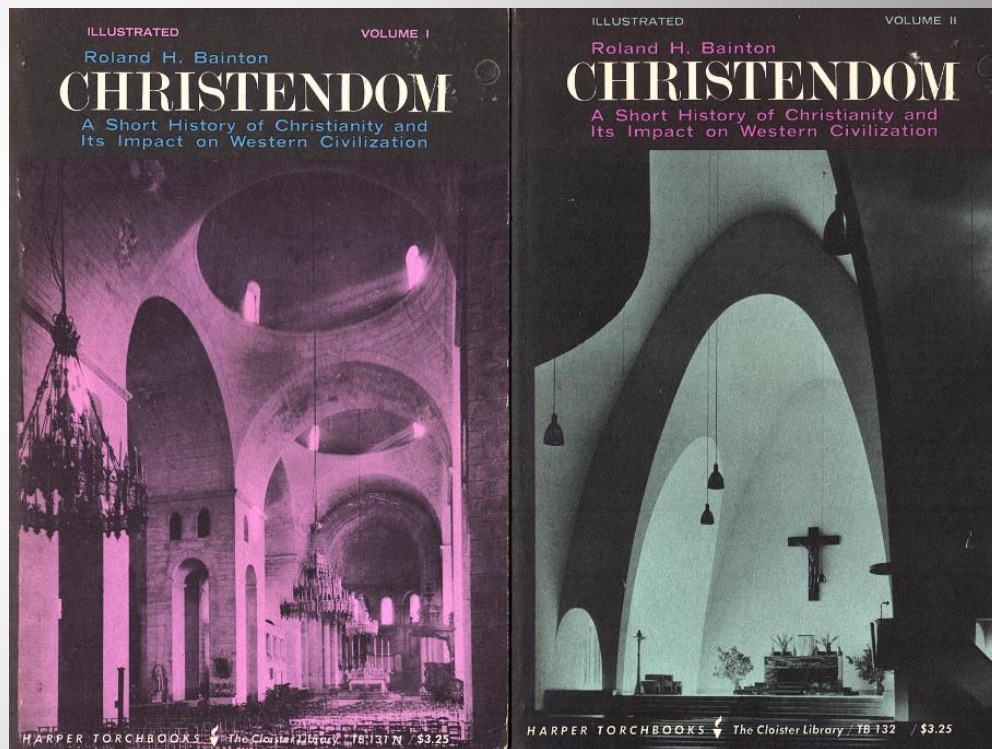
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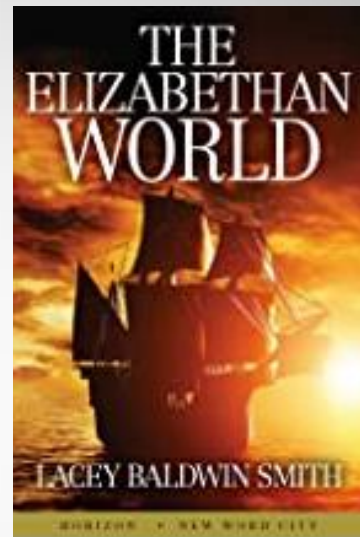
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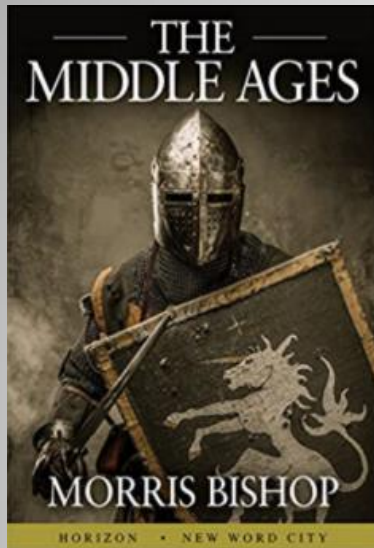
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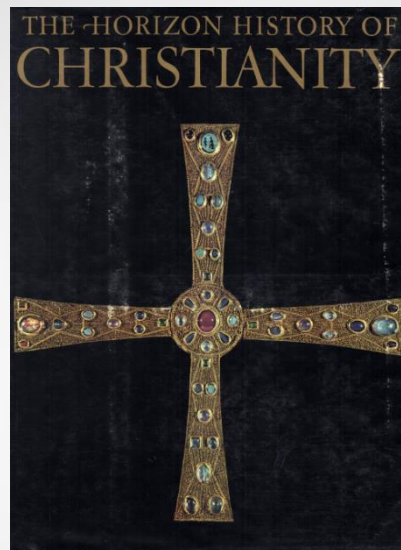

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Christian beliefs and attitudes, c. 1520—

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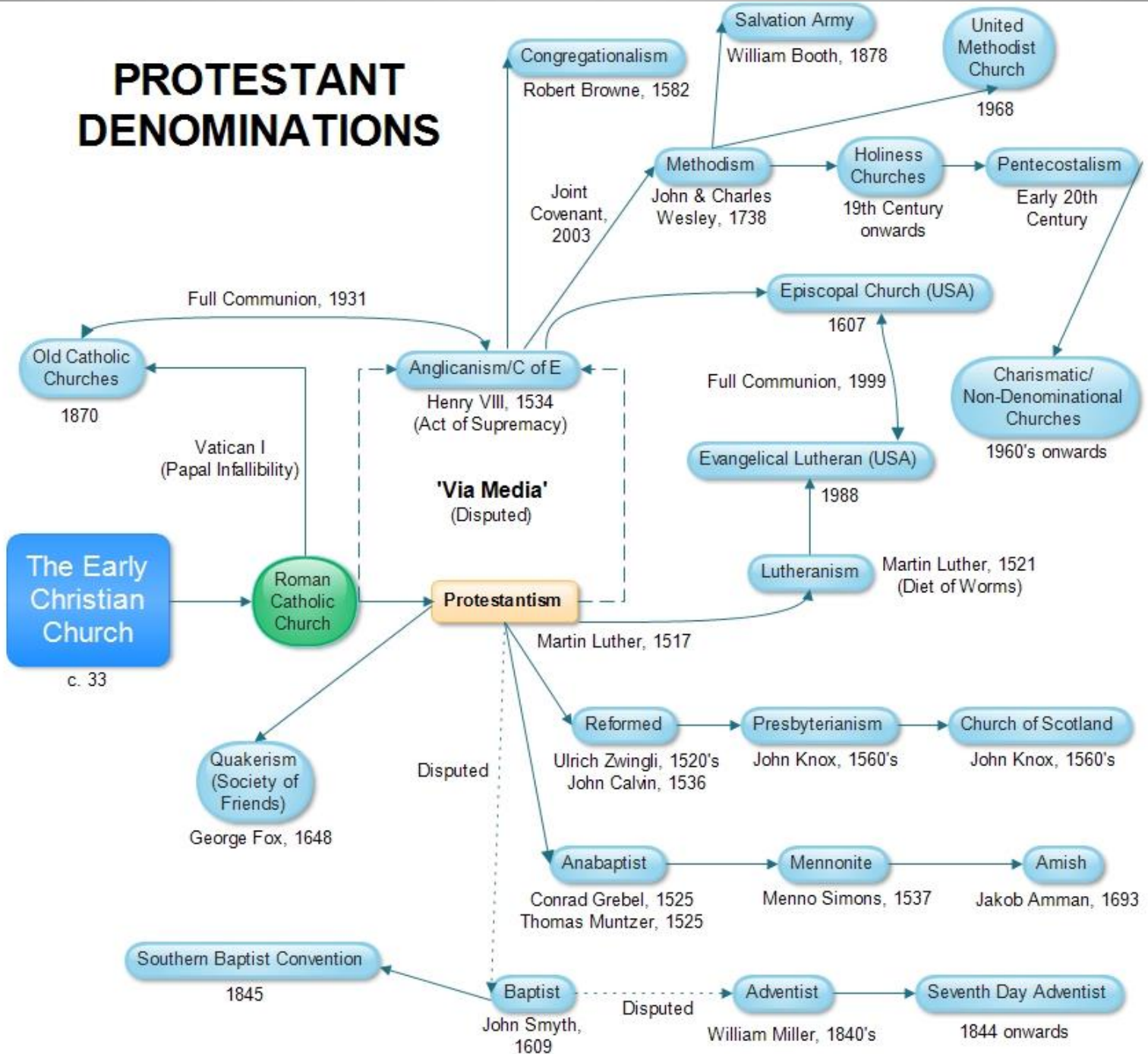
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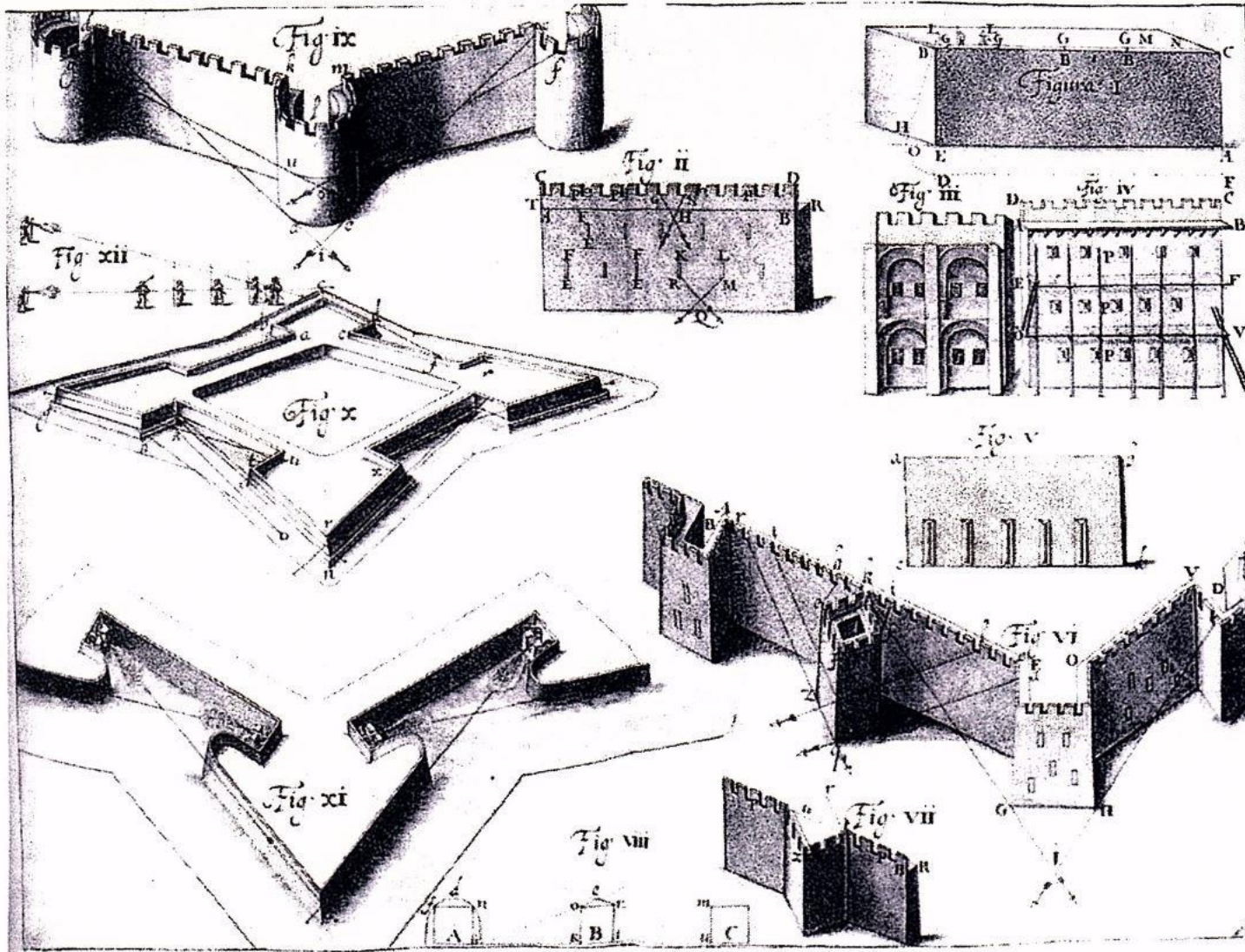
PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS

The Early Christian Church
c. 33

Roman Catholic Church

Old Catholic Churches
1870

Full Communion, 1931

Vatican I (Papal Infallibility)

Anglicanism/C of E
Henry VIII, 1534 (Act of Supremacy)

'Via Media' (Disputed)

Protestantism
Martin Luther, 1517

Congregationalism
Robert Browne, 1582

Joint Covenant, 2003

Salvation Army
William Booth, 1878

United Methodist Church
1968

Methodism
John & Charles Wesley, 1738

Holiness Churches
19th Century onwards

Pentecostalism
Early 20th Century

Episcopal Church (USA)
1607

Full Communion, 1999

Evangelical Lutheran (USA)
1988

Charismatic/ Non-Denominational Churches
1960's onwards

Lutheranism
Martin Luther, 1521 (Diet of Worms)

Quakerism (Society of Friends)
George Fox, 1648

Disputed

Reformed
Ulrich Zwingli, 1520's
John Calvin, 1536

Presbyterianism
John Knox, 1560's

Church of Scotland
John Knox, 1560's

Anabaptist
Conrad Grebel, 1525
Thomas Muntzer, 1525

Mennonite
Menno Simons, 1537

Amish
Jakob Amman, 1693

Southern Baptist Convention
1845

Baptist
John Smyth, 1609

Disputed

Adventist
William Miller, 1840's

Seventh Day Adventist
1844 onwards

Sieges and Siege Warfare—

This illustration from Matthaes Dögen's L'Architecture militaire (1647) shows the evolution in Europe from the vertical defenses of the Middle Ages to the low-lying bastion first developed in Italy in the early sixteenth century — the trace italienne.

MUTUALLY SUPPORTING DEFENSIVE FIRE

One way of flanking a round artillery tower or other fortification was to provide an exterior defence in depth with a perimeter zone of earthwork sconces. This line drawing shows how lines of fire from mutually supporting sconces could destroy an attacking infantry force, while the defending arquebusiers and musketeers in each sconce would remain safe behind the protective walls of their own small earthwork.
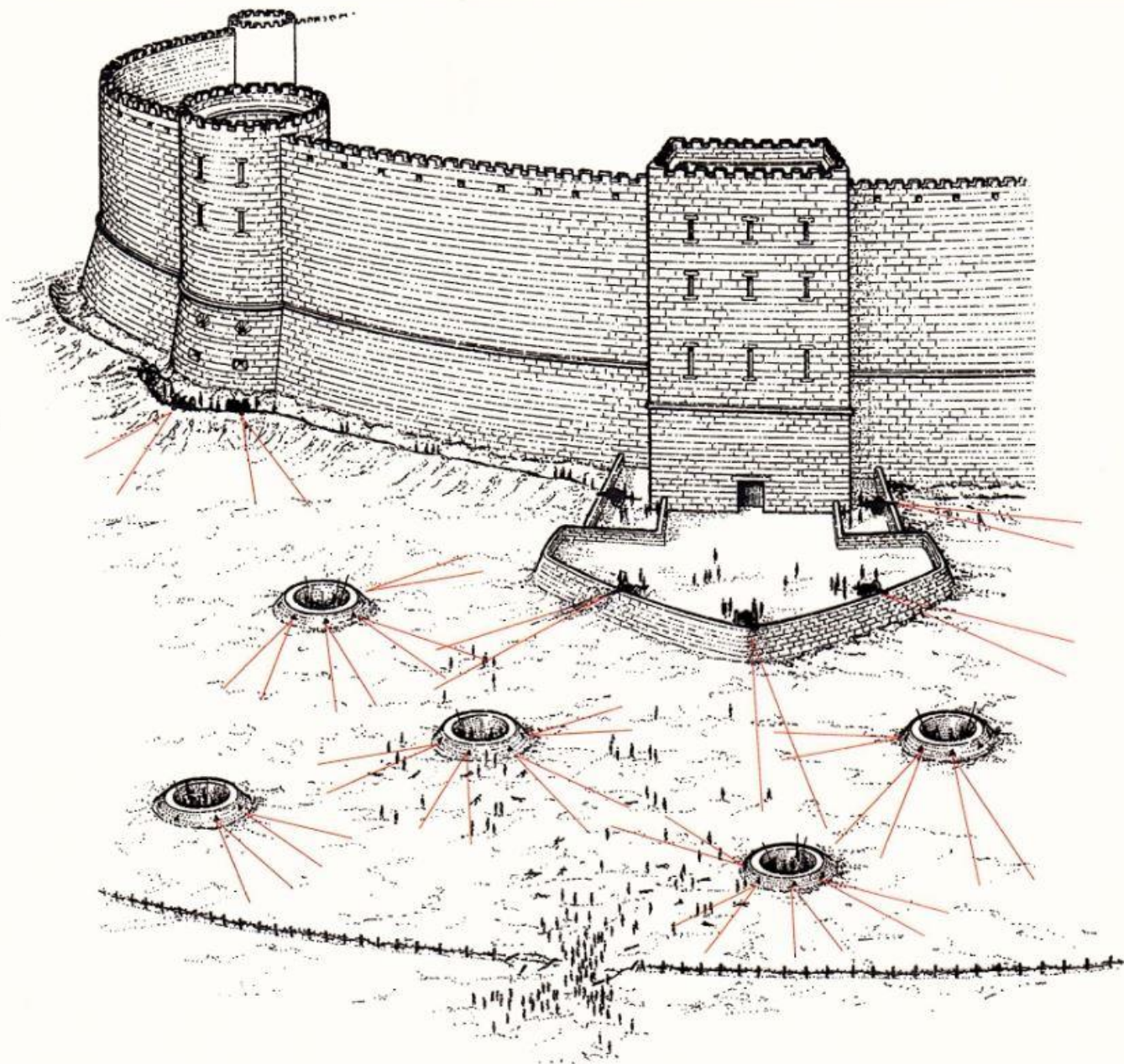
THE ANGLE BASTION

The secret of the angle bastion: artillery positions at the retired flanks of a pointed bastion can sweep the face of the bastion opposite, and since the lines of fire from two neighbouring bastions' flanks cross and meet at the point of every bastion, there is no place for an attacking mining party or infantry assault to shelter.
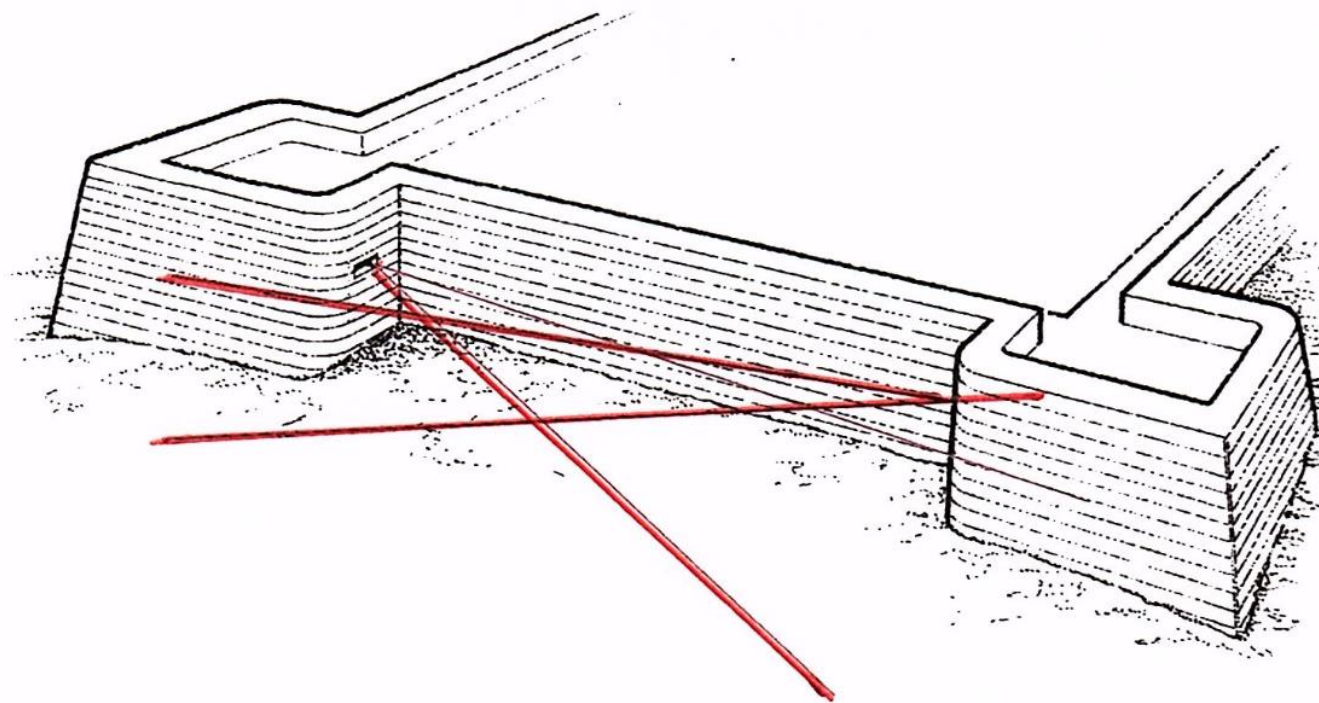
MAP
OF THE
REBEL FORTIFICATIONS
AT
COLUMBUS, KY.
SURVEYED
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
BRIG. GEN. GEO. W. CULLUM,
Chief of Staff and Engineers.
Dept of the Mississippi.
1862.
Scale 1200 Feet to One Inch.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER
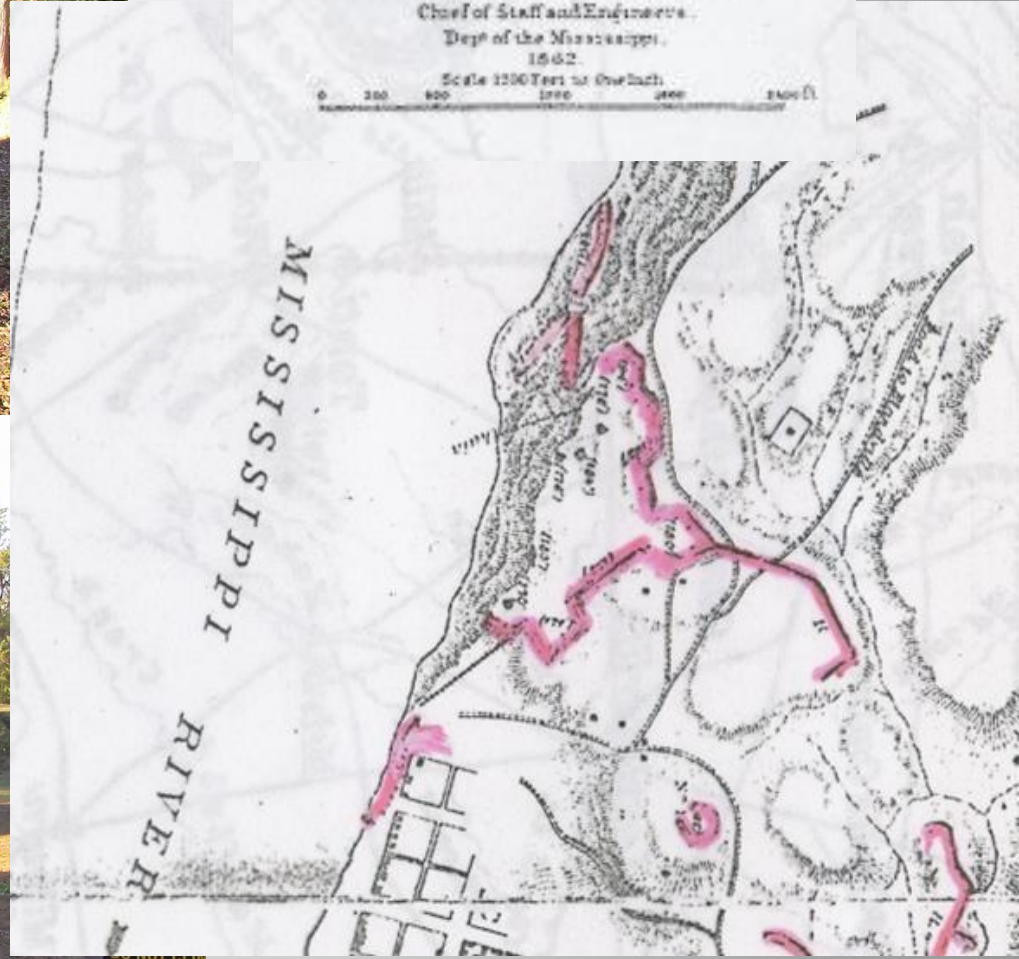
TYPES OF RENAISSANCE ARTILLERY

Basilisks, serpents, minions, robinets, falcons, bastards, sirens, bases, slings: the multiple, evocative names of Renaissance artillery defy order, or even understanding – contemporaries railed against the needless proliferation of calibres, which could only complicate logistics and stymie wartime efficiency. Even after cannon came to be generally standardized by named category and weight of shot, the categories were not fully consistent between different services (say, Spanish and English) and measures differed between jurisdiction (as between Venetian and Milanese 'pounds' and 'feet'). But in the second half of the sixteenth century something like order came to Europe's arsenals, at least in theory. The following table approximates this consensus; it is based on figures in contemporary manuals (note that the distinction between a cannon and a culverin lay in the ratio of length to bore; culverins could be almost as heavy as cannon in weight of shot):

Type	Weight of ball	Weight of piece	Ratio of length to bore
Double cannon	100 pounds	20,000 pounds	20:1
Cannon	50	9,000	18:1
Half cannon	25	7,000	24:1
Quarter cannon	16	3,500	28:1
Culverin	25	2,000	36:1
Half culverin	15	1,700	40:1
Saker	6	2,500	32:1
Falcon	3	1,500	36:1
Falconet	1	500	40:1

A gunner sights along his quadrant to judge the elevation of his cannon's barrel. Note the long-handled powder scoop lying on the ground; each gun had its own scoop, sized to measure out the full charge of gunpowder appropriate for that piece.
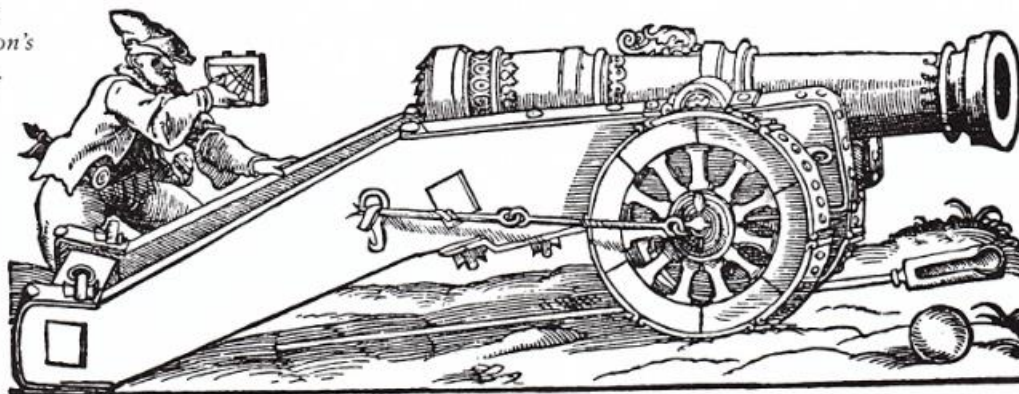
RANGES OF RENAISSANCE ARTILLERY

How far could a sixteenth-century cannon shoot? Contemporaries differed in their opinions – perhaps because their experience or sense of the problem differed. One answer comes from the Italian master gunner and engineer Eugenio Gentilini, who served in the armies of Venice, the grand duchy of Tuscany, and the knights of Malta. His 1598 *Instructions for Artillery* included a list of artillery ranges at both horizontal elevation ('*dritta linea*' or 'straight line') and, for maximum distance, at an elevation of 45 degrees. The term *dritta linea* was interchangeable with *punto bianco* (hence 'point-blank' in English), a reference to the ability of a gunner, when sighting along a level barrel, to see the white circle – the *punto bianco* or white point – at the dead centre of the practice target. Gentilini's figures are in 'natural walking paces' of two steps, or two and a half statutory feet each; remembering that the 'foot' varied by jurisdiction, a pace can be thought of as a little less than a modern English yard (0.91 metres).

Type	dritta linea	Extreme range
Musket	60 paces	1,200 paces
2-pound falconet	80	1,800
4-pound falcon	100	2,000
8-pound saker	150	2,500
14-pound culverin	200	3,500
16-pound 'canoncin'	150	2,500
20-pound cannon	180	2,800
20-pound culverin	250	3,800
30-pound cannon	200	3,000
30-pound culverin	260	4,000
40-pound cannon	220	3,000
40-pound culverin	300	4,000
50-pound cannon	250	3,500
50-pound culverin	300	4,000
60-pound cannon	250	3,500
60-pound culverin	300	4,000
90-pound cannon	250	3,500
90-pound culverin	300	4,000
100-pound cannon	250	3,500
100-pound culverin	300	4,000
120-pound cannon	250	3,500
120-pound culverin	300	4,000

Gentilini's contemporary Marc' Antonio Bellone supplied much more optimistic 'point-blank' and maximum ranges in his 1584 manual, *Instructions for Gunners*.

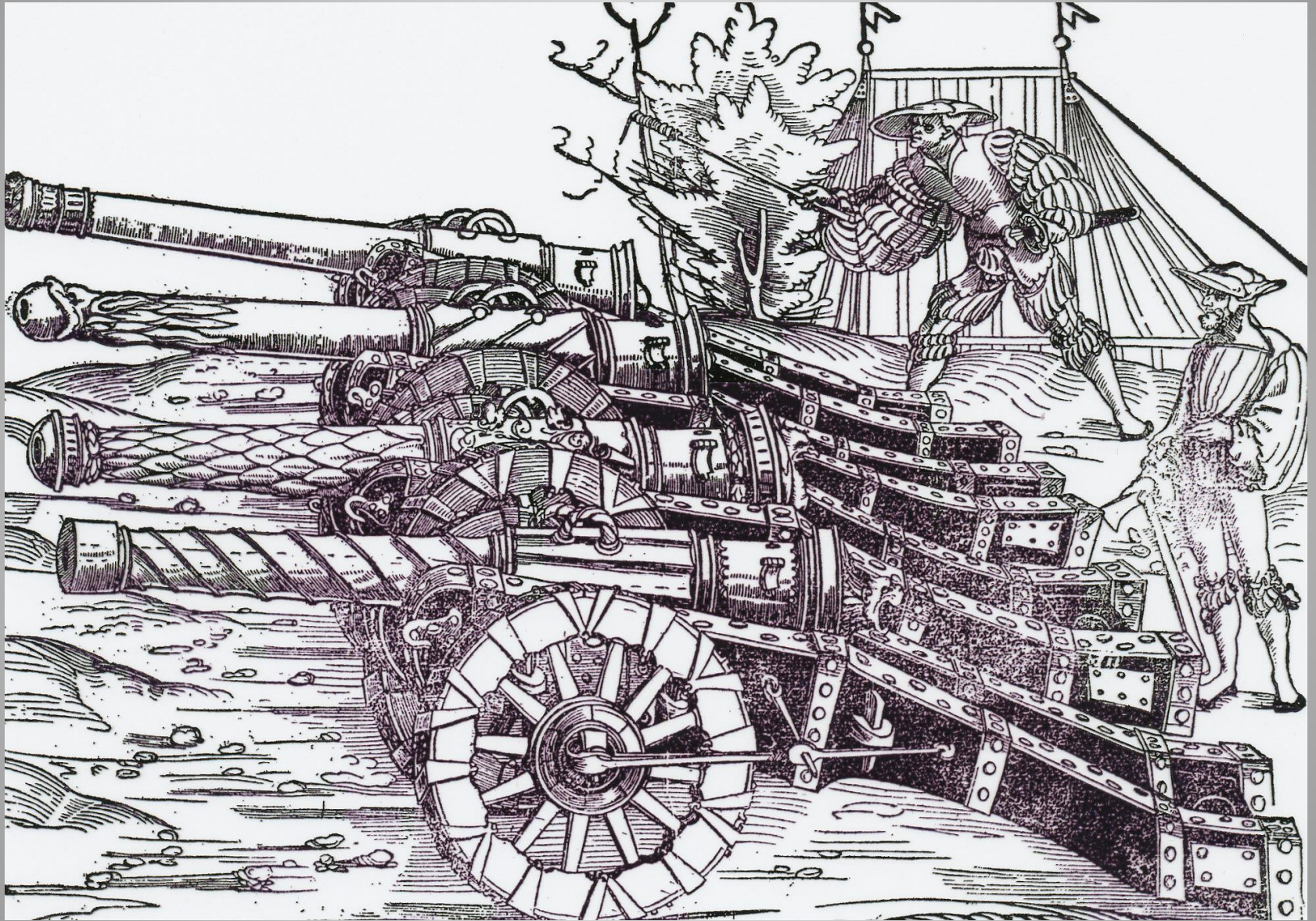| Type	Point-blank	Extreme range
Half cannon	500 paces	6,000 paces
Quarter cannon	450	5,400
Saker	350	4,200
Falcon	300	3,600
Falconet	250	3,000
Culverin	600	7,200
Half culverin	450	5,200

In service, gunners always tried to plant their weapons as close as possible; an Englishman in 1590 opined that 'for battery' pieces should be placed within 'eighty paces of their mark'. But long-distance sniping also took place. While holed up in the Castel' San Angelo during the Spanish sack of Rome in 1527, the goldsmith-turned-gunner Benvenuto Cellini used a falconet to clip a Spanish officer in two at such an extreme range that Pope Clement himself asked for an explanation of the trick shot. All in all, the effective range of a given gun of a given type varied greatly depending on the quality and condition of the gun and carriage, and of the powder used, whether the ball was truly round and of the proper calibre, how well the charge and ball were packed into the bore, and, finally, the skill of the gunner who aimed the piece. Sometimes the condition of the gunner mattered, too: at the siege of Oudenaarde in 1582 a drunken Spanish gunner fired directly into his own camp, interrupting the dinner party of the Spanish commander-in-chief, Alessandro of Parma, who, unhurt and nonplussed, continued with his meal even as his dead and dying companions were removed from table.
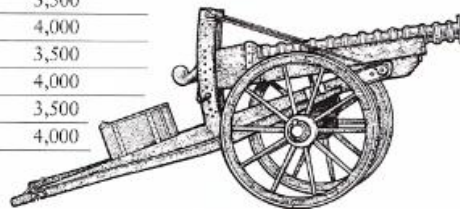
CULVERIN

A line drawing of a small, wrought-iron culverin of the late fifteenth century.
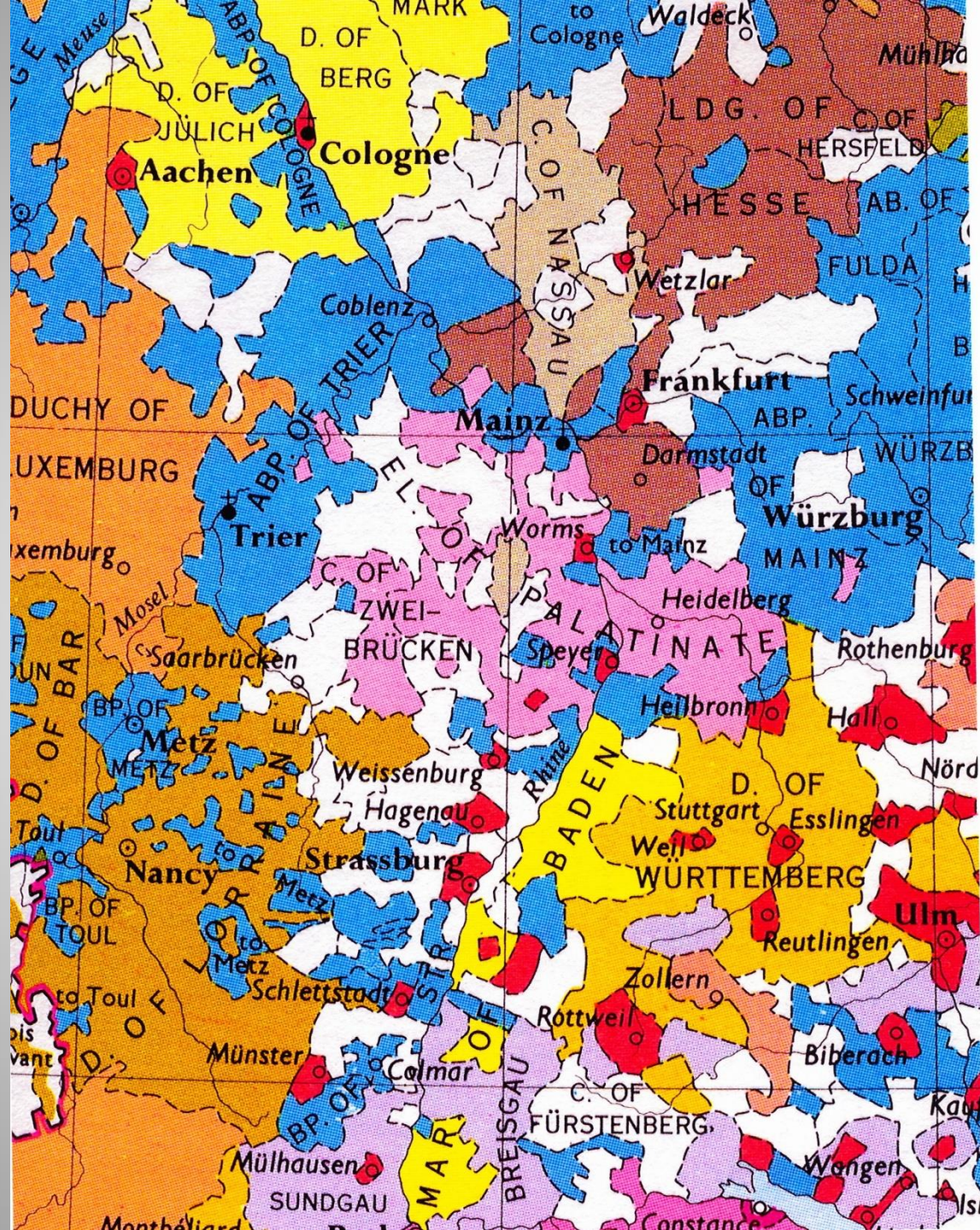
1 Mile to Paces = 2112

FRANZ von SICKINGEN

Geb. 1481 · gest. 7. Mai 1523

Nach dem von Herrn Professor Karl Kauer geschaffenen Denkmal Hutten
und Sickingen auf der Ebernburg

MARK

D. OF
BERG

to
Cologne

Waldeck

Mühlha...

D. OF
JÜLICH

D. OF COLOGNE

C. OF
NASSAU

LDG. OF
HERSFELD

C. OF

Aachen

Cologne

HESSE

AB. OF

Coblenz

Wetzlar

FULDA

H

ABP. OF TRIER

Frankfurt

Schweinfu...

B

DUCHY OF

Mainz

ABP.

WÜRZB...

LUXEMBURG

Darmstadt

OF

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Worms

to Mainz

Trier

Heidelberg

MAINZ

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ZWEI-
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Saarbrücken

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D. OF BAR

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Metz

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Stuttgart

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Esslingen

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Strassburg

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WÜRTTEMBERG

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BREISGAU

C. OF
FÜRSTENBERG

Kau...

Mülhausen

Wangen

SUNDGAU

Constance

Montbéliard

Is...

TRIER

A 64 : LUXEMBOURG / SAARBRÜCKEN
A 602 : KOBLENZ, SAARBRÜCKEN
ST. PAULIN

Weißhaus

0   200 m

MOSEL

Katharinenufer

Nordallee

Franz-

Ludwig-Str.

Kutzbachstr.

Engelstr.   Maarstr.

Paulinstr.   Maximinstr.

Petrusstr.

Theobaerstr.

PORTA NIGRA

Pferdemarkt

Oerenstr.

Simeonstr.

Th. Heuss-Allee

Christophstr.

Roonstr.

Bismarckstr.

A 602

Krahnenufer

Windmühlenstr.

Böhmerstr.

Glockenstr.

Krahnenstr.

Zuckerbergstr.

Metzelstr.

St. Gangolf

Frankenturm

HAUPTMARKT

DOM

Windstr.

Sichelstr.

Baldyinstr.

Kreuzgang

LIEBFRAUENKIRCHE

Johannisstr.

Fleischstr.

Brotstr.

Palaststr.

Mustorstr.

Güterstraße

Karl-Marx-
Haus

Nagelstr.

Kornmarkt

Gartenfeldstr.

Agritiusstr.

Feldstr.

Marx-Str.

Neustr.

EHEM.
KURFÜRSTL.
SCHLOß

Konstantin-
Basilika

Weberbach-str.

Ostallee

Karl-

Viehmarktpl.

Hindenburg-str.

PALAST-
GARTEN

Schützenstr.

Bergstraße

Kaiserstr.

Weimarer Allee

RHEINISCHES
LANDESMUSEUM

Hettnerstr.

Süd-

Barbarathermen

Gilbertstr.

Fr.-Wilhelm-Straße

Eberhardstr.

Saarstr.

Gerberstr.

KAISER-
THERMEN

allee

Hermesstr.

Amphitheater

POL.

Olewigerstr.

St. Matthias

Porträtbüste des Erzbischofs Richard von Trier, am Greiffenklau-Denkmal im Dom von Trier.
(Kurfürst Richard Herr von Greiffenklau 1511—31.)
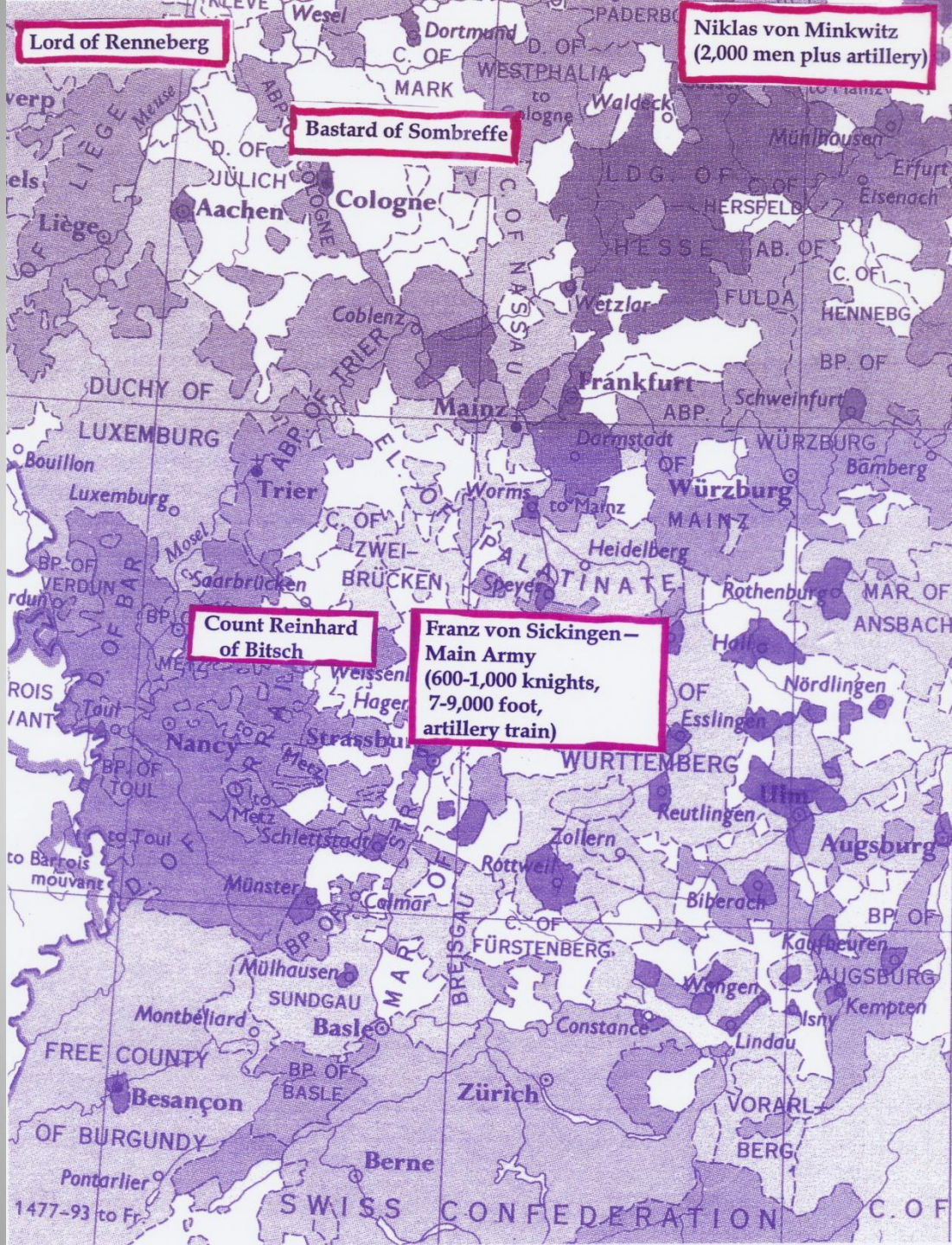Noch bei Lebzeiten wahrscheinlich von einem oberdeutschen Meister 1525 errichtet.

Abb. 22: Fehdebrief Franz von Sickingens an den Kurfürsten von Trier, 1522.

Aachen

Cologne

Coblenz

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OF NASSAU

Wetzl

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Mainz

Darms

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Mil. Cdr: Feldmarschall Gerlach von Isenburg
(700 city militia, 2,127 from Moselle towns,
77 horsemen from Cologne, unknown number
of Landsknechte: perhaps 5-6,000 defenders)

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Trier.

Matthäus Merian, Topographia.

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I. St. Gangolph. K. Palatium. L. Alba Porta. M. Karthause. N. Alte Ruine. O. St. Barbara. P. St. Matthias.

Corits

Franzenknüppchen

Peters - Berg

Heiligkreuzen Höhe

St. Maximin

St. Paulin

Schellenturm

Corlizer Tor

Maar

Dom

Kurf. Palais

Castel Turm

Altenport

Neutor

Carth-Kloster

Porta Nigra

Markt

Rat-haus

Plan
der
Stadt Trier 1522
Maßstab 1:10 000

Deutsch Haus

Jurlauben

St. Martin

Rodenturm

St. Barbara

Mosel

Brücke

Mosel

Plan der Stadt Trier 1522. Maßstab 1:10000

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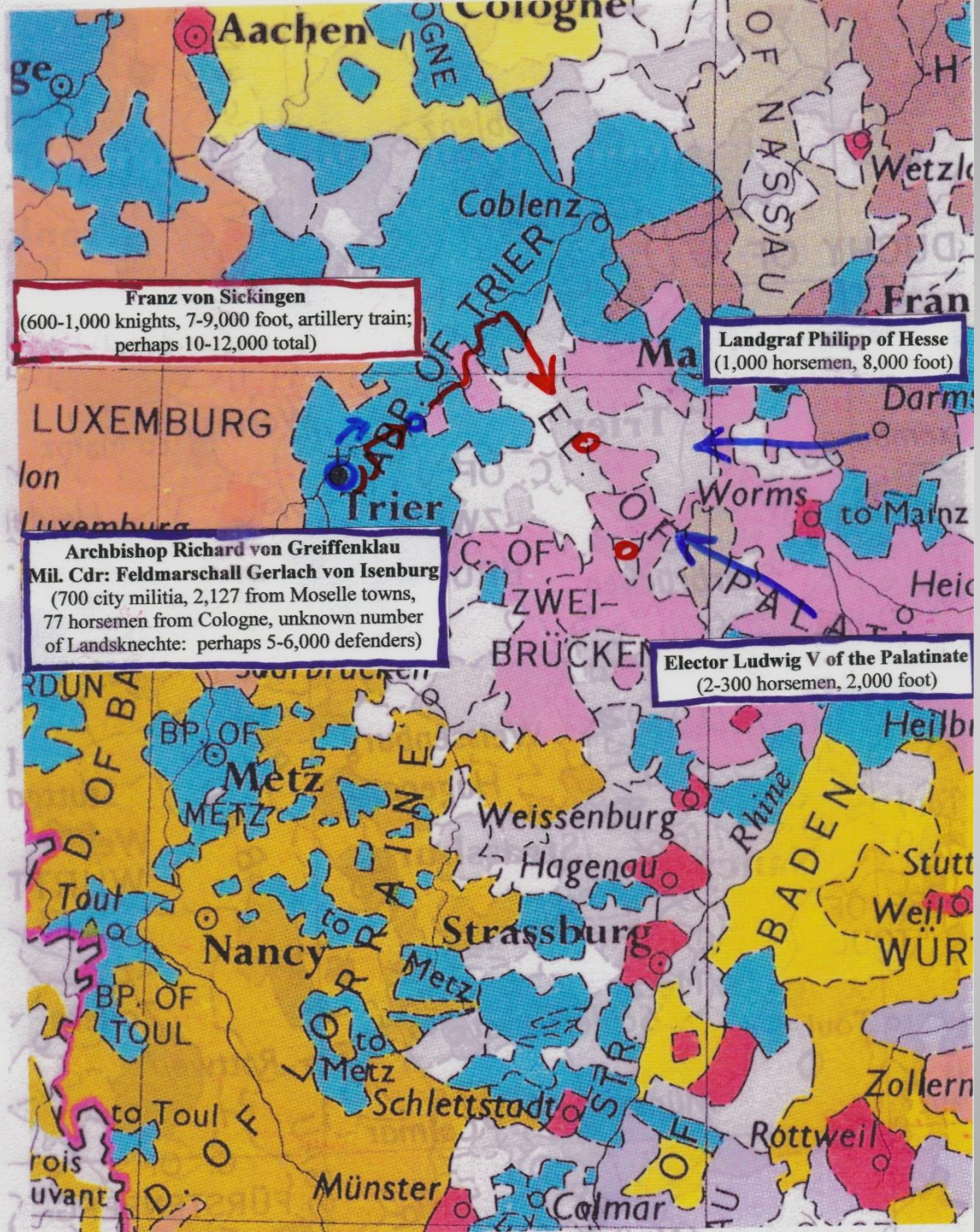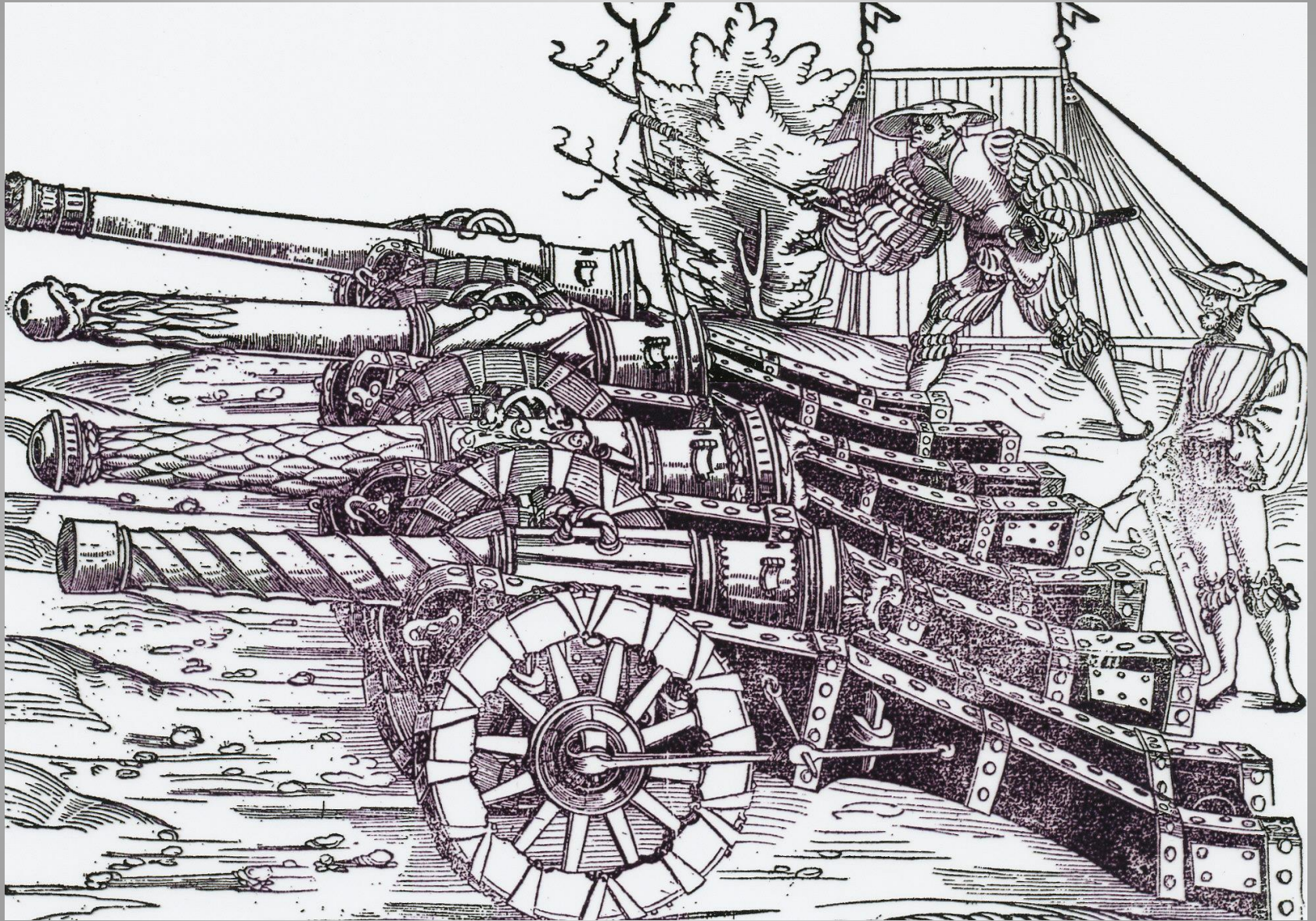
Nanstein

1 Sternwerk
2 Stadtmauer
3 südl. Schildmauer
4 sog. Wachthaus
5 Hof
6 östl. Schildmauer
7 Halsgraben
8 vermauerte Scharte

Maßstab 1 : 1 000

0   10   20   30   40   50 m

	Bergfried		Wohnbauten		Brunnenturm
	Türme		Wirtschaftsgebäude		Brunnen / Zisterne
	Toranlagen		Sakralbauten		Zwinger

Burg Nanstein under crossfire

A. **Stallungen**

B.

Sportplatz

C. ehem. "Pick"

A. Fieldwork Hessen

B.-C. Fieldwork Pfalz-Trier

310 m

344

343

280 m

300

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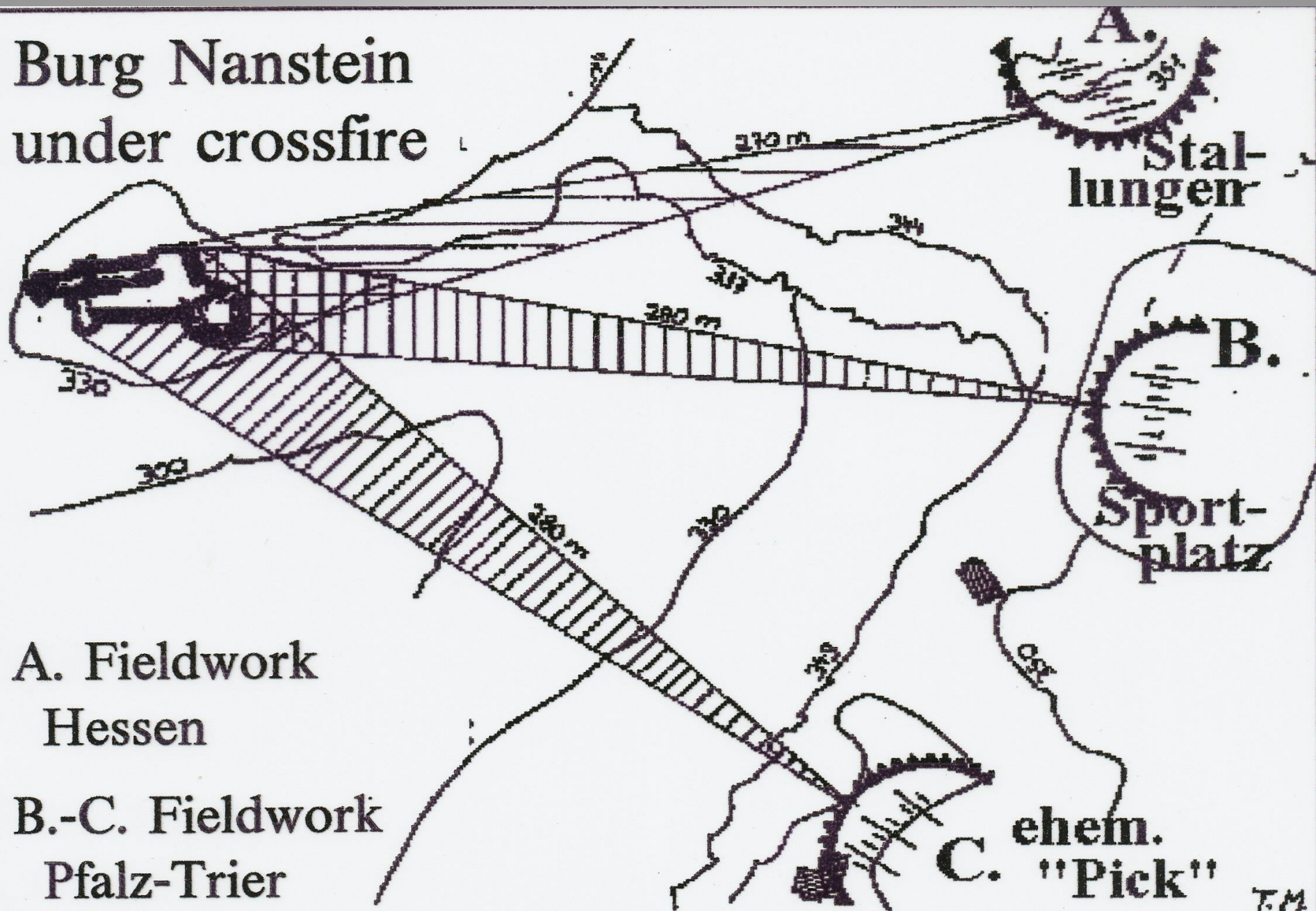
Burg Nannstein

bei Landstuhl/Pfalz

Gesamtanlage vom Jahre 1600, nach alten Plänen, Bildern und
Beschreibungen von Merian 1620, Meißner 1624, Neumann/Sturm 1837,
Maurer 1880, Naeher 1887, Spöhrer 1893, Meiller 1923 und
Loesti/Eckardt 1942 sowie den bestehenden Resten 1963

Maßstab 1:500

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Zeichnung: Volker Hanga

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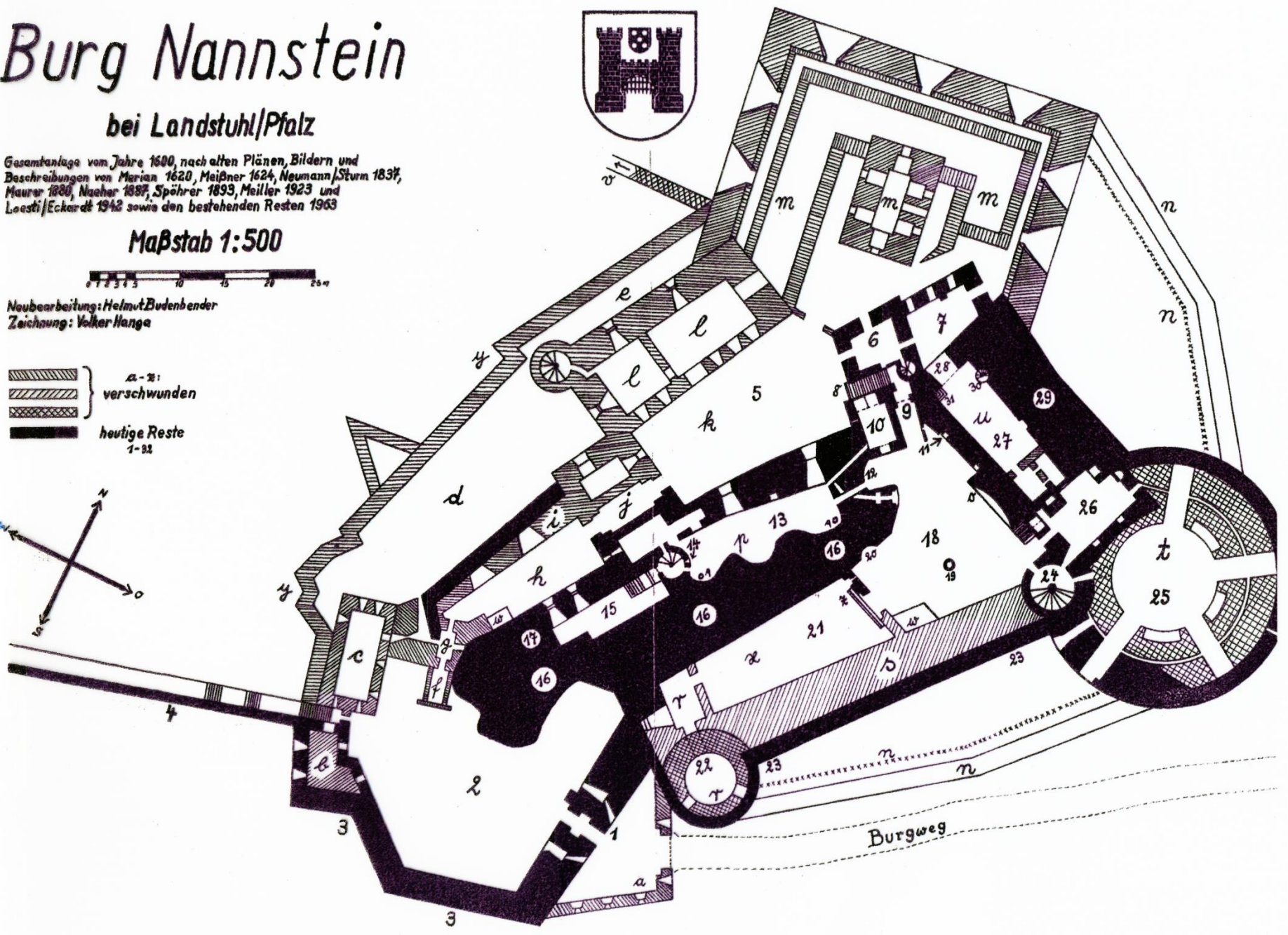
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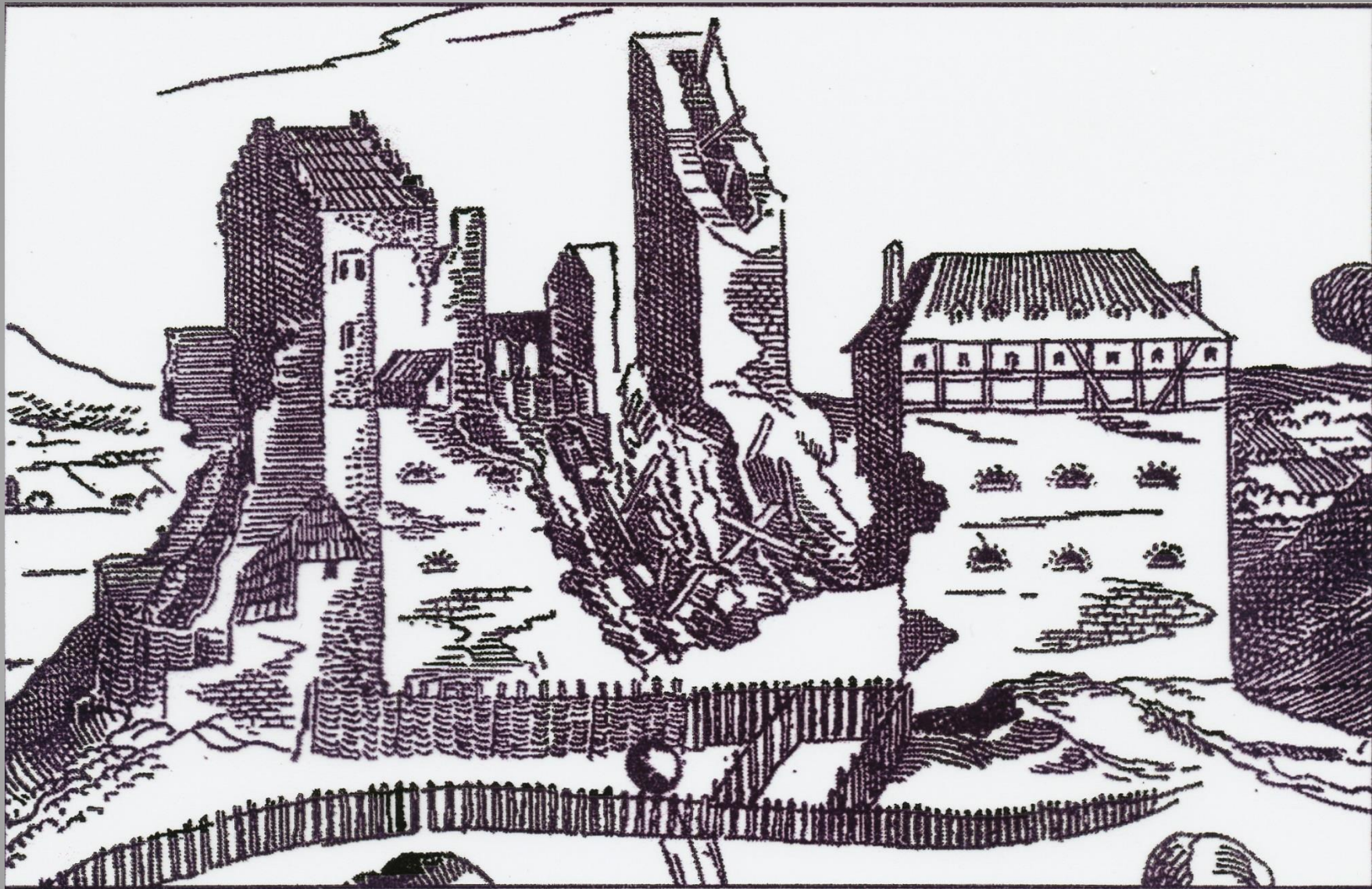
Nanstein Castle (seen from the mountain) after the gunfiring in Bellum
Sickinganum, Straßburg 1626, copperplate print, enlarged clipping in
accordance with a rug from the Heidelberg Castle in 1528.

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vnnd Hessen/weyland Franz von Sickingen vberzo
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Anno M. D. xxiij.

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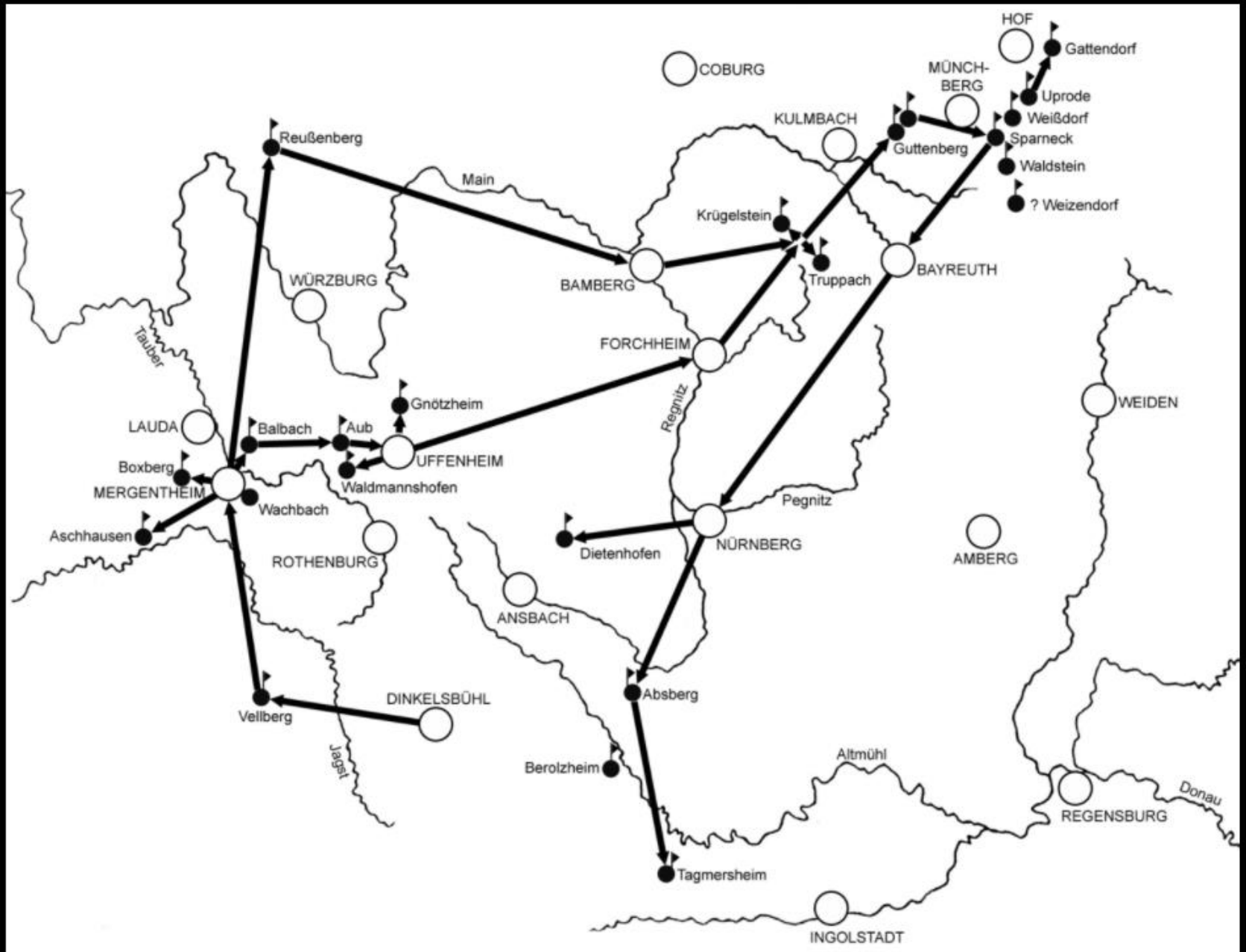
Ulrich von Hutten

Ulrich von Hutten, c. 1522

Born	21 April 1488 Burg Steckelberg, near Schlüchtern, Hesse
Died	29 August 1523 (aged 35) Ufenau on Lake Zurich
Occupation	Monk, knight, writer
Education	Theology
Alma mater	University of Greifswald
Period	Reformation
Literary movement	Reformation, Renaissance humanism, German Renaissance
Notable works	Epistolae obscurorum virorum De Morbo Gallico Ars versificandi Nemo

Following the defeat of the Knights' Revolt, Hutten tried to convince the famous humanist Erasmus of Rotterdam to side with the Reformation. Erasmus refused, remaining a Catholic, and he also refused to see Hutten when the latter came to Basel in 1523, mortally ill and impoverished, to see him. Their estrangement culminated in a literary quarrel between the two humanists.

Hutten died in seclusion on the island of Ufenau on Lake Zurich.

CENTRAL EUROPE, c.1500

Scale 1:5,000,000 (80 miles=1 inch)

0   50   100 Miles
0   50 100 150 Km.

- ⛪ Archbishopric
- ⌇⌇⌇ Boundary of the Holy Roman Empire
- Church Lands
- House of Hohenzollern
- House of Wittelsbach (Palatine Branch)
- House of Wittelsbach (Bavarian Branch)
- House of Wettin (Albertine Branch)
- House of Wettin (Ernestine Branch)
- House of Habsburg (Austrian Branch)
- House of Habsburg (Lands formerly held by Burgundy)
- Free Cantons of Swiss Confederation
- Allied Cantons of Swiss Confederation
- Imperial Free Cities

STR. Strasburg, BRUN.-W. Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel
The areas in the Empire left uncoloured were divided into petty states

NORTH SEA

K. OF ENGLAND

K. OF FRANCE

PRUSSIA (ROYAL)

KINGDOM OF POLAND

KINGDOM OF HÜN...

D. OF SCHLESWIG
Heligoland (to Holstein)
DITHMARSCHEN
D. OF HOLSTEIN
Rügen
Danzig
Elbing
Marienburg
Marienwerder
Torun
Poznan
Breslau
SILESIA
1478 to Hung.
Beuthen
Ratibor
Oderberg
Troppau
Jägerndorf
Oppeln
Brieg
Wohlau
Glogau
Sagan
D. OF SAGAN
Görlitz
Liegnitz
Kottbus
LOWER LUSATIA
UPPER LUSATIA
Meissen
Dresden
Leipzig
DUCHY OF SAXONY
Wittenberg
Dessau
ANHALT
Berlin
BRANDENBURG
MITTELMARK
NEUMARK
Stettin
DUCHY OF POMERANIA
Kolberg
BP. OF KAMMIN
Kammin
Stralsund
Rostock
Wismar
Neukloster
BP. OF SCHWERIN
D. OF MECKLENBURG
Ratzeburg
Lübeck
Hamburg
ABP. OF BREMEN
BP. OF VERDEN
Verden
D. OF BRUNSWICK-LÜNEBURG
Hanover
Brunswick
Magdeburg
ABP. OF MAGDEBURG
Brandenburg
Frankfurt
Lebus
Halle
Eisleben
Mühlhausen
Nordhausen
Erfurt
Eisenach
Jena
Altenburg
Zwickau
Leitmeritz
KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA
Prague
Eger
Pilsen
Budweis
Iglau
MAR. OF MORAVIA
1478 to Hung.
Brünn
Olmütz
Bohemia and Hungary united under the same crown from 1490

C. OF EAST FRIESLAND
Leeuwarden
Groningen
Amsterdam
Utrecht
BP. OF UTRECHT
C. OF HOLLAND
C. OF ZEELAND
FRIESLAND
D. OF GELDERLAND
Ravenstein
Bentheim
Tecklenburg
Osnabrück
Münster
BP. OF MÜNSTER
C. OF HOYA
Oldenburg
Bremen
Minden
BP. OF MINDEN
RAVENSB
LIPPE
Paderborn
BP. OF PADERBORN
Lippstadt
D. OF WESTPHALIA
Waldeck
Cassel
Hildesheim
BP. OF HILDESHEIM
Goslar
HALBERST
BP. OF HALBERSTADT
Wolfenbüttel
HESSE
LDG. OF HESSE
C. OF HERSFELD
AB. OF FULDA
Fulda
HENNEBG
Coburg
MAR. OF BAYREUTH
Bamberg
BP. OF BAMBERG
Schweinfurt
Würzburg
BP. OF WÜRZBURG

Ghent
Antwerp
Brussels
C. OF FLANDERS
C. OF ARTOIS
C. OF HAINAULT
Cambrai
Lille
BRABANT
Liège
C. OF LIEGE
Aachen
Cologne
ABP. OF COLOGNE
C. OF BERG
D. OF BERG
C. OF MARK
D. OF KLEVE
Wesel
Dortmund
JÜLICH
D. OF JÜLICH
Coblenz
ABP. OF TRIER
Trier
C. OF NASSAU
Wetzlar
Frankfurt
Mainz
ABP. OF MAINZ
Darmstadt
Worms
Heidelberg
Speyer
PALATINATE
EL. OF MAINZ
EL. OF PALATINATE
Nuremberg
MAR. OF ANSBACH
Rothenburg
UPPER PALATINATE
Regensburg
BP. OF PASSAU
Passau
Eichstätt
ARCHDUCHY OF AUSTRIA
Vienna
Pressburg
Gran
Buda (Ofen)
L. Balaton
Mohacs

Calais to Eng.
Paris
BARROIS MOUVANT
Verdun
BP. OF VERDUN
Sedan
Bouillon
Luxembourg
DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG
D. OF BAR
Metz
BP. OF METZ
Toul
BP. OF TOUL
Nancy
Saarbrücken
ZWEIBRÜCKEN
Weissenburg
Hagenau
Strassburg
Schlettstadt
Colmar
Münster
Mülhausen
SUNDGAU
Basle
BP. OF BASLE
Montbéliard
Besançon
FREE COUNTY OF BURGUNDY
Pontarlier
1477-93 to Fr.
to Barrois mouvant
Verdun

BADEN
MAR. OF BADEN
Heilbronn
Hall
Weinsberg
Weil
Stuttgart
Esslingen
D. OF WÜRTTEMBERG
Reutlingen
Nördlingen
Ulm
Biberach
Wangen
Kaufbeuren
Kempten
BP. OF AUGSBURG
Augsburg
Landsberg
Memmingen
Lindau
Constance
BP. OF CONSTANCE
FÜRSTENBERG
Rottweil
Zollern
Breisgau
Freiburg
Zürich
Berne
Geneva
SWISS CONFEDERATION
D. OF SAVOY
D. OF MILAN
REP. OF VENICE
BP. OF TRENT
Trent
Riva
Bozen
Meran
Brixen
C. OF TYROL
Innsbruck
VORARLBERG
1507 to Tyrol
D. OF BAVARIA
Munich
Freising
BP. OF FREISING
Landshut
Linz
ABP. OF SALZBURG
Salzburg
Gröbming
D. OF STYRIA
Graz
Waidhofen
D. OF CARINTHIA
Villach
Lienz
Brixen
Laibach
Görz
Trieste
D. OF CARNIOLA
Mur
Drava
Sava

The Great Peasant War raged from 1524 through 1526.

A VILLAGE MUSTER
1: Peasant captain
2: Peasant standard-bearer with 'Bundschuh'
3: Peasant rebel

The peasants (and some townspeople) in southwest Germany were angered by attempts at enforcing new "Roman Law," adding tax burdens to traditional unwritten law.

They were also inspired by the turbulent and unsettled religious developments of the time, and came to believe that a return to Biblical simplicity was possible in society.

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Some of the free Imperial Knights were coerced or threatened into joining the uprising.
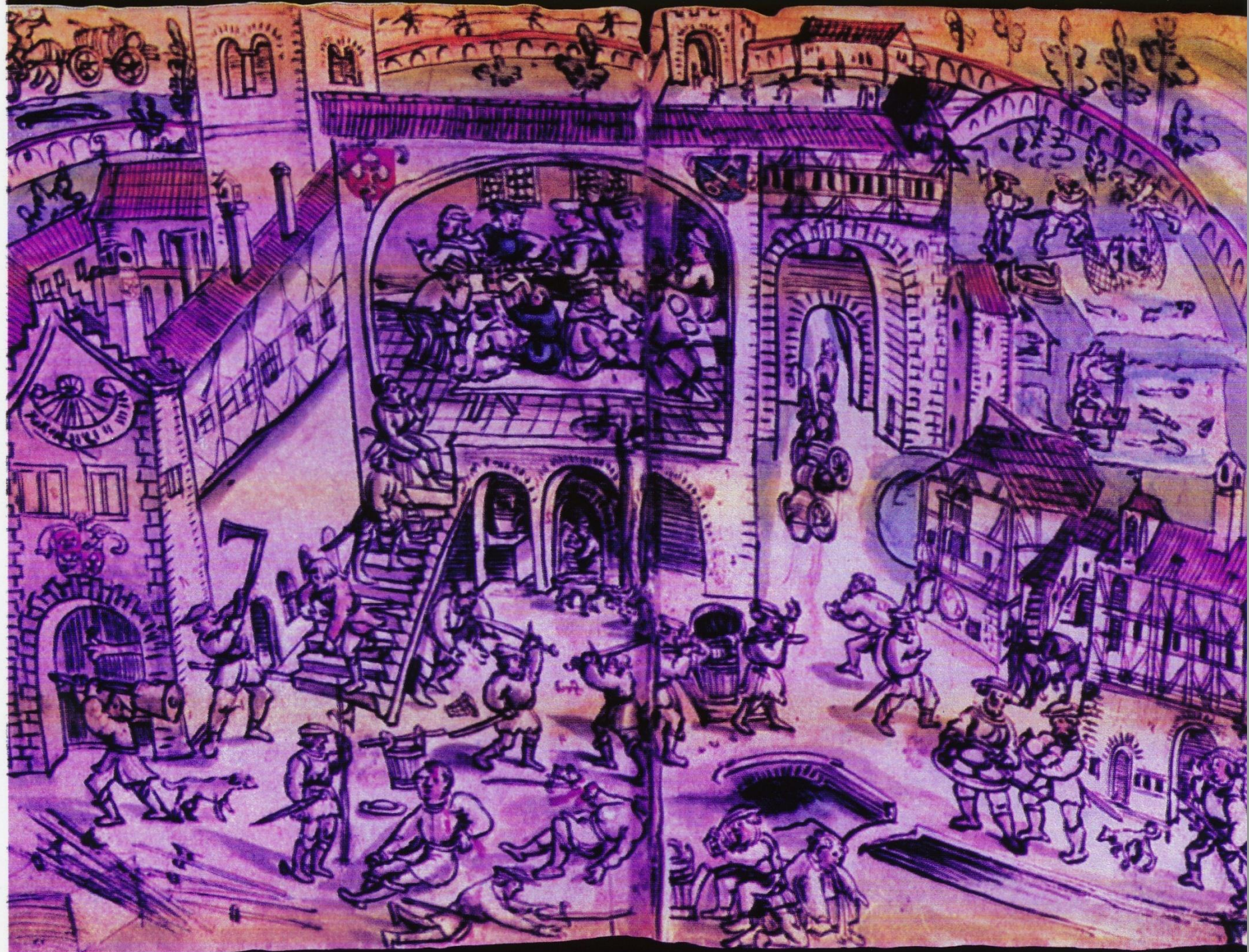
PEASANTS STORMING A MONASTERY
1: Landsknecht crossbowman
2: Gaildorf peasant
3: Peasant woman
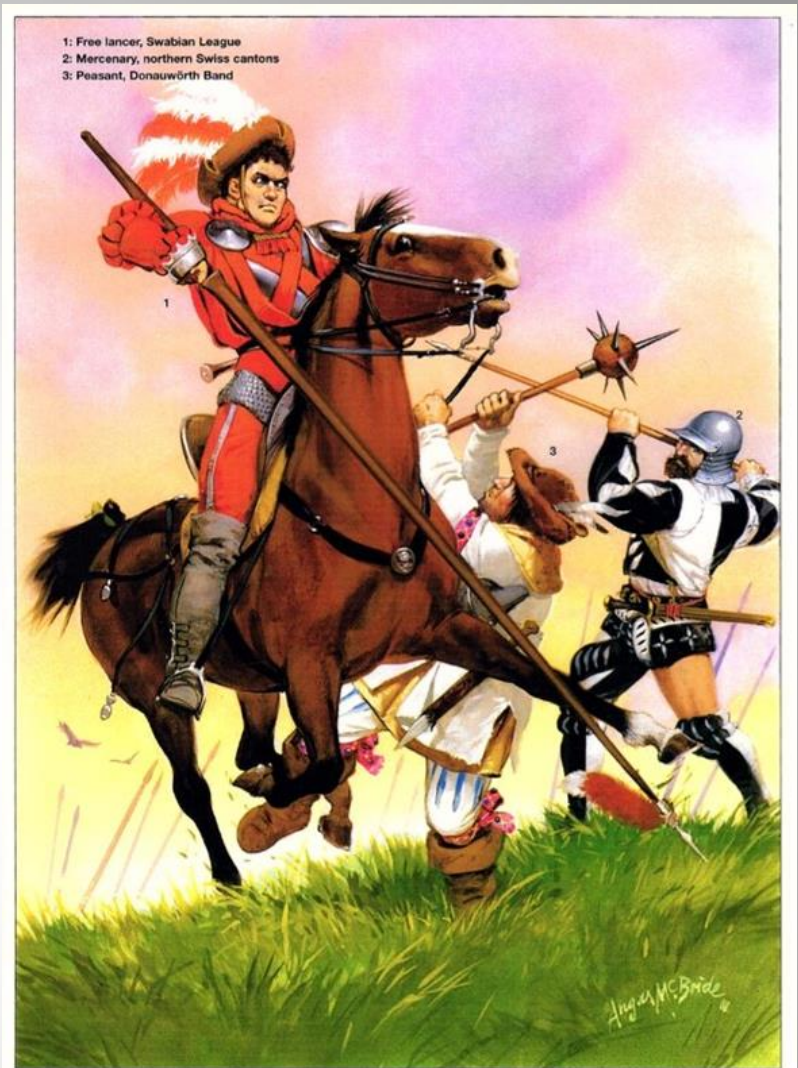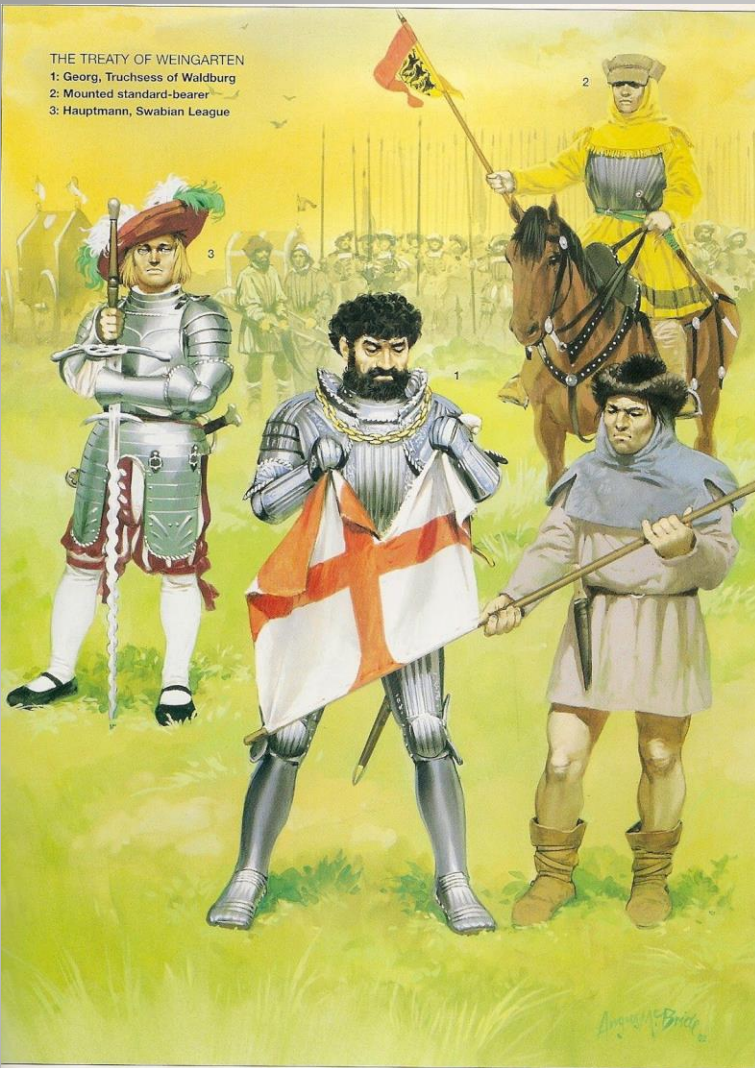
The enthusiastic but untrained peasant armies were crushed by the organized military forces of the German princes.

II Der deutsche Bauernkrieg 1524–1526

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KGR. POLEN
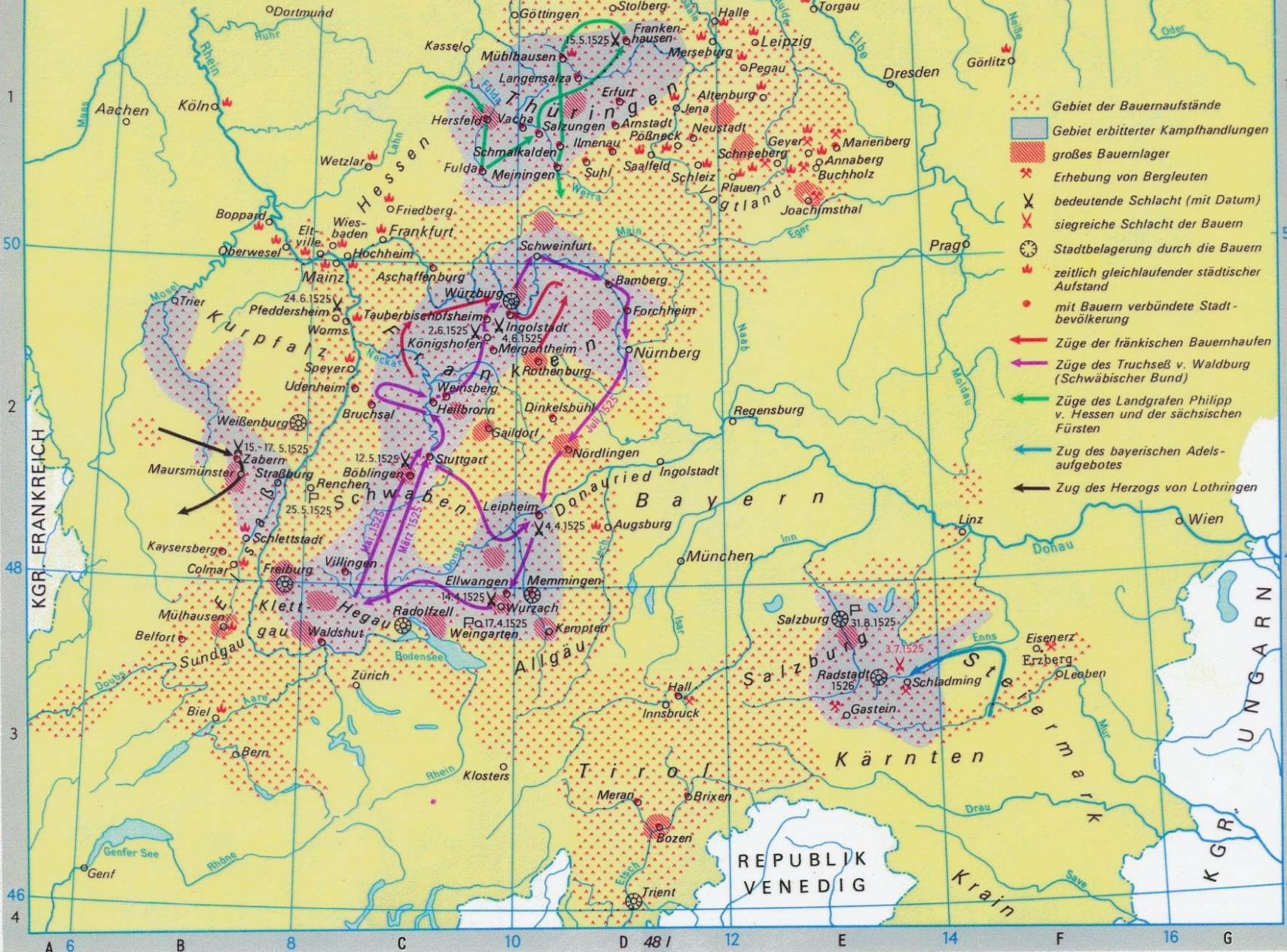
Legend:
- Gebiet der Bauernaufstände
- Gebiet erbitterter Kampfhandlungen
- großes Bauernlager
- Erhebung von Bergleuten
- bedeutende Schlacht (mit Datum)
- siegreiche Schlacht der Bauern
- Stadtbelagerung durch die Bauern
- zeitlich gleichlaufender städtischer Aufstand
- mit Bauern verbündete Stadtbevölkerung
- Züge der fränkischen Bauernhaufen
- Züge des Truchseß v. Waldburg (Schwäbischer Bund)
- Züge des Landgrafen Philipp v. Hessen und der sächsischen Fürsten
- Zug des bayerischen Adelsaufgebotes
- Zug des Herzogs von Lothringen

Place names and labels:

KGR. FRANKREICH
KGR. UNGARN

Aachen, Köln, Dortmund, Kassel, Göttingen, Goslar, Halberstadt, Quedlinburg, Aschersleben, Stolberg, Halle, Torgau, Dresden, Görlitz, Leipzig, Pegau, Altenburg, Jena, Neustadt, Merseburg, Frankenhausen, 15.5.1525, Mühlhausen, Langensalza, Erfurt, Arnstadt, Pößneck, Ilmenau, Saalfeld, Schleiz, Plauen, Suhl, Meiningen, Schmalkalden, Fulda, Hersfeld, Vacha, Salzungen, Thüringen, Vogtland, Geyer, Marienberg, Schneeberg, Annaberg, Buchholz, Joachimsthal

Wetzlar, Boppard, Oberwesel, Friedberg, Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Eltville, Hochheim, Mainz, Aschaffenburg, Schweinfurt, Bamberg, Forchheim, Hessen

Trier, Pfeddersheim, 24.6.1525, Würzburg, Worms, Tauberbischofsheim, Ingolstadt 4.6.1525, Königshofen 2.6.1525, Mergentheim, Rothenburg, Nürnberg, Speyer, Udenheim, Weinsberg, Heilbronn, Dinkelsbühl, Regensburg, Kurpfalz, Franken, Bruchsal, Gaildorf, Nördlingen, Prag, Eger

Weißenburg, 15.–17.5.1525, Zabern, Straßburg, Böblingen 12.5.1525, Renchen, Stuttgart, Ingolstadt, Bayern, Maursmünster, 25.5.1525, Schwaben, Leipheim, Donauried, Augsburg, Linz, Wien

Kaysersberg, Colmar, Schlettstadt, Villingen, Freiburg, Ellwangen, Memmingen, München, Wurzach 14.4.1525, Radolfzell, Kempten, Salzburg 31.8.1525, Radstadt 1526, Eisenerz, Erzberg, Leoben, 4.4.1525, Klettgau, Hegau, 17.4.1525, Weingarten, Allgäu, 3.7.1525, Schladming, Steiermark

Mülhausen, Belfort, Waldshut, Bodensee, Hall, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Gastein, Kärnten, Sundgau, Zürich, Biel, Bern, Klosters, Genfer See, Genf, Meran, Brixen, Bozen, Trient, Tirol

REPUBLIK VENEDIG, KGR. KRAIN

Rivers: Maas, Rhein, Ruhr, Lippe, Weser, Leine, Fulda, Werra, Saale, Elbe, Mulde, Neiße, Oder, Lahn, Main, Mosel, Neckar, Naab, Modau, Donau, Inn, Iller, Lech, Isar, Eger, Rhône, Aare, Doubs, Rhein, Etsch, Eisack, Drau, Enns, Mur, Save

Coordinates: 1, 50, 2, 48, 3, 46
A 6, B 8, C 10, D 48 I, E 12, F 14, G 16

"It's always something!"

CHRONOLOGY Politics and the German Reformation

Event	Dates
First Habsburg-Valois War	1521–1525
Second Habsburg-Valois War	1527–1529
Defeat of the Turks at Vienna	1529
Diet of Augsburg	1530
Third Habsburg-Valois War	1535–1538
Fourth Habsburg-Valois War	1542–1544
Schmalkaldic Wars	1546–1555
Peace of Augsburg	1555

1559

K. OF SWEDEN

K. OF SCOTLAND

LIVONIAN KNIGHTS

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Irish

K. OF DENMARK

D. of Prussia

K. OF ENGLAND

Spanish Netherlands

K. OF POLAND

Brandenburg

Saxony

AUSTRIA

Palatinate

Bavaria

Khanate of the Crimea

K. OF FRANCE

P. of Moldavia

Cherkesy

C. of Burgundy

SWISS

P. of Transylvania

SAVOY

VENICE

P. of Wallachia

Georgians

K. OF PORTUGAL

P

Genoa

Florence

Ragusa

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Papal State

to Genoa

SPANISH KINGDOMS AND DEPENDENCIES

Sultanate of Tunis

to Venice

SHARIFATE OF MARRAKESH

Knights of St. John

★ Spanish garrisons

1555— the **Peace of Augsburg** confirms religious division and balance between Catholics and Lutherans.
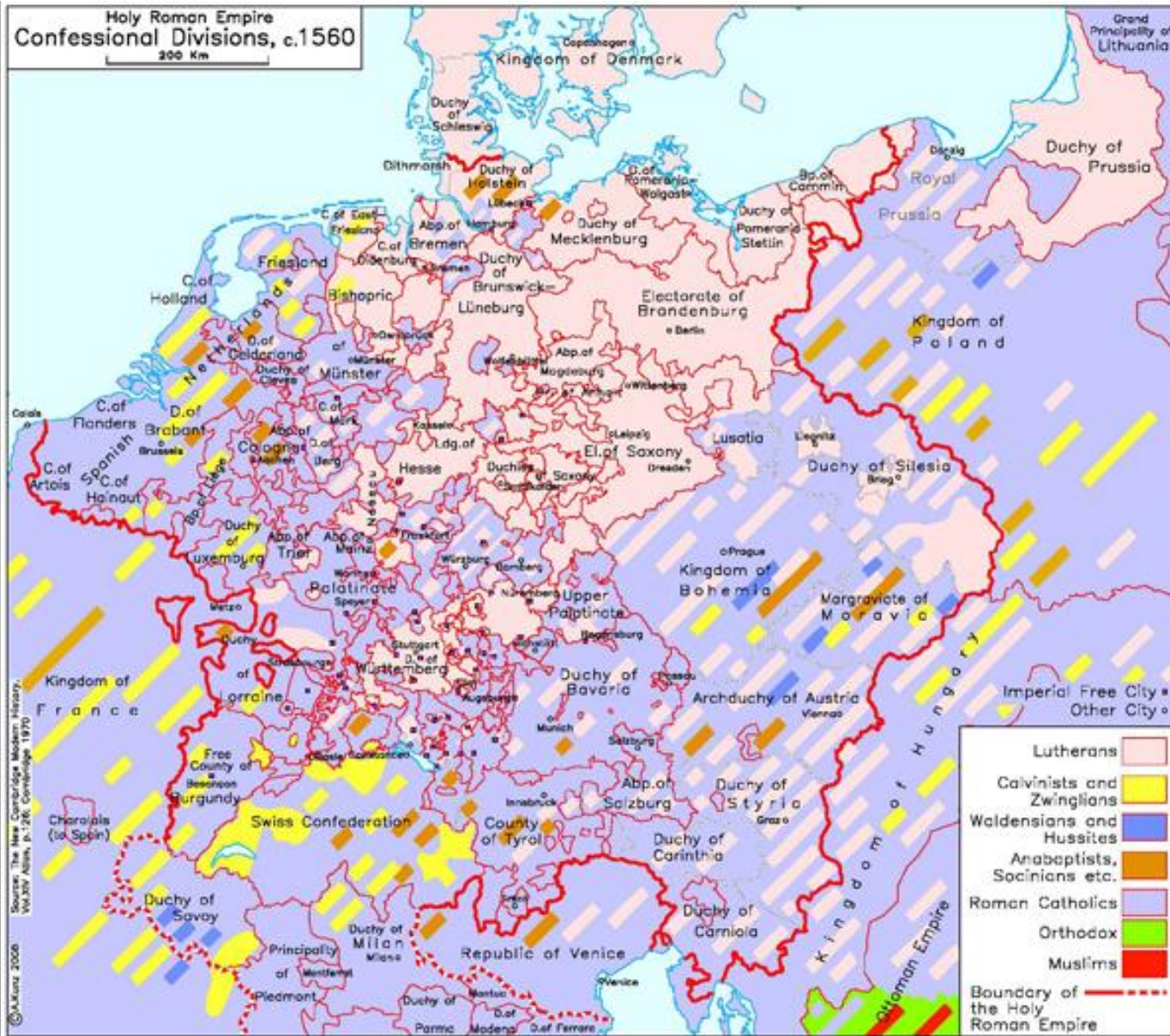
The Religious Situation in Central Europe about 1618.

The Peace of Westphalia 1648

- **Checkmates Counter Reformation**
  - Renewed the terms of the Peace of Augsburg
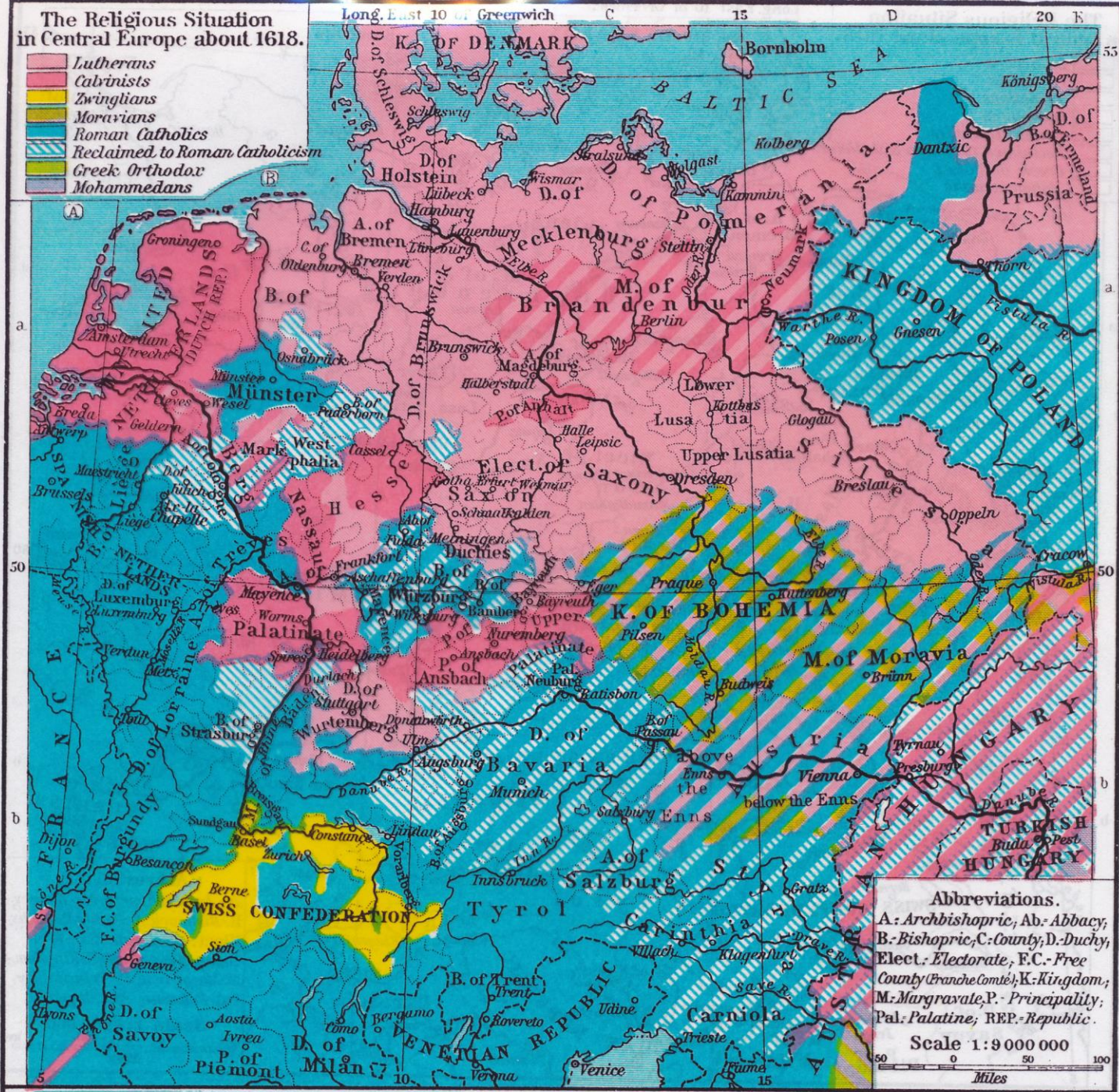   - Added Calvinism to list as acceptable faiths
    - Catholic claims to church territories were abandoned
    - HRE is downsized
      - Dutch and Swiss are independent
      - French get territories in Lorraine and rights in Alsace
      - Sweden received territories in northern Germany
      - Mouth of the German rivers were controlled by non-Germans
      - Oder, Elbe and Weser by Sweden
      - Rhine and Scheldt by Dutch
      - Constitution of the peace is victory for states rights
      - Marks the advent in **international law** of the modern European Staatensystem or system of sovereign states
      - Use of **balance of power**
      - the **end** of a possible "unified" or **universal monarchy** in Europe
      - Numerous independent states were to exist

1715

Occupied by Russia 1714-21

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

K. OF SWEDEN

K. OF DENMARK

Occupied by Prussia 1715-20

Hanover to Denmark

K. OF GREAT BRITAIN

DUTCH REPUBLIC

K. OF PRUSSIA

1708

1707

1706

Poltava 1709

Austrian Netherlands

Sax.

K. OF POLAND

Dnieper Cossacks

Khanata of the Crimea

Cherkesy

K. OF FRANCE

Bavaria

AUSTRIA

SWISS

SAVOY

Milan to Austria

VENICE

Wallachia

K. OF PORTUGAL

GENOA

FLORENCE

PAPACY

Ragusa

K. OF SPAIN

☆ Minorca

to Austria

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

☆ Gibraltar
★

to Savoy

SHARIFATE OF MOROCCO
★

REGENCY OF ALGIERS

BEYLIK OF TUNIS

◎ Knights of St John

PASHALIK OF TRIPOLI

☆ British overseas bases

– – → March of Charles XII 1706-9

Power Politics enters Germany…..

Frederick II, the Great, King of Prussia

1750
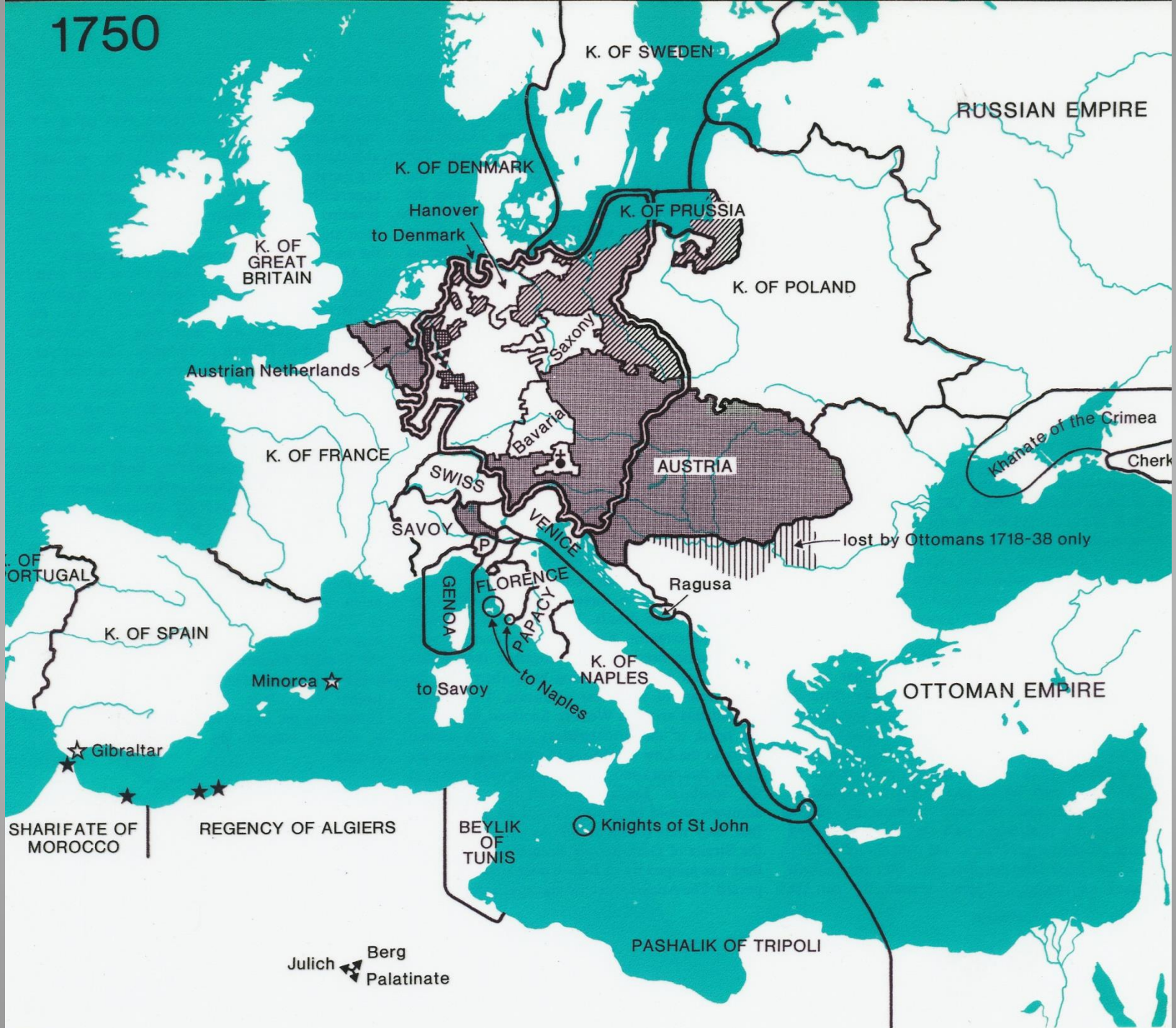
K. OF SWEDEN

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

K. OF DENMARK

Hanover
to Denmark

K. OF PRUSSIA

K. OF
GREAT
BRITAIN

K. OF POLAND

Austrian Netherlands

Saxony

Bavaria

AUSTRIA

K. OF FRANCE

SWISS

Khanate of the Crimea

Cherk

SAVOY

VENICE

lost by Ottomans 1718-38 only

Ragusa

K. OF
PORTUGAL

GENOA

FLORENCE

PAPACY

to Savoy

to Naples

K. OF SPAIN

Minorca

K. OF
NAPLES

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Gibraltar

SHARIFATE OF
MOROCCO

REGENCY OF ALGIERS

BEYLIK
OF
TUNIS

Knights of St John

PASHALIK OF TRIPOLI

Julich   Berg
Palatinate

1797

K. OF SWEDEN

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

K. OF DENMARK

Hanover

K. OF GREAT BRITAIN

Batavian Republic

K. OF PRUSSIA

to Bavaria

B Saxony

A

Bavaria

AUSTRIA

FRENCH REPUBLIC and dependencies

Swiss

K. OF PORTUGAL

Piedmont

Ligurian Republic

Cisalpine R

FLORENCE

PAPACY

Ragusa

K. OF SPAIN

K. OF SARDINIA (SAVOY)

to Naples

K. OF NAPLES

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

☆ Gibraltar

★

to France

SHARIFATE OF MOROCCO

REGENCY OF ALGIERS

BEYLIK OF TUNIS

Kts of St John

PASHALIK OF TRIPOLI

NORTH SEA

BALTIC SEA

K. OF DENMARK

Holstein
Lübeck
MECKLENBURG
Pomerania
West-Prussia
District of the Netze
Hamburg
Bremen
OLDENBURG
HANOVER
P R U S S I A
Berlin
Brandenburg
South Prussia
Posen (Posnan)
Westphalia
SAXONY
Silesia
Cologne
E. OF HESSE
NASSAU
THURINGIAN STATES
Leipzig
Dresden
Glatz
Frankfort
Bohemia
Prague (Prag)
Moravia
Brünn (Brno)
Nuremberg
Ansbach
R. OF BADEN
WURTEMBERG
B A V A R I A
Augsburg
Munich
Ratisbon
Passau
Linz
A U S T R I A
Vienna
Presburg (Pozson)
Danube R.
HELVETIAN REPUBLIC
1798
E. OF SALZBURG
SALZBURG
Tyrol
Styria
Graz
K. OF HUNGARY
REP. OF VALAIS 1803
Venetia
To Austria 1797
Carniola
Carinthia
Piedmont
Milan
ITALIAN REPUBLIC
Venice
Padua
Istria
TURKEY
Save R.
Turin
D. of Parma
LIGURIAN REPUBLIC 1797
Genoa
REP. OF LUCCA
Bologna
Ravenna
Rimini
ADRIATIC SEA
Nice
Leghorn
Florence
San Marino
Ancona
Corsica
STATO DEGLI PRESIDII
K. OF ETRURIA
PAPAL STATES
(ROMAN REPUBLIC 1798-1799)
Rome
Tolentino
K. OF NAPLES
(PARTHENOPAEAN REPUBLIC 1799)
K. OF SARDINIA
Naples
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
TYRRHENIAN SEA

GERMANY and ITALY in 1803 after the Principal Decree of the Imperial Deputation (Reichsdeputationshauptschluss) Territorial combinations dissolved before 1803 are indicated by hair line type. The smaller divisions of Germany are left uncolored. For examples of the detailed process of mediatization effected by the Principal Decree of the Imperial Deputation, see pages 142, 143. D. Duchy; E. Electorate; E.A. Territory of the Electoral Archchancellor; K. Kingdom; N.O. Nassau-Orange; Pr. To Prussia, Rep. Republic; S. To Salzburg. ⚔ Fortress. □ Imperial Cities.
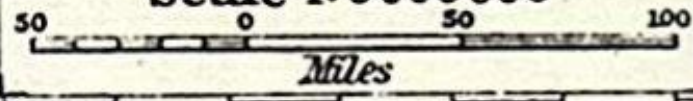Scale 1: 9000000
Miles

Long. East 10 of Greenw.

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Scale 1: 9000000

The so-called *Rittersturm* ("Assault on the Knights") was the seizure of the territories of the Imperial Knights by the larger German powers in 1802–03.

In 1803, under the new political structures imposed by the "Final Resolution of the Imperial Deputation" (*Reichsdeputationshauptschluss*), the Imperial Knights should have remained untouched, unlike the ecclesiastical prince-bishoprics which were forcibly secularized and annexed. But by the winter of 1802/1803, the territorial states of Bavaria, Hesse-Kassel and Württemberg attempted to take possession of the tiny and fragmented estates belonging to the neighboring Imperial Knights through a combination of Surrender and Transfer Edicts (*Abtretungs- und Überweisungspatenten*) and military force.

In autumn 1803 the majority of the roughly 300 knightly estates were *de facto* annexed by their larger neighbors.

The measures were denounced by the knights to the Imperial Court Council (supreme court) and, in January 1804, pronounced as illegal by Emperor Francis II. The emperor empowered the states of Austria, Baden, Saxony and Regensburg (Mainz) to enforce his decision. Although Francis was not practically able to reverse many of the annexations, the threat of force put a stop to the *Rittersturm*.

GERMANY and ITALY in 1806
(at the dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire)

The states under Napoleonic influence are indicated by a green surface, or border, coloring and by green underlining of names. The states that belonged to the Confederation of the Rhine in 1806 are given a surface coloring.
The map shows also the chief territorial changes in Italy, 1806-1808. For those in Germany at the same time, see p.154/155.☆ Fortress.
A. Principality of Aschaffenburg (Fürst Primas); Ar. = To Aremberg: D. Duchy: E. Elect. Electorate; GR.D. Grand Duchy: I. Principality of Isenburg: K. Kingdom: P. Principality; Rep. Republic.

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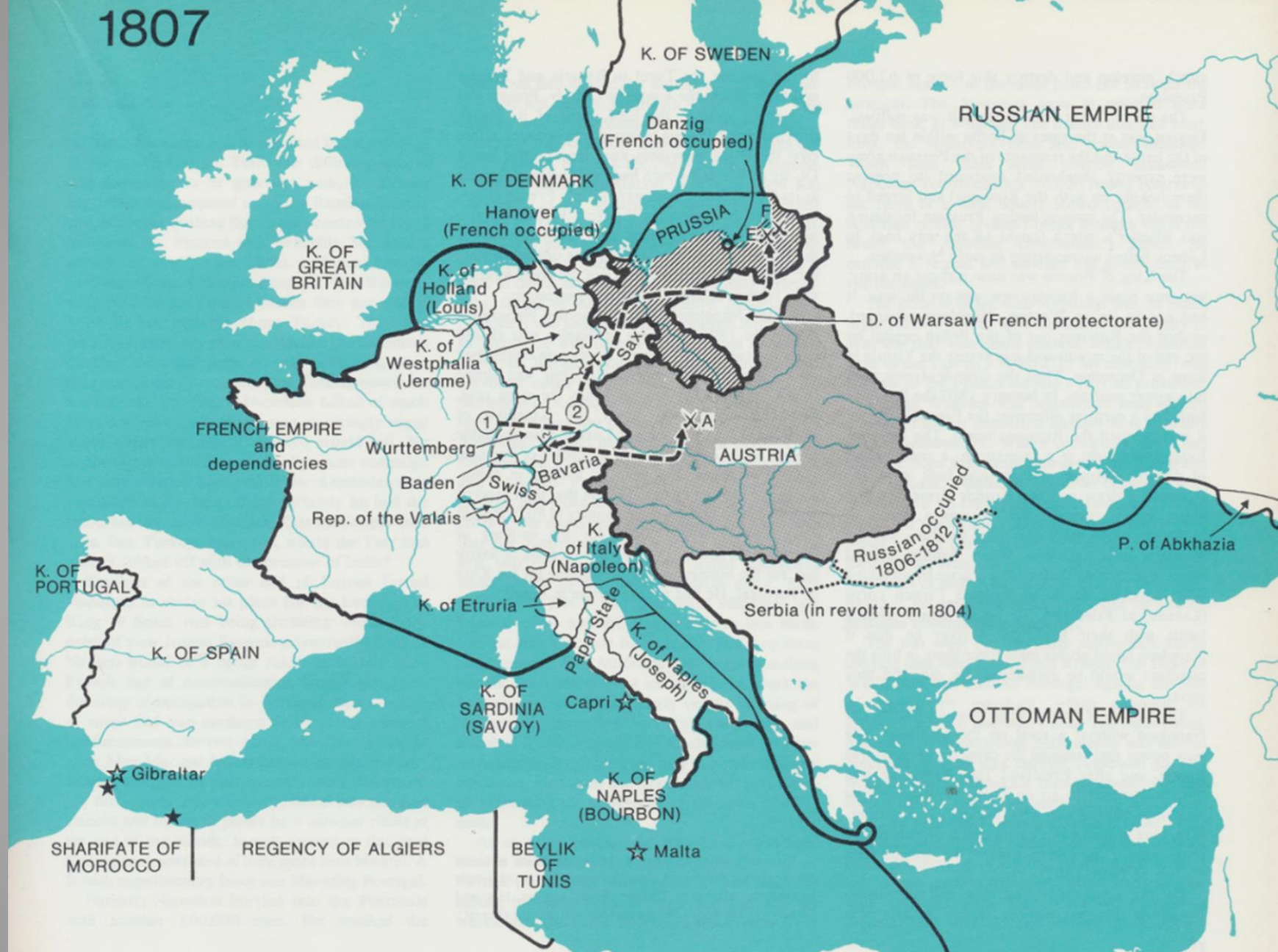
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In 1806, with the end of the Empire, the formal mediatisation of the Knights was concluded. Article 25 of the Treaty of the Confederation of the Rhine (Rheinbundakte) sanctioned unilateral action by territorial states.
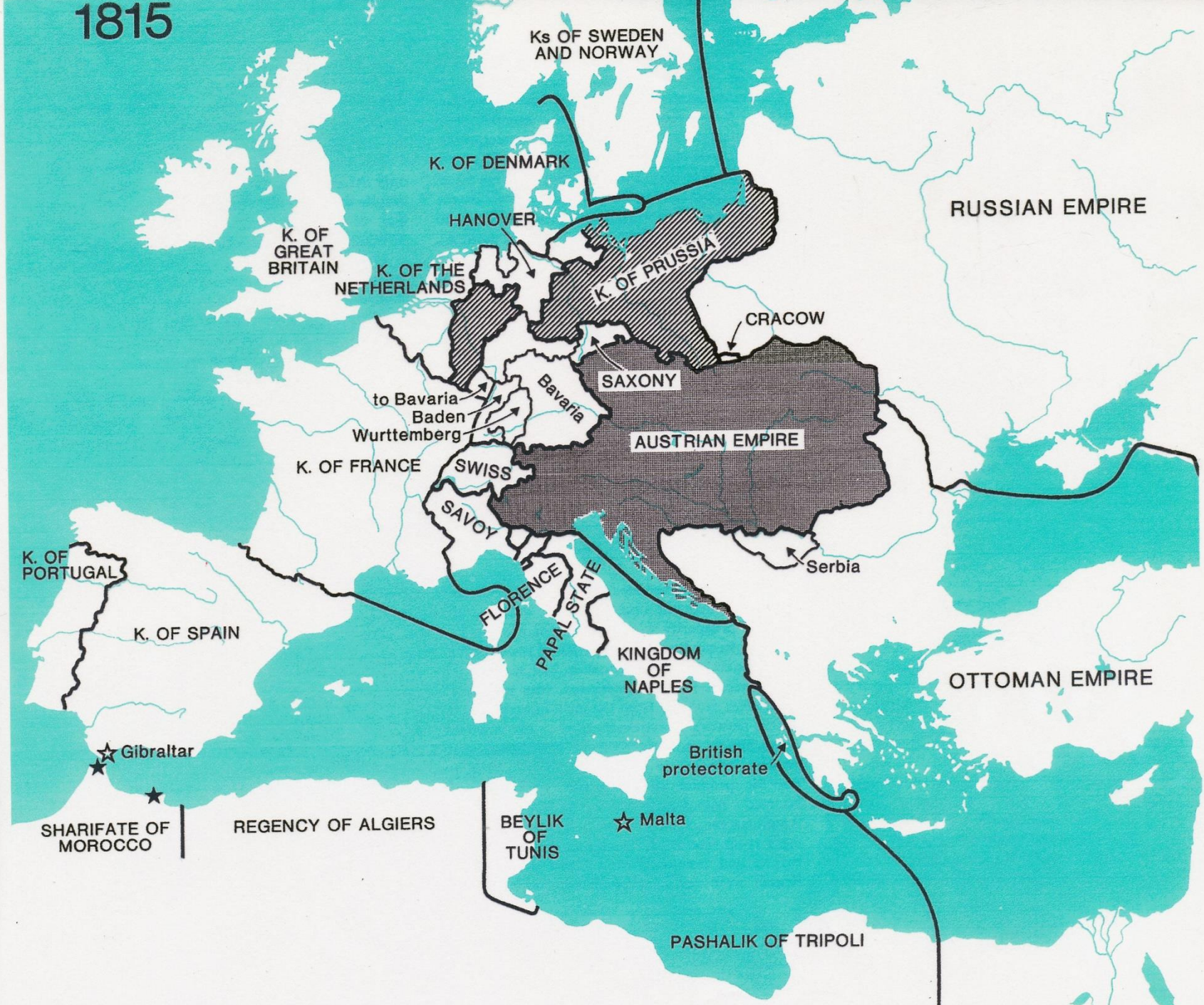
So the end of the free Imperial Knights coincided with the end of the Holy Roman Empire itself.

1807

K. OF SWEDEN

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Danzig
(French occupied)

K. OF DENMARK

Hanover
(French occupied)

PRUSSIA

K. OF
GREAT
BRITAIN

K. of
Holland
(Louis)

Sax.

D. of Warsaw (French protectorate)

K. of
Westphalia
(Jerome)

J
X

FRENCH EMPIRE
and
dependencies

①

②

X A

AUSTRIA

Wurttemberg

Baden

Swiss

U
Bavaria

Rep. of the Valais

K.
of Italy
(Napoleon)

Russian occupied
1806-1812

P. of Abkhazia

K. OF
PORTUGAL

K. of Etruria

Papal State

K. of Naples
(Joseph)

Serbia (in revolt from 1804)

K. OF SPAIN

K. OF
SARDINIA
(SAVOY)

Capri ☆

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

☆ Gibraltar
★

K. OF
NAPLES
(BOURBON)

SHARIFATE OF
MOROCCO
★

REGENCY OF ALGIERS

BEYLIK
OF
TUNIS

☆ Malta

①→ Campaign of 1805: Ulm (U) and Austerlitz (A)

②→ Campaigns of 1806 and 1807: Jena (J), Eylau (E) and Friedland (F)

1815

Ks OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY

RUSSIAN EMPIRE

K. OF DENMARK

HANOVER

K. OF GREAT BRITAIN

K. OF THE NETHERLANDS

K. OF PRUSSIA

CRACOW

SAXONY

to Bavaria
Baden
Wurttemberg

Bavaria

AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

K. OF FRANCE

SWISS

SAVOY

Serbia

K. OF PORTUGAL

FLORENCE

PAPAL STATE

K. OF SPAIN

KINGDOM OF NAPLES

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

☆ Gibraltar

British protectorate

SHARIFATE OF MOROCCO

REGENCY OF ALGIERS

BEYLIK OF TUNIS

☆ Malta

PASHALIK OF TRIPOLI

FRANCISCUS À SICKINGEN, EQVES AC MILES
FORTISSIMUS

FRANZ von SICKINGEN

Geb. 1481 · gest. 7. Mai 1523

Nach dem von Herrn Professor Karl Kauer geschaffenen Denkmal Hutten
und Sickingen auf der Ebernburg