Nór Licht campaign order of battle, 1246 er

**EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO CORDAS NOVA**

Marshal *Tóemric Mildáwa, Duke of Silwáin*

FIRST LINE OF BATTLE (IMPERIAL ARMY) — Marshal

* Legion of Astória: 18 infantry regts, 12 artillery btys
* Legion of Méyria: 24 infantry regts, 15 artillery btys
* Legion of Cáldria: 22 infantry regts, 12 artillery btys
* Legion of Northern Albredóna: 16 infantry regts, 9 artillery btys
* Imperial Guard: 3 infantry regts, 3 artillery bns

Total: 83 regiments in 18 brigades; ~ 123K men

SECOND LINE OF BATTLE (ARMY OF ZURBAGHAN) — Marshal

58 infantry regts and 30 artillery btys in 5 divisions of 3 brigades each;   
~ 92K men

THIRD LINE OF BATTLE (IMPERIAL ARMY and LOCALS) — Lt. General

* Legion of Albredóna: 18 infantry regts, 10 artillery btys
* Legion of Tánjia: 8 infantry regts, 5 artillery btys
* Legion of Ámbria: 8 infantry regts, 5 artillery btys
* Militia of Córdas Nóva: 9 infantry regts, 8 artillery btys

Total: 43 regiments in 10 brigades; ~ 67K men

LEFT FLANK (IMPERIAL and ZURBAGHANDI ARMIES) — Lt. General

* Astórian cavalry: 6 regiments
* Cáldrian cavalry: 9 regiments
* Méyrian cavalry: 12 regiments
* Calsaidónian cavalry: 3 regiments
* Imperial Guard cavalry: 2 regiments
* Zurbaghándi cavalry: 16 regiments

Total: 48 regiments in 12 brigades; ~ 38K men

RIGHT FLANK (IMPERIAL and ZURBAGHANDI ARMIES) — Lt. General

* Northern Albredónian cavalry: 6 regiments
* Tánjian cavalry: 6 regiments
* Ámbrian cavalry: 5 regiments
* Albredónian cavalry: 8 regiments
* Imperial Guard cavalry: 2 regiments
* Zurbaghándi cavalry: 18 regiments

Total: 45 regiments in 12 brigades; ~ 35K men

MARINE CONTINGENT — Lt. General

* **1st Imperial Division:** 4 Méyrian regts, 4 Astórian regts,   
  4 Cáldrian regts, 2 Albredónian regts (14 total)
* **2nd Imperial Division:** 2 Northern Albredónian regts,   
  2 Albredónian regts, 5 Tánjian regts, 3 Ámbrian regts (12 total)
* **Zurbaghándi division**: 12 regiments

Total: 36 regiments; ~ 44K men

Grand total: 400 thousand men

**GRAND ARMY OF NOR LICHT** — Grand Master Warchief

INFANTRY

* 1st line of battle: 60K men in 12 battle groups
* 2nd line of battle: 75K men in 15 battle groups
* 3rd line of battle (Gér’deran allies): 55K men in 12 battle groups

CAVALRY

* Right flank: 16K fuboar cavalry in 8 squadrons
* Left flank: 14K fuboar cavalry in 8 squadrons

MARINES

* 30K pirates from Ersíl Makaréy, Ádheil, Tékash, Lúbr’erz and Láaktep

Grand total: 250 thousand men

**IMPERIAL HOME TROOPS** — Marshal

ARMY OF THE NORTH — Lt. General

* Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 4 artillery btys
* Legion of Cernevóra: 11 infantry regts, 6 artillery btys
* Legion of Rathanía: 12 infantry regts, 7 artillery btys
* Legion of Tyáunsvald: 5 infantry regts, 3 arty btys
* Cavalry: 4 Astórian regts, 6 Cernevórean regts, 4 Rathanían regts,   
  2 Tyaunsváldi regts

Total: 37 infantry + 16 cavalry regiments in 13 brigades; ~ 70K men

ARMY OF THE WEST — Lt. General

* Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 4 artillery btys
* Legion of Tánjia: 4 infantry regts, 3 artillery btys
* Legion of Lájdia: 12 infantry regts, 5 artillery btys
* Legion of Bérgia: 6 infantry regts, 3 artillery btys
* Cavalry: 4 Astórian regts, 7 Lájdian regts, 1 Bérgian regt

Total: 31 infantry + 12 cavalry regiments in 11 brigades; ~ 55K men

ARMY OF THE SOUTH — Lt. General

* Legion of Tánjia: 6 infantry regts, 4 artillery btys
* Legion of Ámbria: 8 infantry regts, 4 artillery btys
* Legion of Cernevóra: 12 infantry regts, 6 artillery btys
* Legion of Bérgia: 4 infantry regts, 2 artillery btys
* Legion of Fríllia: 7 infantry regts, 3 artillery btys
* Legion of Calsaidóna: 3 infantry regts, 3 arty btys
* Cavalry: 6 Cernevórean regts, 4 Bérgian regts, 3 Fríllian regts,   
  3 Ámbrian regts, 4 Tánjian regts

Total: 40 infantry + 20 cavalry regiments in 15 brigades; ~ 80K men

HOMELAND MARINE CONTINGENT — Maj. General

2 Astórian regts, 1 Ámbrian regt, 1 Cernevórean regt, 1 Bérgian regt;   
6K men

IMPERIAL GUARD HOME GUARDS — Cmdr. General

1 infantry regt, 1 artillery bn; 4K men

Grand total: 215 thousand men

**Structure of the Imperial Army**

The Imperial Army in the Nór Licht campaign is considered the first step in the transition from the decentralized forces of various Imperial states, to a single permanent force under the command of the emperor.

Prior to the campaign, the emperor of Elmanár could only rely on the Imperial Guard, a relatively small elite force of ca. 15,000 men, and contributions from the states at the time of need. Each state was required to maintain a “legion” — a permanent combat-ready land force to be disposed at the emperor’s command whenever necessary. The size of each legion was determined by the state’s population: in theory, for each 1 million population, the state was to raise 2 infantry regiments, 1 cavalry regiment, and 1 artillery battery + sappers squad. In practice however, these numbers were skewed by the lack of sufficient horses in the eastern states, and various exemptions and restrictions. Many maritime states raised marine regiments in lieu of their infantry/cavalry quota.

Actual legion sizes were:

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| **State** | **Population** | **Legion** |
| Astória \* | 18.3 million | 36 infantry, 14 cavalry, 20 artillery, 6 marines |
| Méyria | 14 million | 24 infantry, 12 cavalry, 15 artillery, 4 marines |
| Cáldria | 13.3 million | 22 infantry, 9 cavalry, 12 artillery, 4 marines |
| Cernevóra | 11.9 million | 23 infantry, 12 cavalry, 12 artillery, 1 marines |
| Tánjia | 11.4 million | 18 infantry, 10 cavalry, 12 artillery, 5 marines |
| Albredóna | 10 million | 18 infantry, 8 cavalry, 10 artillery, 4 marines |
| Ámbria | 9.6 million | 16 infantry, 8 cavalry, 9 artillery, 4 marines |
| North Alb. | 8.4 million | 16 infantry, 6 cavalry, 9 artillery, 2 marines |
| Lájdia | 7.2 million | 12 infantry, 7 cavalry, 5 artillery |
| Rathanía | 5.8 million | 12 infantry, 4 cavalry, 7 artillery |
| Bérgia | 5.1 million | 10 infantry, 5 cavalry, 5 artillery, 1 marines |
| Fríllia | 3.6 million | 7 infantry, 3 cavalry, 3 artillery |
| Tyáunsvald | 2.8 million | 5 infantry, 2 cavalry, 3 artillery |
| Calsaidóna | 2 million | 3 infantry, 3 cavalry, 3 artillery |
| Total | 123.4 million | 222 infantry, 103 cavalry, 125 artillery, 31 mar. |

\* including forces of the Province of Nicanór

In addition to the standing legions, each state was authorized to keep a domestic defense force, no larger than half its imperial legion. Northern Álbredona, on account of the civil war of 1192 er, was further restricted to just 4 Home Guard regiments; while Rathanía and Cernevóra were authorized to maintain a border guard of equal size to their imperial legion, as they were considered the first line of defense against a potential Eldacrión invasion.

The typical infantry regiment fielded ca. 1350 men and officers, and comprised 10 companies. Each company was commanded by a *captain*, and had 2 *lieutenants*, 1 *ensign*, 1 *sergeant-major*, 1 *colour sergeant, 3 sergeants*,   
8 *corporals*, 2 musicians (drummer and bugler), 2 wagoners, a medic, a barber, a blacksmith, a clerk, a cook and 96–128 privates. Regimental staff  
included the *colonel* and 5 officers (surgeon, chaplain, paymaster, auditor  
and adjutant) each with his personal clerk, 1 *regimental sergeant-major*,   
4 sergeants (quartermaster, commissary, ordnance and signals), an assistant-surgeon (corporal), and 2 principal musicians — totaling 20 officers and men. Two of the companies’ captains commanded the left and right battalions of the regiment, and were ranked *lieutenant colonel* and *major*, respectively.

Cavalry regiments were smaller, comprising 6 squadrons of ca. 120 men and officers each, structured similarly to infantry companies. They fielded ca. 750 men and officers and were commanded by a *commander*, assisted by a *lieutenant commander* (no battalions so no *major*).

In battle, regiments were grouped in brigades of 3–5 each. At first these were combined arms formations, comprising of infantry, cavalry and artillery troops. However, as the campaign progressed, each branch of arms was increasingly amassed separately within an army or a battle group, to concentrate its firepower. Brigades were typically commanded by a senior colonel, dubbed *colonel-commandant* or *brigadier*, who also commanded his own regiment. But as brigades were becoming permanent formations, especially in the armies of Cáldria and Astória and afterwards also the other east-coast states, a new rank of *brigadier general* emerged for the permanent commander of a brigade, complete with his own staff.

There was yet very little in the way of a national general staff during the campaign. At the time, each state had its own general staff, with the   
prince / grand duke / lord president as the commander-in-chief, ranked *captain general*, and a staff including the chief of infantry (who usually doubled as the chief of general staff) and chief of cavalry, both ranked *lieutenant general,* and a group of senior staff officers such as the chief of artillery, engineers, ordnance, intelligence, strategy, JAG etc., all ranked *major general* or some parallel rank (*vice marshal, fieldmaster general* and the like). Above them all was the emperor as the supreme commander-in-chief, with his *lord high marshal* as the minister of war (a civilian position), to coordinate the entire imperial military. States whose legion was divided between several field armies, such as Astória, often had general staff positions duplicated, and thus could have more than 2 lieutenant generals.

The lord high marshal appointed the commanding generals of each field army, who then appointed their own staff from the “pool” of general staff officers available to them. The special dignity of *marshal* was awarded by heads of state to those generals commanding armies, who were deemed exceptionally successful. In Astória, Cáldria and Cernevóra, marshal was the regular title of the Chief of General Staff, and retired Chiefs of Staff formed the (civilian) war council for the prince, the senior-most member of which was variously titled as *first marshal*, *marshal-general* and the like.

Armies were divided before each battle to battle-groups / wings / lines / columns / divisions of several brigades each, commanded by major generals or, less often, lieutenant generals — also drawn from the combined general staffs of the states’ legions. As paramount commander of the expeditionary force, Marshal Tóemric Mildáwa strived to have the same generals commanding such formations across multiple battles, thus creating a clear command structure in the upper echelons. A battle-group comprising the entire contingent of a state’s legion within an army (possibly without the cavalry), was often, somewhat confusingly, also called a legion — which would later lead to permanent multi-brigade formations being called legions.

**Imperial Army order of battle, 1274 er**

By then, the states’ legions (i.e. contingents) in the Imperial Army were broken down into division-sized legions, 27 in total, in five field armies.

ARMY OF THE NORTH — Lt. General

* I Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* I Legion of Cernevóra: 12 infantry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of North Albredóna: 8 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 4 arty. btys
* Legion of Rathanía: 12 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 7 artillery btys
* Legion of Tyáunsvald: 5 infantry regts, 2 cavalry regts, 3 artillery btys

Total: 55 infantry + 17 cavalry regiments in 20 brigades; ~ 90K men

ARMY OF THE WEST — Lt. General

* III Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* IV Legion of Astória: 9 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of Albredóna: 9 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* I Legion of Ámbria: 8 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* I Legion of Lájdia: 6 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 3 artillery btys
* II Legion of Lájdia: 6 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 2 artillery btys

Total: 47 infantry + 21 cavalry regiments in 21 brigades; ~ 82K men

ARMY OF THE SOUTH — Marshal

* I Legion of Tánjia: 9 infantry regts, 5 cavalry regts, 6 artillery btys
* II Legion of Cernevóra: 11 infantry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of Ámbria: 8 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 4 artillery btys
* Legion of Bérgia: 10 infantry regts, 5 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* Legion of Fríllia: 7 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 3 artillery btys
* Legion of Calsaidóna: 3 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 3 artillery btys
* Cavalry Legion of Cernevóra: 12 cavalry regts, 2 artillery btys

Total: 48 infantry + 32 cavalry regiments in 21 brigades; ~ 93K men

ARMY OF THE OCEAN SEA — Marshal

* I Legion of Méyria: 8 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of Méyria: 8 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* I Legion of Cáldria: 11 infantry regts, 5 cavalry regts, 6 artillery btys
* II Legion of Cáldria: 11 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 6 artillery btys
* I Legion of North Albredóna: 8 infantry regts, 3 cavalry regts, 5 arty. btys

Total: 54 infantry + 20 cavalry regiments in 17 brigades; ~ 90K men

ARMY OF NETHARAC — Lt. General

*Under jurisdiction of the Captain General of Nétharac*

* III Legion of Méyria: 8 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* II Legion of Tánjia: 9 infantry regts, 5 cavalry regts, 6 artillery btys
* I Legion of Albredóna: 9 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 5 artillery btys
* Nétharac Militia: 10 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 6 artillery btys

Total: 35 infantry + 17 cavalry regiments in 17 brigades; ~ 64K men

IMPERIAL MARINE CONTINGENT — Lt. General

* **1st Division:** 4 Méyrian regts, 3 Astórian regts, 3 Cáldrian regts
* **2nd Division:** 2 Northern Albredónian regts, 2 Albredónian regts,   
  5 Tánjian regts, 1 Cáldrian regt
* **3rd Division:** 3 Astórian regts, , 3 Ámbrian regts, 2 Albredónian regts,   
  1 Ámbrian regt, 1 Cernevórean regt, 1 Bérgian regt

Total: 31 infantry regiments; ~ 40K men

IMPERIAL GUARD — Captain General

4 infantry regts, 4 cavalry regts, 4 artillery bns; ~ 15K men

Grand total: 475 thousand men

**Ranks of the Imperial Army, 1246 er**

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| **Grade** | **Rank (*and variations*)** | **Typical command held** |
| I | Lord High Marshal | The Imperial Army (civilian office) |
| ⮚ Grand Marshal | Special designation for the supreme C-in-C  (in abeyance since 1193 er) |
| II | Captain General | C-in-C state army (reserved for head of state) |
| ⮚ First Marshal (*Marshal General, Constable of …*) | Head of a state’s war council (civilian office) |
| ⮚ Marshal (*Lord Marshal, Marshal of …*) | Field army, theater, major command |
| III | Lieutenant General | Field army, wing, column, command, legion,  Chief of Infantry / Cavalry of an army |
| IV | Major General (*Vice Marshal, Fieldmaster General, Siegemaster General*) | Wing, column, legion, division, Chief of Artillery / Engineers, other general staff posts |
| V | ⮚ Brigadier General — since late 1247 er | Brigade, division |
| ⮚ Brigadier (*Colonel Commandant, Fieldmaster, Siegemaster*) | Brigade, artillery park, artillery / siege train |
| Colonel (*Commander*) | Regiment, senior staff positions |
| VI | ⮚ Lieutenant Colonel (*Lieutenant Commander*) | Regiment 2/iC |
| Major | Battalion, intermediate staff positions |
| VII | Captain (*Ridemaster*) | Company, squadron, battery, staff positions |
| VIII | Lieutenant | Company etc. 2/iC, platoon, troop, staff posts |
| Ensign (*Cornet*, *Second Lieutenant*) | Company etc. standard bearer |
| IX | ⮚ Regimental Sergeant Major (*Regimental Corporal Major*) | Regiment chief of logistics |
| Sergeant Major (*Corporal Major*) | Company, squadron, battery top NCO |
| X | Sergeant (*Corporal of* *Horse*) | Platoon, troop 2/iC, junior staff positions |
| Corporal (*Lance Corporal of Horse, Bombardier* ) | Section, squad, gun |
| E | Lance Corporal (*Lance Bombardier*) | Section, squad, gun 2/iC |
| Man (*Private, Trooper, Gunner, Driver, Medic etc.*) | — |