

BATTLE OF GOLOMBI/GOLAB
8 February 1656
Swedish Force Composition

Swedish Regiments:

- *Fältm. Wittenbergs rytterireg:te (545)
- *Henrik Horns rytterireg:te (400)
- *Gustav Kurcks rytterireg:te (550)
- *Västgöta rytterireg:te (774)
- *Östgöta rytterireg:te (774)
- *Smålands rytterireg:te (738)
- *Sinclers rytterireg:te (440)
- *Gr. Waldemars rytterireg:te (550)
- *Yxkulls rytterireg:te (561)
- *Aschebergs rytterireg:te (400)
- *Engells rytterireg:te (323)

Total: 6,005

Note: This battle was essentially a meeting engagement with Swedish troops arriving on the battlefield at different times. It is uncertain how many actually participated, but the units above are shown as participants in Pufendorf (*Konung Carl X Gustafs Bragder*) and Carlbom (*Tre Dagars Slaget vid Warschau*). The individual unit strength figures have been taken from Jerzy Teodorczyk's chapter, "Czarnieckis vinterfälttåg januari-februari 1656. Slaget vid Golab", in *Polens Krig med Sverige 1655-1660*, Carl X Gustaf-Studier 5. I believe them to be on the high side, as they are based on unit strength figures from five months or more previous to the battle. Carlbom indicates that the Swedes numbered 3,000, which is probably on the low side. A 25% to 33% reduction in unit strengths is probably close, which gives the Swedish units a total strength of 4,000 to 4,500. Pufendorf and Carlbom both show dragoons on the Swedish side, but I have been unable to find any reference to a specific unit. Perhaps, these were part of one of the cavalry regiments, which was not uncommon.

Polish Troops in Swedish Service

Kosack (Pancerni):

- *Starosta of Slonim Jan Sapiehas Banner under Muchowiecki (118)
- *Michal Zbrozeks Banner (100)
- *Wojciech Golynskis Banner (72)
- *Stonik of Czernichow Roman Zahorowskis Banner (70)
- *Jerzy Wielhorskis Banner (93)
- *Chorazy of Podolien Mikolaj Dzieduszyckis Banner (90)
- *Seweryn Kalinskis Banner (150)
- *Andrzej Kuklinowskis Banner (100)
- * Jan Sapiehas Second Banner under Samuel Lojowski (113)

Total: 906

Tartars (Light Cavalry):

*Mustafa Sudicz Banner (109)

*Halembek Morawskis Banner (118)

*Jan Sieleckis Banner (120)

*Adam Taraszewskis Banner (120)

*Bohdan Murzas Banner (135)

*Mikolaj Pohajskis Banner under Stefan Morzkowski (100)

*Adam Talkowskis Banner (120)

*Jan Grzebultowskis Banner (51)

Total: 873

Note: The Polish allies are shown in Puffendorf and Carlbom, but there is no mention of them actually participating in the battle.

Polish Army Composition

The Army was divided in two regiments:

- * Hetmans Regiment under Machowski
- * Royal Regiment under Czarniecki

Hussars -

- * Vojevoden of Sandomierz Wladyslaw Myszkowskis Banner (220)
- * Jan Zamoyskis Banner (150)

Kosack (Pancerni) -

- * Starosta of Halicz A.Potockis Banner (143)
- * Karlo Potockis Banner (93)
- * Stanislaw W. Domaszewskis Banner (106)
- * Sebastian Machowskis Banner (112)
- * Mikolaj Potockis Banner (150)*
- * Samuel Rogowskis Banner (125)*
- * Stanislaw Witowskis Banner (150)*
- * Prince Konstanty Wisnowieckis Banner (150)
- * Jan Mysliszewskis Banner (90)
- * Starosta of Bohuslaw Jacek Szemberks Banner (150)
- * Michal Stanislawskis Banner (92)
- * Samuel Holubs Banner (70)
- * Michal Morzkowskis Banner (78)
- * Kanstanty Soszenskis Banner (99)*
- * Alexander Cetners Banner (150)*
- * Jan Karol Potockis Banner (115)
- * Jacek Szemberks Valack Banner (99)
- * Czarnieckis Dragoons (300) (newly recruited)

Total: 2,642

Units marked with * did not take part in the battle. They were escorting recruits.

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