



The Impact of the Rákóczi Rebellion on Habsburg Strategy: Incentives and Opportunity Costs

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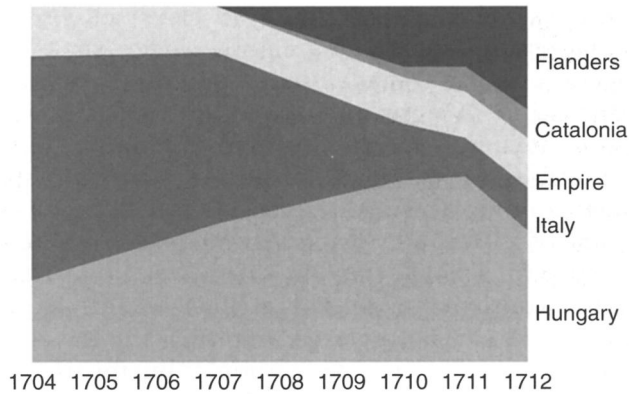


Figure 1 Deployment of imperial cavalry, 1704–1712

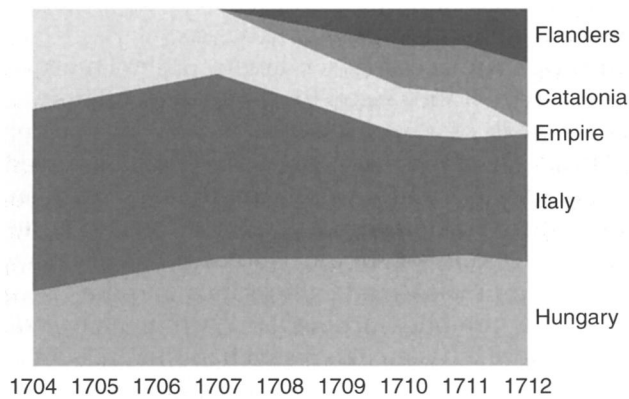


Figure 2 Deployment of imperial infantry, 1704–1712

army rolling north to restore the exiled royal adventurer to his Baltic home caused anxiety in Vienna in early 1710, the last year extra troops in Flanders might possibly have impressed the British with the zeal of their continental allies. Turkish war preparations, Joseph I feared, looked ominously like 1683.³² In August 1710 Heister was ordered to cease operations for fear of an imminent Turkish invasion.³³ Nor was Peter the Great's success seen as an unmixed blessing. In 1710 Russian troops even occupied part of the Zips in northern Hungary, ostensibly

³² HHStA, StK, Vorträge 51, fol. 215, 22 December 1709; I. Parvev, *Habsburgs and Ottomans between Vienna and Belgrade (1683–1739)* (Boulder, 1995), pp. 145–47; Ingrao, *Quest and Crisis*, p. 153.

³³ *Feldzüge*, vol. 12, p. 516.