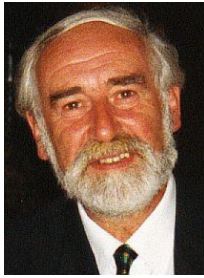


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Death in the Battle of Aspern

May 21, 2019 marks the 210th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Aspern. Around 100,000 Austrian soldiers under the command of Archduke Karl faced about 80,000 Frenchmen under the leadership of Napoleon.

The adjacent Marchfeld was an ideal staging area for both armies. Center of the fighting were the village of Aspern (parish church) and the area of Essling around the Schüttkasten.

The fighting lasted until the decision on May 22, both sides lost to the 20,000 men (dead, wounded and prisoners), after Napoleon had been beaten for the first time in a field battle.

Among the tragic losses was the captain lieutenant Alexander Le Claire. Alexander Le Claire is my great-great-great-grandfather (one of 16) and I'm a direct descendant of him.