

During the year the Imperial contingent in northern Hungary under FML Graf Schulz had finally won the upper hand over Thököly's rebel Magyars. In September Schulz took the enemy main body of 7000 men by surprise in their camp at Eperjes, dispersed them, and captured rich booty (including 1600 wagons and Thököly's own command tent). The rebellion faded away thereafter, and its leader eventually moved to Turkey where he died in exile.

In the winter of 1684-85 the Porte, which was expecting additional attacks from Persia and Russia, was willing to negotiate peace with the Emperor. However, both Austria and Poland believed that they could win a better settlement by continuing their victorious conquests, despite the setback at Buda. In the long run they were proved correct, although for a while the Turks continued to thwart all of the allied offensives. The main lesson of the 1684 campaign had been that the Turks were still very formidable opponents, at least on the defensive.

1685

Again there was considerable fighting in Hungary, but without any decisive results. However, two Imperial victories in 1685 - one on the defense, one on the offensive - paved the way for major success in 1686.

Army organization

The new regiments of foot were:

- IR Derby [276], raised in January; never completed, it stayed in rear areas
- IR Maigret [276.A], raised in March; also incomplete, it was soon dissolved.
- IR Thungen [# 42], joined the Imperial line in November; it had been attached to the Emperor's forces since 1674, however, as a mercenary unit from Würzburg.

On the other hand, two regiments were dissolved at the end of the year - IR Daun [272] and Lubomirski (ex Rosenberg) [273].

In October the Cuirassier Regt Truchsess [365], which had been attached since 1683 as a mercenary unit from Würzburg, became a regt in the Imperial line. It would serve as such until 1801, when dissolved as Dragoon Regt # 2.

Cuir Regt Fürstenberg [362] was reduced from 10 to 6 companies. The following horse units were dissolved: