

Austro-Prussian War

In June 1866, Austria declared war on Prussia. The Prussian army was better than the Austrian army. Austria and its six German allies (Bavaria, Nassau, Saxony, Hanover, Hessen-Kassel and Frankfurt-on-Main) were overrun by Prussia in only seven weeks of fighting.

At Königgrätz in Böhmen the Austrian people had a big defeat. After the war the Treaty of Prague of August 1866 was made. The Treaty officially ended the war and changed the map of Germany enormously.

Prussia managed to dissolve the German Confederation of 1815 and to take the control of Schleswig and Holstein. They also wanted to take control of and annex the German States north of the Main, which had fought on Austrian side. That was against all international laws. Prussia wanted the North German Confederation under Prussian control, but without Austria.

With the North German Confederation the influence in Germany from Austria ended.

The German States in the south like Bavaria, Baden, Württemberg, Hessen-Darmstadt remained independent.

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