



The Siege of Mantua in 1630

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 Mantova.

Frankfurt, c.1650. Coloured. 250 x 350mm.

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A bird's-eye view of Mantua, based on Braun & Hogenberg, but updated to show the siege by Emperor Ferdinand II's army of German mercenaries (Landsknecht), during the War of the Mantovan Succession (1628-31). The result was a double blow for the city: bubonic plague brought by the soldiers and a three-day sacking.

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