

# The Battle Of Borodino

7 September, 1812

Americans use the expression “Monday Morning Quarterback” to describe a person who – safely removed from events by both time and place – then goes on to explain how he would have done it all differently. Many survivors of Napoleon’s invasion of Russia who left memoirs claim that they knew all along the mission was doomed. Whether they knew as much in June 1812 is harder to say, but surely by mid-summer most of the men involved must have begun to have serious doubts about the wisdom of Napoleon’s mission and method.

Attrition among the French forces was staggering. In Davout’s I Corps – arguably the best-equipped formation outside the Imperial Guard – the oversized five-battalion regiments which crossed the Niemen in late June were reduced more than 60% by mid-August. In the first two weeks of August alone, for instance, the 15<sup>th</sup> Légère dropped from 3,800 men to just over 2,700; an average loss of 79 *men per day* in that one regiment, without having fought a single battle. Napoleon’s army was vanishing before his eyes, and Moscow was still a month in the future.

Russia, despite having recently made peace with the Turks and Swedes, was nonetheless having trouble coming to grips with the sheer size of Napoleon’s assault. Barclay de Tolly’s western army had been giving ground all summer, which was clearly the right strategy, but this was depressing and frustrating for the Russian leadership (and was about to cost Barclay his job.) After a period of independent activity (and close escapes from disaster) Prince Bagratian’s army joined Barclay near Smolensk in early August. The two commanders immediately clashed. The Tsar appointed Prince Mikhail Kutuzov to supreme command, partly out of respect for Kutuzov’s political skills, but mainly because the old marshal promised to stand and fight. And that he did. On September 4th, chasing after yet another fleeing cloud of Russian skirmishers, Murat’s advanced guard suddenly found themselves face to face with the Russians near Borodino.

The two armies took two days to prepare. The Russians conscripted peasant militia and dug emplacements. The French drew in their stragglers and deployed from their march. Napoleon, unfortunately, was sick, probably with the flu. His throat was so sore he could barely speak, and his concentration was blurred by pain. Consequently, Borodino was far from his best effort. Rejecting Davout’s bold plan of a right hook (around the badly-deployed Russian left flank), he settled instead for a massive frontal assault. And so, on 7 September, the two armies (each about 120,000 strong) clashed all day in an unprecedented effusion of blood.

French cannonades did little to hurt the Russian emplacements, whereas Russian fire definitely hurt the exposed French formations. Control of the Russian entrenchments and redoubts passed back and forth throughout the afternoon, but by 5:00 PM, the Russian line had bent backward significantly and was in danger of breaking. The French assault formations were so completely shredded that if Napoleon wanted a final effort, it would have to come from his Imperial Guard, who had thus far played no role in the battle. Ney and Murat begged Napoleon to commit the Guard, and he did prepare the Young Guard for action. We Monday-morning quarterbacks now see clearly that the Guard would have snapped the exhausted Russians, perhaps destroying Kutuzov’s army by splitting it into two fleeing halves.

But Napoleon had no idea whether or not the Russians were sticking around for another day, or how many reserves they had left (actually, they had virtually none remaining). Visibility was poor, and he couldn’t see the Russian positions. The Guard was Napoleon’s only reserve, and a failed assault would be a disaster, would risk a battle that he had tactically already won. So there was no final assault. The battlefield cooled as night came, and both armies edged away from the killing field, which was impossible to make camp on. The ground was literally swamped with blood and flesh. There were nearly eighty thousand dead and wounded on the field: 32,000 French and 46,000 Russian, not to mention over 40,000 dead horses.

After sending off a report of his great victory to the Tsar, Kutuzov ordered the Russian withdrawal. Napoleon, still sick amidst the wreckage of his army, was content to follow, rather than pursue. His only chance for a successful Russian campaign was now gone. Many people regard Borodino as the most terrible of all the battles of the Napoleonic Wars.

## **The Scenario:**

The weather is Overcast, with no variation. The ground is Hard. The game's Basic Length is 9 turns.

All towns are soft cover. The Moskva river and the streams are fordable at all points, and considered rough terrain. The Russian entrenchments are soft cover.

The Russians set up first, then the French.

The Russian army is "Confident." Its Break Point is: 31.

The French army is "Confident." Its Break Point is: 34.

## **Note on the Orders of Battle:**

The OBs of both armies at Borodino are filled with inconsistencies and contradictions. Regimental strengths are widely disputed. The high-end figure for the French rests upon the army's late-August returns, which were no doubt inaccurate by 7 September. The Russians swept at least 30,000 fresh militia into the ranks, but how many of these fought in regular formations and how many served only as workers, digging trenches, etc, nobody knows. (The 41st Jägers, for instance, added over 300 such men on the eve of the battle, increasing regimental strength by a third.) The SPs of Russian units are further inflated by the massive amounts of artillery they deployed with each division. In many Russian infantry divisions there were 24 medium and 12 heavy guns for only twelve small battalions.

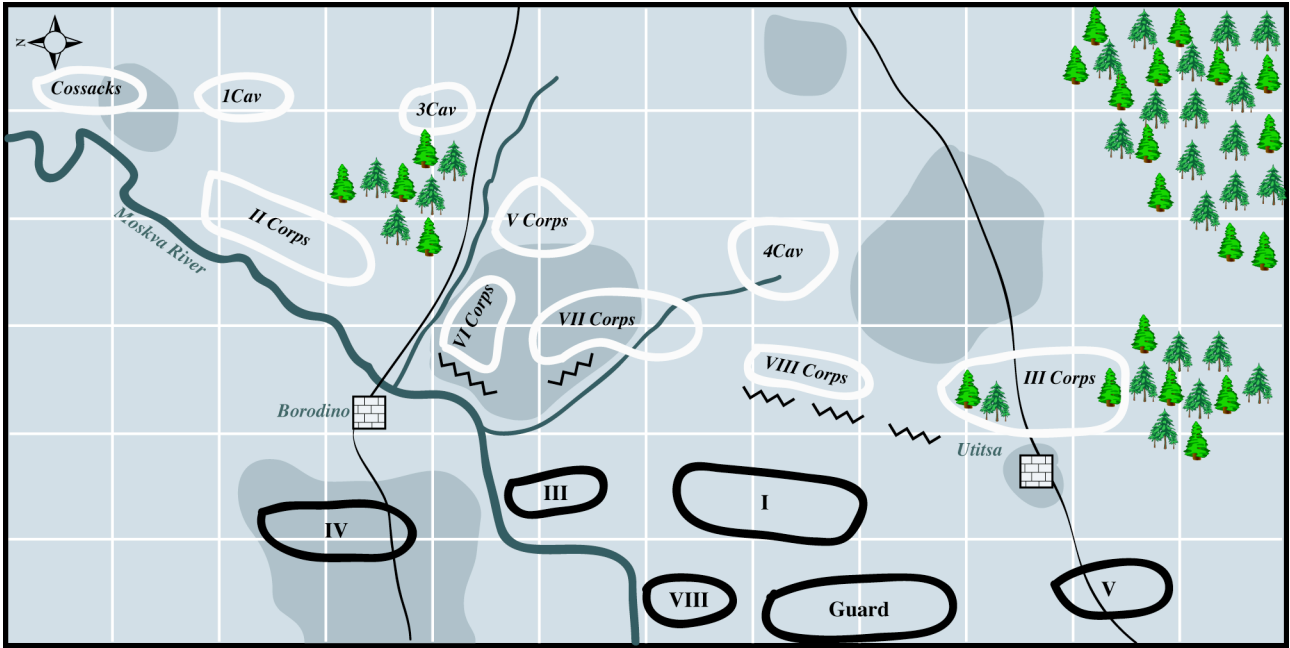
For both armies, I went with the most conservative estimates I could find.

There are also problems with chains of command. Murat, for instance, theoretically commanded the entire French cavalry reserve, but some of his cavalry corps were detached to operate in conjunction with infantry corps. (Grouchy under Eugène, for instance.) Davout's I Corps had two of its divisions peeled away and given to IV Corps, but also lost one division to Murat's command, at least for part of the day. The Russians made a number of similar ad-hoc command decisions.

For this scenario I decided to present the armies' theoretical (pre-battle) command structures, rather than their battlefield command structures. Thus: Murat has his cavalry, whole; Davout has his infantry, whole, etc. I will let you be Napoleon and Kutuzov, and make changes where you want. Feel free to meddle with the command structures and OBs, adjusting accordingly for the radii of sub-commanders.

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**The Borodino Battlefield:**



*Deploy Murat's wing (4 cavalry corps) as you please,  
but no closer than 10" from Russian units.*

## La Grande Armée

Commander: Napoleon (Average)

This is a Napoleonic Army of 10 Forces..

Napoleon has 4 ADCs. Murat is a wing commander, with authority over the four cavalry reserve corps.

### Imperial Guard: Mortier 3 / 20"

#### Delaborde's Division

G/1/1 Berthezène (Young Gd. Inf) Elite 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

G/1/2 Lanusse (Young Gd. Inf.) Elite 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Roguet's Division

G/2/1 Boyledieu (Young Gd. Inf.) Elite 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

G/2/2 Lanbère (Middle Gd. Inf.) Guard 11SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Curial's Division

G/3/1 Boyer (Chas. à Pied) Guard 13SP \_\_\_\_\_

G/3/2 Michel (Gren. à Pied) Guard 10SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Vistula Legion

G/V/1 Claparède (Polish inf.) Elite 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Guard Cavalry: Bessières

G/C/1 St. Sulpice (Gren. & Drag.) Guard 12SP \_\_\_\_\_

G/C/2 Guyot (Chass. & Mamelukes) Guard 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

G/C/3 Colbert (Dutch & Poles) Guard 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Artillery:

Old Gd. 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_\_

Old Gd. 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_\_

Old Gd. 6-pdr Horse C \_\_\_\_\_

Old Gd. 6-pdr Horse D \_\_\_\_\_

Old Gd. 12-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_

Old Gd. 12-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_

Yng. Gd. 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_\_

Yng. Gd. 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_\_

Yng. Gd. 6-pdr Horse C \_\_\_\_\_

Yng. Gd. 6-pdr Horse D \_\_\_\_\_

### I Corps: Davout 1 / 20"

#### 1st Division: Morand

I/1/1 d'Alton (Légère) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/1/2 Gratiem Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/1/3 Bonnamy Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2nd Division: Friant

I/2/1 Dufour (Légère) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/2/2 Vandedem Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/2/3 Grandeau Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3rd Division: Gérard

I/3/1 Desailly (Légère) Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/3/2 LeClerc (French & Confederation) Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4th Division: Dessaix

I/4/1 Barbanègre (Légère) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/4/2 Frederichs Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/4/3 LeGuay Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5th Division: Compans

I/5/1 Duppelin Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

I/5/2 Teste Elite 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Cavalry: Girardin

I/C Chasseurs Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Artillery:

I: 12-pdr Foot \_\_\_\_\_

I: 6-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_

I: 6-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_

### III Corps: Ney (V) 3 / 10" Aggressive

#### 10th Division: Ledru

III/10/1 Gengoult Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 III/10/2 Bruny Trained 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 11th Division: Razout

III/11/1 Joubert Trained 8SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 III/11/2 d'Henin Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 25th Division: Marchand

III/25/1 Württemberg Line infantry Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Cavalry: Wollwrath

III/C Württemberg Lt. cav Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Artillery:

III: (French) 12-pdr Foot \_\_\_\_

III: (Würt.) 12-pdr Foot \_\_\_\_

III: (Würt.) 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_

III: (Würt.) 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_

### IV Corps: Eugène 2 / 18"

#### Italian Guard Division: Pino

IV/G/1 Lecchi (Guard infantry) Elite 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

IV/G/3 Triaire (Guard cavalry) Elite 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 13th Division: Delzons

IV/13/1 Huard Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

IV/13/2 Roussel (French & Croatian) Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

IV/13/3 Guyon Trained 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 14th Division: Broussier

IV/14/1 Sivray Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

IV/14/2 Almeras (French & Spanish) Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

IV/14/3 Pastol Veteran 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Cav: Ornano

IV/C Chasseurs (French & Italian) Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Artillery:

IV: (Italian) 12-pdr Foot \_\_\_\_

IV: (Italian) 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_

IV: (Italian) 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_

IV: (French) 6-pdr Horse \_\_\_\_

### V Corps: Poniatowski (V) 2 / 9"

#### 16th Division: Zayonchek

V/16/1 Mielzynski (Polish Line) Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

V/16/2 Paszkowski (Polish Line) Veteran 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 18th Division: Knaiziewicz

V/18/1 Polish Line Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Cavalry: Sulkowski

V/C Polish Lt. Cav. Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Corps Artillery:

V: Polish 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_

V: Polish 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_

## VIII Corps: Junot 3 / 9"

### 23rd Division: Tharreau

VIII/23/1 Damas (Westphalian Line) Trained 5SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 VIII/23/2 Wickenberg (Westph. Line) Trained 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

### 24th Division: Ochs

VIII/24/1 Legras (Westph. Guards) Veteran 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Cavalry: Chabert

VIII/C Westph. Lt. Cav Veteran 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Artillery:

VIII: Westph. 12-pdr Foot \_\_\_\_\_

VIII: Westph. 6-pdr Horse \_\_\_\_\_

## Cavalry Reserve: Murat (V) 4 (Wing Commander)

### I Cavalry Corps: Nansouty 3 / 6"

#### 1st Light Division: Bruyère

IC/1L/1 Hussars & Chasseurs Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 IC/1L/2 Polish & Prussian Lt. Cav. Veteran 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1st Cuirassier Division: St. Germaine

IC/1C Cuirassiers Elite 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5th Cuirassier Division: Valence

IC/5C Cuirassiers) Elite 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Artillery:

1C: 6-pdr Horse \_\_\_\_\_

### II Cavalry Corps: Montbrun 2 / 6"

#### 2nd Light Division: Pajol

2C/2L/1 Hussars & Chasseurs Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 2C/2L/2 Prussian, Polish, Württ. Lt. Cav. Trained 5SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2nd Cuirassier Division: Wathier

2C/2C Cuirassiers Elite 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4th Cuirassier Division: Defrance

2C/4C Cuirassiers & Carabiniers Elite 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Artillery:

2C: 6-pdr Horse \_\_\_\_\_

### III Cavalry Corps: Grouchy 2 / 9"

#### 3rd Light Division: Chastel

3C/3/1 Gauthrin (Hussars & Chasseurs) Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 3C/3/2 Dommanget (Bav & Saxon Ch-Leg) Trained 4SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6th Heavy Division: La Houssaye

3C/6 Dragoons Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### Bavarian Cavalry Division

3C/B/1 Seydewitz (Ch-Leg) Trained 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Artillery:

3C: 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_\_

3C: 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_\_

### IV Cavalry Corps: Latour-Maubourg (V) 1 / 11" Aggressive

#### 4th Light Division: Rozniecki

4C/4L/1 Polish Uhlans Elite 8SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 4C/4L/2 Polish Uhlans Elite 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7th Cuirassier Division: Lorge

4C/7C/1 Saxon Hvy. cav. Elite 6SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 4C/7C/2 Westphalian Hvy. cav. Elite 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

### Corps Artillery:

4C: 6-pdr Horse (Saxon) \_\_\_\_\_

4C: 6-pdr Horse (Polish) \_\_\_\_\_

4C: 6-pdr Horse (Westphalian) \_\_\_\_\_

## The Russian Army

Commander: Kutusov (Average)

This is a Napoleonic Army of 10 Forces, divided into two wings.

Kutusov has an artillery officer (Kutaisov), in addition to his normal pool of available Generals.

### Cossacks: Platov (V) 1 / 8" Aggressive

C/1 Don Cossacks	Conscript 6SP _____
C/2 Cossacks	Raw 4SP _____
C/3 Cossacks	Raw 4SP _____
C: 6-pdr Horse A	_____
C: 6-pdr Horse B	_____

## 1st Army of the West: Barclay de Tolly 2

### 2nd Corps: Baggavout 3 / 15"

#### 4th Division: Eugen

2/4/1 Pyshnitskoi	Veteran 6SP _____
2/4/2 Rossi	Veteran 6SP _____
2/4/3 Pillar (Jägers)	Veteran 7SP _____

#### 17th Division: Olsufiev

2/17/1 Tehoubarov	Veteran 6SP _____
2/17/2 Tuchkov II	Veteran 7SP _____
2/17/3 Potemkin (Jägers)	Veteran 7SP _____

#### 11th Division: Bakmetiev II

2/11/1 Filisov	Veteran 7SP _____
2/11/2 Choglokov	Elite 8SP _____
2/11/3 Bistrom (Jägers)	Veteran 6SP _____

#### 23rd Division: Bakmetiev I

2/23/1 Okulov	Elite 8SP _____
2/23/2 Alksapol	Veteran 6SP _____

#### Corps Artillery:

2: 12-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_  
 2: 12-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_  
 2: 12-pdr Foot C \_\_\_\_\_  
 2: 12-pdr Foot D \_\_\_\_\_

## 1st Cavalry Corps: Uvarov (V) 2 / 12" Aggressive

#### Guard Cavalry Division

1C/G/1 Tchalikov (Gd. Drag. & Uhlans)	Elite 9SP _____
1C/G/2 Gd. Hussars & Cossacks	Elite 8SP _____
1C/G/3 Tchernich (Dragoons & Hussars)	Veteran 7SP _____

#### 2nd Cavalry Division: Korff

1C/2/1 Davidov (Dragoons)	Veteran 8SP _____
1C/2/2 Hussars	Elite 8SP _____
1C/2/3 Hussars	Elite 6SP _____

#### Corps Artillery:

1C: 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_\_  
 1C: 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_\_

**6th Corps: Dochturov (V) 3 / 6"****7th Division: Kapzevich**

6/7/1 Liapunov Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 6/7/2 Balla (Jägers) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

**24th Division: Likhachev**

6/24/1 Denissev Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 6/24/2 Vuitch (Jägers) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

**Corps Artillery:**

6: 12-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_  
 6: 12-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd Cavalry Corps: Kreutz 3 / 6"**

3C/1 Hussars Elite 5SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 3C/2 Dragoons & Uhlans Veteran 5SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 3C/3 Ilowaski Cossacks Raw 4SP \_\_\_\_\_

**5th Corps: Constantine 4 / 15"****Guard Division: Lavrov**

5/G/1 Rosen (Guard Infantry) Guard 12SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 5/G/2 Udom (Guard Infantry) Guard 12SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 5/G/3 Bistrom (Guard Infantry) Guard 10SP \_\_\_\_\_

**Grenadier Division**

5/1G Grenadiers Elite 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

**1st Cavalry Division: Depradovich**

5/1C/1 Borosdin I (Gd. Cuirassiers) Guard 11SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 5/1C/2 Cheviez (Gd. Drag. & Chev.) Guard 10SP \_\_\_\_\_

**Corps Artillery:**

5: 12-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 12-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 12-pdr Foot C \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse A \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse B \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse C \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse D \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse E \_\_\_\_\_  
 5: 6-pdr Horse F \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Army of the West: Bagratian (V) 3****7th Corps: Rayevski (V) 2 / 16"****12th Division: Vasilchikov**

7/12/1 Ryleyev Trained 8SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 7/12/2 Pallitzin (Jägers) Veteran 7SP \_\_\_\_\_

**26th Division: Paskevich**

7/26/1 Liebert Trained 7SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 7/26/2 Gogel (Jägers) Veteran 6SP \_\_\_\_\_

**27th Division: Neverovski**

7/27/1 Knainin Trained 7SP \_\_\_\_\_  
 7/27/2 Woykov (Jägers) Veteran 8SP \_\_\_\_\_

**7th Grenadier Division: Vorontzov**

7/7/1 Grenadiers Elite 9SP \_\_\_\_\_

**Corps Artillery:**

7: 12-pdr Foot A \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: 12-pdr Foot B \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: 12-pdr Foot C \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: 12-pdr Foot D \_\_\_\_\_



**8th Corps: Borozdin 3 / 6"**

8/1 Chatilov (Grenadiers)	Elite 8SP	_____
8/2 Buxhowden (Grenadiers)	Elite 9SP	_____
8/3 Hesse (Grenadiers)	Elite 9SP	_____
8: 12-pdr Foot		_____

**4th Cavalry Corps: Sievers 3 / 6"****4th Cavalry Division: Sievers**

4C/4/1 Dragoons	Veteran 5SP	_____
4C/4/2 Dragoons	Veteran 5SP	_____
4C/4/3 Hussars & Uhlans	Veteran 7SP	_____

**2nd Cuirassier Division: Knorring**

4C/2/1 Cuirassiers	Elite 6SP	_____
4C/2/2 Cuirassiers	Elite 8SP	_____

**3rd Corps: Tuchkov I 3 / 6" Aggressive****3rd Division: Konovitzin**

3/3/1 Tuchkov III	Trained 7SP	_____
3/3/2 Chakovski (Jägers)	Veteran 9SP	_____

**1st Grenadier Division: Strogonov**

3/1G/1 Grenadiers	Elite 9SP	_____
3/1G/2 Grenadiers	Elite 9SP	_____

**Attached units:**

3/A1 Cossacks	Conscript 4SP	_____
3/A2 Opolochenie	Raw 5SP	_____

**Corps Artillery:**

3C: 12-pdr Foot A	_____
3C: 12-pdr Foot B	_____

**Second Army Artillery Reserve \***

Res: 12-pdr Foot A	_____
Res: 12-pdr Foot B	_____
Res: 12-pdr Foot C	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot A	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot B	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot C	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot D	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot E	_____
Res: 6-pdr Foot F	_____

\* These units may be distributed pre-battle to any Forces in Bagratian's wing, or they may constitute a Grand Battery, deployed pre-game, under the Artillery Officer, Kutaisov.

## *Alternative Borodinos, Play-Balancing, and What-Ifs:*

### 1. Kutusov and/or Napoleon Decide to Earn Their Pay

Neither commander-in-chief gave a very good performance at Borodino. Napoleon was hesitant and sickly, and uncharacteristically unimaginative in his thinking. Kutusov satisfied himself with courier reports from the various front-line commanders, and bascially hoped for the best. If you desire play-balance in the command systems, you can improve the skill ratings of either commander.

### 2. Davout's Right Hook

As the two armies prepared for battle, Marshal Davout observed that the Russian deployments were too weak on the left (the French right), thus inviting a turning movement and a powerful right hook. He proposed to take his I Corps, Poniatowski's V Corps, and the IV Cavalry Corps on a wide flank march, to fall upon the Russian left flank and rear. Napoleon is frequently criticized for not accepting this idea, but he had sound reasons to refuse. First, every flanking attack the French had attempted thus far in the campaign (some of which involved Davout) had gone wrong, allowing the Russians to escape unscathed. Second, Davout would be taking more than one-third of Napoleon's line infantry, leaving the main army unable to deliver a knock-out blow frontally, should Davout's fancy plan mis-carry. And finally, Napoleon was losing faith in the ability of his Marshals to cooperate without his immediate presence. But if you'd like to recreate Davout's right hook, you will need to do certain things:

- A. Davout is a wing commander, with authority over his corps, V Corps, and IV Cavalry Corps. None of these units begin the game set-up on the board. Reduce the French number of units, forces, and break-point accordingly.
- B. Starting with the first pulse of Turn 3, roll to see if Davout's flanking force arrives on the right (southern) edge of the board. Roll one die, attempting to roll equal to or less than the current turn number. If the roll fails, the French player must wait until the first pulse of the next turn to try again.
- C. Once Davout enters, raise the number of Forces in the French army, and the number of units, break point, etc.
- D. There is a strong likelihood that the Russians would have seen this coming. After both sides set up, but before the game begins, roll one die for each Force in Bagratian's wing. On a roll of 1 or 2, the Russian player may *re-deploy* that force up to 12" from its listed deployment on the map, although never closer to visible French units.

### 3. Changing the OBs.

Players should feel free to tinker with the OBs of both armies, remembering to adjust things like sub-commander radii accordingly. Here are some suggestions, based on the actual battle:

- A. Make Eugène a wing commander, with authority over his and Grouchy's corps.
- B. Give two of Davout's infantry divisions to Murat. Murat becomes a sub-commander with these two divisions, and any two of his cavalry corps. (His other two cavalry corps are taken — one to Eugène, as above, and one to either Davout or the Imperial Guard.)
- C. Technically, there were two Russian armies at Borodino, and each one had a "wing" commander. Mildoravitch commanded Barclay's "Right Wing" and Gorchakov commanded Bagratian's "Left Wing." It is not clear, however, exactly which units in each of the two armies fell under each wings. You may re-organize the Russian army into a total of 3 or 4 wings, by giving parts of Barclay's army to **Mildoravitch (V, 2 Aggressive)** and part of Bagratian's to **Gorchakov (V, 3)**.

### 4. A Thousand Leagues From Paris...

Napoleon was famously hesitant to commit his Guard, whereas few wargamers would have the same qualms in this scenario. To reflect this:

- A. All infantry and cavalry units of the Imperial Guard corps, regardless of their morale rating, use the ***Les Gardes Reculent*** rule for Army Morale. That is, if they break, it counts as an immediate loss against the army's break-point, and if they fail to rally, it counts as another loss.
- B. In addition, the "Old Guard" infantry of Curial's division count double, as above. That is, if broken, they count as *two* toward the army's break-point, and then if they fail to rally, two more.

### 5. Free Deployment

Kutusov's poor deployment was matched by Napoleon's poor attack plan. For a more interesting game, string a curtain down the length of the board. Both players set up simultaneously, never within 6" of the curtain. All bets are off!

## Ready-Made Labels for the Borodino Scenario (Just cut and paste!)

(These are reduced in size to fit the proper base-sizes for those units)

### Napoleon (Average)

#### Guard: Mortier 3 / 20"

G/1/1 Berthezène (Y.G.) SK2

G/1/2 Lanusse (Y.G.) SK2

G/2/1 Boyledieu (Y.G.) SK2

G/2/2 Lanbère (M.G.) SK2

G/3/1 Boyer (O.G.) SK2

G/3/2 Michel (O.G.) SK2

G/V/1 Claparède (Polish) SK2

G/C/1 St. Sulpice

G/C/2 Guyot

G/C/3 Colbert

#### OG 6-pdr Horse A

#### OG 6-pdr Horse B

#### OG 6-pdr Horse C

#### OG 6-pdr Horse D

#### OG 12-pdr Foot A

#### OG 12-pdr Foot B

#### YG 6-pdr Horse A

#### YG 6-pdr Horse B

#### YG 6-pdr Horse C

#### YG 6-pdr Horse D

### I Davout 1 / 20"

I/1/1 d'Alton (Légère) SK2

I/1/2 Gratien SK2

I/1/3 Bonnamy SK2

I/2/1 Dufour (Légère) SK2

I/2/2 Vandedem SK2

I/2/3 Grandeau SK2

I/3/1 Desailly (Légère) SK2

I/3/2 LeClerc SK2

I/4/1 Barbanègre (Légère) SK2

I/4/2 Frederichs SK2

I/4/3 LeGuay SK2

I/5/1 Duppelein SK2

I/5/2 Teste SK2

I/C Chasseurs

#### I: 12-pdr Foot

#### I: 6-pdr Horse A

#### I: 6-pdr Horse B

#### III Ney (V) 3 / 10" Aggressive

III/10/1 Gengoult SK2

III/10/2 Bruny SK2

III/11/1 Joubert SK2

III/11/2 d'Henin SK2

III/25/1 (Württ.) SK2

III/C Württ. Lt. cav

#### III: 12-pdr Foot

#### III: 12-pdr Foot (Württ.)

#### III: 6-pdr Horse (Württ.)

#### III: 6-pdr Horse (Württ.)

### IV Eugène 2 / 18"

IV/G/1 Lecchi (Guard) SK2

IV/G/3 Triaire (Gd. cav)

IV/13/1 Huard SK2

IV/13/2 Roussel SK2

IV/13/3 Guyon SK2

IV/14/1 Sivray SK2

IV/14/2 Almeras SK2

IV/14/3 Pastol SK2

IV/C Chasseurs

#### IV: 12-pdr Foot (Italian)

#### IV: 6-pdr Horse A (Italian)

#### IV: 6-pdr Horse B (Italian)

#### IV: 6-pdr Horse

### V Poniatowski (V) 2 / 9"

V/16/1 Mielzynski SK2

V/16/2 Paszkowski SK2

V/18/1 Polish Line SK2

V/C Polish Lt. Cav.

#### V: 6-pdr Horse A (Pole)

#### V: 6-pdr Horse B (Pole)

### VIII Junot 3 / 9"

VIII/23/1 Damas (West.) SK2

VIII/23/2 Wickenberg (West.) SK2

VIII/24/1 Legras (West. Gd) SK2

VIII/C Westph. Lt. Cav

#### VIII: 12-pdr Foot (West.)

#### VIII: 6-pdr Horse (West.)

#### Murat (V) 4

**I Cav. Nansouty 3 / 6"**

IC/1L/1 Hu&amp;Ch

IC/1L/2 Polish Lt.

IC/1C Cuirassiers

IC/5C Cuirassiers)

**ICav: 6-pdr Horse****II Cav. Montbrun 2 / 6"**

2C/2L/1 Hu&amp;Ch

2C/2L/2 German Lt.

2C/2C Cuirassiers

2C/4C Cuir&amp;Carab.

**II Cav: 6-pdr Horse****III Cav. Grouchy 2 / 9"**

3C/3/1 Gauthrin (Hu&amp;Ch)

3C/3/2 Bav &amp; Sax Ch-Leg)

3C/6 Dragoons

3C/B/1 Seydewitz (Ch-Leg)

**IIICav: 6-pdr Horse A****IIICav: 6-pdr Horse B****IV Cav. Latour-M. (V) 1 / 11" Agg.**

4C/4L/1 Polish Uhlans

4C/4L/2 Polish Uhlans

4C/7C/1 Saxon Hvy. cav.

4C/7C/2 Westph. Hvy.

**IVCav: 6-pdr Horse (Saxon)****IVCav: 6-pdr Horse (Pole)****IVCav: 6-pdr Horse (Westph.)****Kutusov (Average)****Platov (V) 1 / 8" Agg.**

C/1 Don Cossacks SK2

C/2 Cossacks SK2

C/3 Cossacks SK2

**Coss: 6-pdr Horse A****Coss: 6-pdr Horse B****1st Army: Barclay 2****2nd Baggavout 3 / 15"**

2/4/1 Pyshnitskoi SK1

2/4/2 Rossi SK1

2/4/3 Pillar (Jägers) SK1

2/17/1 Tehoubarov SK1

2/17/2 Tuchkov II SK1

2/17/3 Potemkin (Jägers) SK1

2/11/1 Filisov SK1

2/11/2 Choglokov SK1

2/11/3 Bistrom (Jägers) SK1

2/23/1 Okulov SK1

2/23/2 Alksapol SK1

**2: 12-pdr Foot A****2: 12-pdr Foot B****2: 12-pdr Foot C****2: 12-pdr Foot D****1Cav. Uvarov (V) 2 / 12" Agg.**

1C/G/1 Tchalikov (Gd. Dr&amp;Uh)

1C/G/2 Gd. Hu &amp; Ch

1C/G/3 Tchernich (Dr &amp; Hu)

1C/2/1 Davidov (Dragoons)

1C/2/2 Hussars

1C/2/3 Hussars

**1Cav: 6-pdr Horse A****1Cav: 6-pdr Horse B****6th Dochturov (V) 3 / 6"**

6/7/1 Liapunov SK1

6/7/2 Balla (Jägers) SK1

6/24/1 Denissev SK1

6/24/2 Vuitch (Jägers) SK1

**6: 12-pdr Foot A****6: 12-pdr Foot B****3Cav. Kreutz 3 / 6"**

3C/1 Hussars

3C/2 Dragoons &amp; Uhlans

3C/3 Ilowaski Cossacks SK2

**5th Constantine 4 / 15"**

5/G/1 Rosen (Guard) SK1

5/G/2 Udom (Guard) SK1

5/G/3 Bistrom (Guard) SK1

5/1G Grenadiers

5/1C/1 Borosdin (Gd. Cuir.)

5/1C/2 Cheviez (Gd. Drag.)

**5: 12-pdr Foot A****5: 12-pdr Foot B****5: 12-pdr Foot C**

**5: 6-pdr Horse A**  
**5: 6-pdr Horse B**  
**5: 6-pdr Horse C**  
**5: 6-pdr Horse D**  
**5: 6-pdr Horse E**  
**5: 6-pdr Horse F**

**2nd Army: Bagratian (V) 3**

**7th Rayevski (V) 2 / 16"**

7/12/1 Ryleyev SK1  
 7/12/2 Pallitzin (Jägers) SK1  
 7/26/1 Liebert SK1  
 7/26/2 Gogel (Jägers) SK1  
 7/27/1 Knainin SK1  
 7/27/2 Woykov (Jägers) SK1

7/7/1 Grenadiers

**7: 12-pdr Foot A**

**7: 12-pdr Foot B**

**7: 12-pdr Foot C**

**7: 12-pdr Foot D**

**8th Borozdin 3 / 6"**

8/1 Chatilov (Grenadiers)  
 8/2 Buxhowden (Gren)  
 8/3 Hesse (Grenadiers)

**8: 12-pdr Foot**

**4Cav. Sievers 3 / 6"**

4C/4/1 Dragoons  
 4C/4/2 Dragoons  
 4C/4/3 Hussars & Uhlans  
 4C/2/1 Cuirassiers  
 4C/2/2 Cuirassiers

**3rd Tuchkov I 3 / 6" Agg.**

3/3/1 Tuchkov III SK1  
 3/3/2 Chakovski (Jägers) SK1  
 3/1G/1 Grenadiers  
 3/1G/2 Grenadiers  
 3/A1 Cossacks SK2  
 3/A2 Opolochenie

**3: 12-pdr Foot A**

**3: 12-pdr Foot B**

**Res: 12-pdr Foot A**

**Res: 12-pdr Foot B**

**Res: 12-pdr Foot C**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot A**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot B**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot C**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot D**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot E**

**Res: 6-pdr Foot F**