

Battle of Fuentes d'Onoro

May 5th, 1811

Introduction: Having secured Portugal, Wellington set off on re-taking the fortified frontier cities of Almeida, Badajoz and Ciudad Rodrigo. Whilst Wellington besieged Almeida, Massena reformed his battered army and marched to relieve the French garrison in the city. Wellington chose to check the relieve attempt along the Don Casas River, with the town of Fuentes d'Onoro anchoring his right flank. Wellington left his line of retreat exposed in order to cover all routes to Almeida; he felt this risk was justified because the French would not have more than a few days supplies. On the 3rd and 4th Massena probed Wellington's line, the reconnaissance revealed that Wellington's right flank was weak. Led by Montbrun's cavalry and Loison's VI Corp, Houston's 7th division was forced back. Wellington shifted his cavalry and part of the light division to shore up his flank. The retreat was well executed, constantly checked the French advance. Seeing the British pressured, Massena ordered the Guard Cavalry forward. Lepic, the Guard commander, refused claiming he only took orders from Marshal Bessieres. The opportunity lost, Massena attempted to take Fuentes d'Onoro with IX Corp. While the attack was initially successful, Wellington launched a counter-attack that reclaimed the town. Running low on ammo, and his troops exhausted Massena gave up further attacks and ordered the Almeida garrison to break out.

Scale: Each stand represents 320 Infantry, 160 cavalry or 6 to 12 cannon. Ground scale is 120 yards per inch, while each turn is 30 minutes of real time.

Players: Anywhere between 2-4 players.

Terrain and Weather: The gaming table is 6 feet by 5 feet. Weather is clear. Woods and Urban Area are rough ground for movement. Urban areas grant a -2/+2 DRM advantage to defenders for fire and melee. Woods provide a -1/+1 DRM advantage to defenders for Fire and Melee. Slopes provide a +1 DRM advantage to Melee only. The rivers can be forded, except by artillery which can only cross at bridges.

Playing Time: The game begins at the 9:00 am and ends with the 3:00 pm turn, a total of 13 turns.

Deployment: Units set up per the accompanying map, the Allies deploy first. Brigades are deployed in Lines, Supported Lines or Brigade Masse while artillery sets up limbered or unlimbered, but must deploy as depicted or no more than 12 inches away from a leader stand

within their chain of command. Leaders deploy within 12 inches of any unit from their command.

Initiative & Leaders: Roll for initiative at the beginning of each turn. Wellington, if unattached has a +2 DRM. Massena, if unattached has a +1 DRM. Montbrun, Cotton, Crauford, and Picton are charismatic leaders.

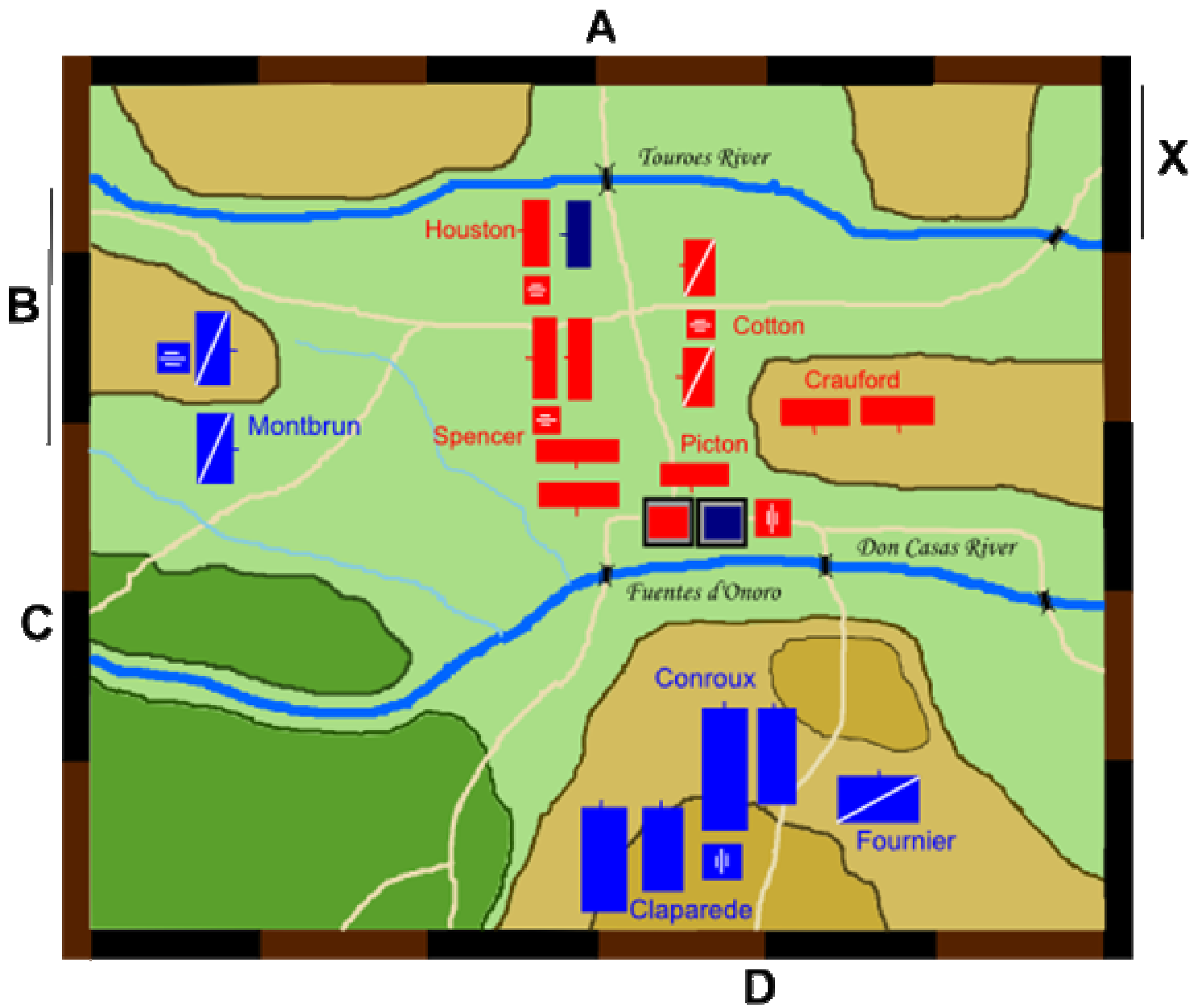
Troop Quality: The French are Columnar Infantry, all units are skirmish capable. The English and Portuguese are two rank Impulse Infantry, all units are skirmish capable.

Reinforcements: As listed on each army's OoB. All units enter either deployed or in Road/March Column, as listed on OOB, at the Point Location on the map. If there is not enough physical space for all units scheduled to arrive to enter the table, they are considered "backed up" off table and may automatically enter next turn. Use the Reinforcement Table on page 16 of AOE to vary arrival times, for a more intense optional game.

Special Rules: The Facing to Flank and Urban Combat rules are in effect from the *Age of Eagles (AoE) Supplement* (found online). Each building model will support six infantry or artillery stands.

Special Rules Marshal Bessieres MIA: Bessieres had come south to support Massena but couldn't be found on the field during the battle. He was inspecting ditches were the French had passed a few days earlier (shrug). Unless he arrives, Lepic's Guard cavalry cannot move after Turn 1. They can countercharge and make breakthrough moves if they are attacked. Starting on Turn 2, and each turn afterwards, the French player rolls a 1d10 on a "10" Bessieres enters the game and can order the Lepic normally. Massena can give orders to the non-Guard brigades of Bessieres command.

Victory Conditions: Determine victory using the Casualty Point Chart on page 17 of AoE. The French player earns 3 VPs for every non-spent good order brigades that exits the map at location "X". (These troops could perhaps lift the siege of Almeida.



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French Army

<u>Army of Portugal</u>
Massena
+1
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Cavrois – 3rd, 6th, 15th Dragons

<u>Massena</u>	<u>Montbrun</u>	<u>Montbrun</u>	<u>Montbrun</u>
Montbrun	Cavrois	Ornano	R
Res Cav	E 4/3/2 HC	E 4/3/2 HC	Horse Art
XX			

Ornano – 6th, 11th, 25th Dragons

<u>Massen</u>	<u>d'Elron</u>
d'Elron	Fournier
IX Corp	R 4/3/2 LC
XXX	

Claparede 1st – 1 Bn each from 21st, 28th Legere, 40th, 54th, 63rd Ligne
Conroux 1st – 1 Bn each from 9th, 16th, 27th Legere, 8th, 24th Ligne

<u>d'Elron</u>	<u>Claparede</u>	<u>Claparede</u>
Claparede	1 st Bde	2 nd Bde
1 st Div	R 8/6/4 Sk	R 6/5/3 Sk
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Claparede 2nd – 1 Bn each from 64th, 88th, 100th, 103rd Ligne
Conroux 2nd – 1 Bn each from 45th, 94th, 95th, 96th Ligne

<u>d'Elron</u>	<u>Conroux</u>	<u>Conroux</u>	<u>Conroux</u>
Conroux	1 st Bde	2 nd Bde	R
2 nd Div	E 9/6/4 Sk	R 7/5/4 Sk	Foot Art
XX			

Fournier – 7th, 13th, 20th Chasseur

Turn 1 arrive deployed at area B

<u>Massena</u>
Junot
VIII Corp
XXX

Solignac 1st – 15th, 88th Ligne

Lepic – 1 Sqd each from Guard Chasseurs a' Cheval, Grenadiers a' Cheval, Mamelukes, Polish Lancers

<u>Junot</u>	<u>Solignac</u>	<u>Solignac</u>
Solignac	1 st Bde	2 nd Bde
2 nd Div	R 8/6/4 Sk	R 6/5/3 Sk
XX		

Solignac 2nd Bde – 66th Ligne, Regiment Irlandais

Turn 1 arrive in road column at point D

<u>Bessieres</u>	<u>Bessieres</u>	<u>Bessieres</u>
Lepic	Wathier	R
OG 5/-/2 LC	R 4/3/2 LC	Horse Art

Wathier – 5th Hussars, 11th, 12th, 24th Chasseurs

Turn 3 arrive in road column at point C

<u>Massena</u>
Loison
VI Corp
XXX

Lamotte – 3rd Hussars, 15th Chasseurs

<u>Loison</u>	<u>Loison</u>
Lamotte	R
R 2/-/ LC	Foot Art

Maucune – 6th Legere, 69th Ligne

<u>Loison</u>	<u>Marchand</u>	<u>Marchand</u>
Marchand	Maucune	Chemineau
1 st Div	R 7/5/4 Sk	R 7/5/4 Sk
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Chemineau – 39th, 76th Ligne

<u>Loison</u>	<u>Mermet</u>	<u>Mermet</u>
Mermet	Menard	Taupin
1 st Div	R 10/8/5 Sk	R 9/7/5 Sk
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Menard – 25th Legere, 27th Ligne

Taupin – 50th, 59th Ligne

<u>Loison</u>	<u>Ferey</u>	<u>Ferey</u>
Ferey	1 st Bde	2 nd Bde
3 rd Div	E 9/6/4 Sk	R 7/5/4 Sk
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Ferey 1st – 26th Ligne, Legion du Midi, Legion Hanoverinne

Ferey 2nd – 66th, 82nd Ligne

French	88
Infantry	23
Cavalry	4
Total	32,640

<u>Army of the North</u>
Bessieres

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Anglo-Portuguese Army

<u>Allied Army</u> Wellington +2
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<u>Wellington</u> Cotton (C) Cav Div	<u>Cotton</u> Salde E 4/3/2 HC	<u>Cotton</u> von Arentschild E 5/3/2 HC	<u>Cotton</u> E Horse Art
XX			

<u>Wellington</u> Crauford (C) Light Div	<u>Crauford</u> Beckworth E 5/3/2 Sk	<u>Crauford</u> Drummond E 6/4/2 Sk
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Salde – 1st Dragoons, 14th Light Dragoons

Beckworth – 1/43rd Light, 1/95th, 2/95th Rifles, 3rd Cacadores

von Arentschild – 16th Light Dragoons, 1st KGL Hussars

Drummond – 1/52nd, 2/52nd Light, 1/95th Rifles, 1st Cacadores

<u>Wellington</u> Spencer 1 st Div	<u>Spencer</u> Stopford E 5/3/2 Sk	<u>Spencer</u> Nightingall E 5/3/2 Sk	<u>Spencer</u> Howard R 6/5/3 Sk	<u>Spencer</u> von Lowe E 5/3/2 Sk	<u>Spencer</u> E Foot Art
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Stopford – 1/Coldstream Guards, 1/Scots Guards

Howard – 1/50th, 1/71st, 1/92nd Foot

Nightingall – 2/24th, 2/42nd, 1/79th Foot

von Lowe – 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th KGL Bns

<u>Wellington</u> Picton (C) 3 rd Div	<u>Picton</u> Mackinnon E 5/3/2 Sk	<u>Picton</u> Colville E 6/4/2 Sk	<u>Picton</u> E Foot Art	<u>Picton</u> Power R 4/3/2 Sk
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Mackinnon – 1/45th, 74th, 1/88th Foot

Sontag – 2/51st, 85th Foot, Chasseurs-Britanniques, Brunswick-Oels

Colville – 2/5th, 2/83rd, 2/88th, 94th Foot

Power – 9th, 21st Portuguese

Doyle – 7th, 19th Portuguese, 2nd Cacadores

<u>Wellington</u> Houston 7 th Div	<u>Houston</u> Sontag R 7/5/4 Sk	<u>Houston</u> E Foot Art	<u>Houston</u> Doyle R 6/5/3 Sk
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Turn 2 arrives in road column at point A

<u>Wellington</u> Don Julian C 3/-/2 Ir

Allies	
Infantry	60
Cavalry	11
Artillery	4
Total	21,760