

GAME SETUP

Borodino 1812

SEPTEMBER 5th (Schevardino Redoubt)

The French had arrived that morning and Napoleon, after surveying the situation, decided he needed to immediately occupy the heights south of the Kolocha River near the town of Schevardino, which had been hurriedly converted into a redoubt to delay the French and allow the two Russian armies time to prepare defensive positions further west and of Schevardino and south of Borodino.

The French side goes first in this scenario. There are 8 turns, starting at 2 PM. The French win the scenario if they have possession of the Redoubt at the end of the eighth turn.

In hex 0209 place a stack of French Second Corps Cavalry (2C): 2 Lt CAV A and B, LT CAV A and B, 2 and 4 HVY CAV, and 2C ART. Hex 0109 has a stack of French I Corps infantry: 1 INF Morand and 2 INF Friant with I B and C ART. French units in stack 0209 are activated at the start of turn 2; French units in stack 0109 on turn 4. These over-stacked stacks follow normal stacking rules once they begin movement.

French 5th INF Compans and I A ART are in hex 0610, having just crossed the Kolocha at Valueva. The entire French First (1C) Cavalry Corps is just north of the river about to cross and can be placed in and adjacent to Valueva, obeying stacking limits.

The Schevardino town and Redoubt hexes are both occupied by Russian garrison units. 12 INF and 26 INF of the Russian VII corps are posted west of the Schevardino Redoubt with their corps artillery in the Redoubt. VIII corps 27 INF is positioned east of the Redoubt at 1013 with its VIII corps artillery in the town. IV cavalry corps units IV CAV A and IV CAV B with IV C ART are located just north and east of the Redoubt. Second Army Reserve (R 2A) cuirassiers 2 CUIR H and R 2A A ART and B ART are positioned just to the south. Cossacks PL A, B and C and Cossacks KR A and B are positioned west of Utitsa. They block the Polish V Corps (16 INF, 18 INF, LT CAV, V ART) coming up the Utitsa road from the west. VIII corps 2 GREN in 1213 becomes active at the start of turn 4 and VIII corps 2 CMB GR in 1412 at the start of turn 6.

SEPTEMBER 7th (Borodino)

The table below gives the historical deployment of Russian and French forces on the morning of September 7th on which most sources generally agree. Some guesswork of the location of units at Borodino must be a part of any research into the battle and that is the case here. Players may adjust these positions to agree more with their favorite sources or to play a particular scenario. For example, the Russian player may recall reading about Marshal Davout's suggestion to Napoleon to outflank the weak Russian left (a suggestion which the Emperor ignored) and want to reinforce that area of his line between the Fleches and Utitsa. The September 7th scenario has 16 turns and starts at 6 AM. (Use a Russian Square Marker in lieu of a missing Garrison chit.)

FRENCH SETUP

IV Corps

CAV 1102, IT GD CAV (Triaire) 1103, A ART 1104, B ART 1006, 13 INF 1105, LT CAV 1205, IT GD (Lecchi) 0806, 14 INF 0907

I Corps (Part)

3 INF 0907, 1 INF, A ART 1007

3C Corps

3 LT CAV A, 3LT CAV B, 3C ART 0808, 6 HVY CAV H 0708

VIII Corps

24 INF Wtph 0709, 23 INF Wtph 0710, LT CAV Wtph 0810, ART Wtph 0811

III Corps

10 INF 0910, 11 INF 0911, A ART 1010, B ART 1011

Imperial Guard Corps

Vistula 0612, CAV 0512, HVY CAV H 0513, 3 OG CH 0613, 2 YG 0712, 3 OG GR 0713, A ART 0812, B ART 0813

I Corps (Part)

5 INF 0912, 2 INF 0913, B ART 1013, C ART 1014, 4 INF 0814

2C Corps

LT CAV A, LT CAV B 0514, 2 HVY CAV H, 4 HVY CAV H 0515, 2 LT CAV A, 2 LT CAV B, ART 0615

1C Corps

1 LT CAV A 0714, 1 LT CAV B, LT CAV, ART 0715, 1 HVY CAV H, 5 HVY CAV H 0716

4C Corps

4 LT CAV Pol, 7 HVY CAV H Sax, ART 0616

V Corps

16 INF Pol 0918, 18 INF Pol 0819, LT CAV Pol 0818, ART Pol 0917

RUSSIAN SETUP

Borodino

Garrison 1207, Garrison 1306

VI Corps

7 INF, A ART 1507, 24 INF 1607, B ART 1408

Grand Redoubt

Garrison, VII ART 1409

VII Corps

12 INF 1509, 26 INF 1510

Semenovskaya

Garrison, IV ART 1511, A R1A ART 1710, B R1A ART 1711

The Fleches

Garrison, VIII ART 1413, Garrison, R2A A ART 1414

VIII Corps

2 CMB GR 1512, 2 GREN 1415, 27 INF 1416

III Corps

3 INF 1217, 1 GREN, ART 1218

KR Cossacks

A COS 1418, B COS 1419

Moscow Militia

1 MIL 1716, 2 MIL 1717

Second Army Reserve (R2A)

2 CUIRH, B ART 1614

IV C Corps

CAV A 1611, CAV B 1612

II C Corps

CAV A 1708, CAV B. ART 1609

III C Corps

CAV A, ART 1608, CAV B 1707

Guard (V) Corps

GD 1, ART 1809, GD 2 1908, 1 CMB GR 1909, 1 CUIRH 2009

IV Corps

23 INF, ART 1705, 11 INF 1805

II Corps

17 INF 2003, 4 INF, B ART 2004, A ART 1904

I C Corps

CAV A, ART 2303, CAV B 2304

PL Cossacks

A COS 1900, B COS 1901, C COS 2001, D COS 2100, E COS 2101, ART 2002