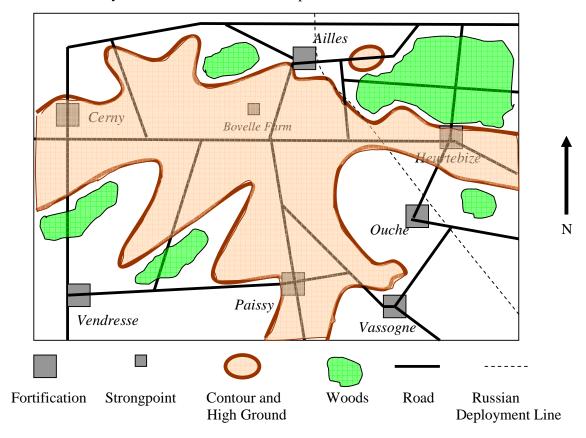
## THE BATTLE OF CRAONE - MARCH 1814

On a cold and wet spring day a strong and well placed Russian rear guard of Bluchers Allied Army was attacked by the advanced Guard formations of Napoleons Army. In this battle Napoleon and his Guard attack from the east, through difficult terrain and must take Cerny by the end of the day to win, the Russians must stop them.



The battle is fought on a 3' x 2' table, all ground below the High Ground including the Contour is classed as 'Marsh' (except on the road or in a Fortification) The High Ground is a flat plateau and the Contour is 100paces deep.

#### FRENCH GUARD ARMY:

CinC Napoleon (+2 CAP)

Sub Commander Mortier

- 2 x Ms(OG) (Old and Middle Guard)
- 2 x Ms/LI(E) (Veteran Young Guard and Flankers & Velites)
- 6 x Ms/LI (Young Guard)
- 2 x HC(E) (Guard)
- 2 x LC(E) (Guard)
- 3 x LC (*Grouchy's* Line Cavalry Corps)
- 1 x FA(E) (Guard)
- 1 x HA(E) (Guard)

## **RUSSIAN ARMY:**

CinC Sacken

Sub Commander Vorontzov

- 6 x Ms
- 3 x LI
- 3 x LC
- 3 x IC (Cossacks)
- 2 x FA
- 1 x HA

### **DEPLOYMENT**

The Russians deploy first, deploying their whole army up to and to the west of the Deployment Line.

The French deploy anywhere to the east of the Russian Deployment Line: 1 x *Napoleon*, 1 x Ms/LI (E) (Vet Young Guard), 3 x Ms/LI and 2 x LC(E) no closer than 400paces from any Russian unit.

Russians move first, the battle lasts 14 turns.

### FRENCH ARRIVALS

French arrivals appear at any point on the eastern tables edge in the following sequence:

**Turn 3:** 1 x *Mortier*, 1 x Ms(OG) (Old Guard), 1 x HC(E), 1 x FA(E), 1 x LC.

**Turn 6:** 2 x Ms/LI, 1 x HC(E), 1 x HA(E), 1 x LC.

Turn 9: 1 x Ms(OG) (Middle Guard), 1 x Ms/LI(E) (Flankers & Velites), 1 x Ms/LI, 1 x LC

# **VICTORY CONDITIONS**

The French win if they destroy 8 Russian units or capture Cerney. The Russians win if they hold Cerney, kill Napoleon or destroy 8 French units. The French Ms(OG) (Old Guard) counts as 4 casualties the Ms(OG) (Middle Guard) count as 2 casualties.