

Peninsula July 1808, Old Castilla GM Briefing

The scenario is designed to take thirteen days with the intent of generating one or more general engagements and the occupation of the enemy base of operation. Logistics should not impact the operations and are considered a minor component of the campaign. Both French and Spanish players are required to concentrate geographically separated forces, resulting in considerable maneuver prior to the potential general engagement of the respective opposing forces. The campaign will end with the occupation by enemy forces of either Valladolid or Benavente.

Historically, Bessieres was tasked with the protection of the main line of communication and supply from France, through northern Spain, to Madrid. His forces were a mixture of conscripts, veterans and Imperial Guard. Consequently, in order to maintain the necessary protection of the lines of communication, Bessieres may only commit a portion of his forces to any offensive action. The Spanish forces consist of elements of two separate armies, the Army of Old Castilla, under Cuesta, and the Army of Galicia, under Blake. These forces were a mixture of line and militia, conscripts and trained. Based upon his seniority, Cuesta assumed command of both armies and was committed to taking the fight to the French.

The following Campaign defaults should be confirmed by the GM:

First Army Name:	Corps d'Observation	
Second Army Name:	Ejercito de Castilla y Galicia	
Campaign Name:	Peninsula, July 1808	
Season:	Summer	
Weather:	Clear	
Population Density:	Poor	
Partisan Activity:	Corps d'Observation:	High
Foraging Efficiency:	Corps d'Observation:	Good
	Ejercitos de Castilla y Galicia:	Poor
Initial Base Supply Allocation:	Corps d'Observation:	Pamplona – Fourteen-Day Sebastian – Seven-Day
	Ejercitos de Castilla y Galicia:	Castilla – Seven-Day Galicia – Seven-Day

The GM shall provide both the French and Allied players the following:

PDF Manual Chapters: 5 Operational Tasks
6 Administrative Tasks
7 Logistical Tasks
8 Summaries (Essential)

Note: Manual Chapters 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4 have more relevance for the GM

PDF Maps: Map Legend; Zamorra, Valladolid, Leon and Sahagun
Excel ID Tags: Peninsula1808 – IDTags
Excel Playing Aid: French – MarchOrderTemplate
Spanish - MarchOrderTemplate

The GM shall provide the French player the following:

Campaign Briefing: Peninsula1808 – FrenchBriefing
Intelligence Report: Corps d'Observation Intelligence

The GM shall provide the Allied player the following:

Campaign Briefing: Peninsula1808 – SpanishBriefing
Intelligence Report: Ejercito Castilla y Galicia Intelligence