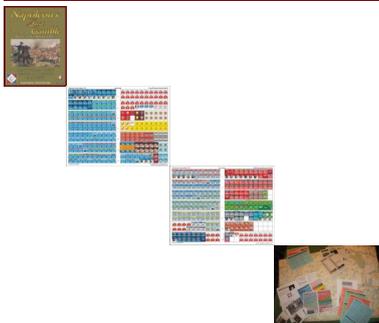
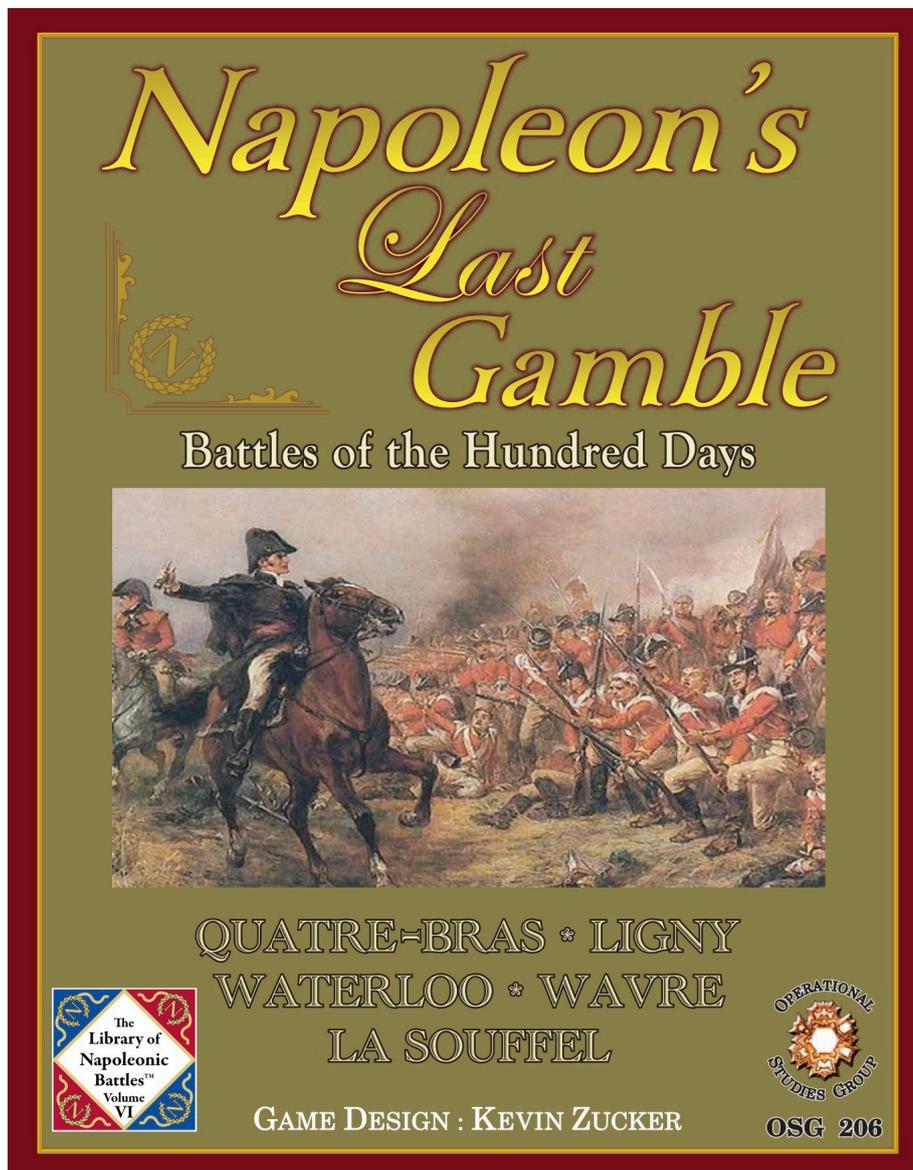


Napoleon's Last Gamble



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Napoleonic : Napoleon's Last Gamble

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Description

The strains of reveille resounded in bivouacs across the northern tier of France. With the clatter and rattle of arms and equipment, the men began to fall-in to their places in their march columns, moving out toward the Belgian frontier. Pajol's cavalry screen advanced through the darkness to scour the countryside, and crossed onto Belgian soil about 03:30 on June 15th.

Napoleon's Last Gamble contains five battles from the Waterloo Campaign, which Napoleon began by seizing the central position between the Prussian and British Armies. On June 15th the Grande Armee was unleashed across the Sambre River. Allied screening forces sent out the warning to headquarters. The Allies executed a forward concentration behind the cover of their screens. As the 16th dawned, troops of both sides still converged on the battlefields.

BATTLES SIMULATED

Quatre-Bras Ney at the Crossroads, 16 June

The French attacked on two fronts simultaneously. The tenacious defense of Quatre Bras by the Anglo-Allied troops saved the Prussians from receiving the full weight of the Armee du Nord.

Ligny, The Last Victory, 16 June

Finally unleashed, the Guard pushed the Prussians back from the Ligny brook. Blucher himself was wounded and separated from headquarters. But Napoleon's hoped-for knock-out blow remained undelivered.

Wavre, Grouchy's Blunder, 18 June

Napoleon separated the two wings of his army, ordering Marshal Grouchy on the track of the Prussians while he pursued Wellington. Grouchy's prescribed route was wide of the mark, and took him to the outer flank, allowing the Prussians to interpose themselves between the two French wings. Blucher achieved a strategic reversal of the opening.

Waterloo, A Near Run Thing, 18 June

While Grouchy frittered away time engaging the Prussian rear-guard at Wavre, Ney conducted the mid-phase of the battle like a rear-guard action in the Peninsular Campaign, failing to provide infantry support for his spectacular cavalry charges. Wellington fought a successful defensive battle, managing to cling to his ridge until the arrival of three Prussian corps. The broken French army retreated toward Charleroi; Grouchy's intact wing moved south-east toward Namur.

La Souffel, Rapp's Last Stand, 28 June

Three days after Waterloo, Rapp woke up and began a slow withdrawal from the Rhine, pursued by the vanguard of Schwarzenberg's Army. On June 26 the heavily-outnumbered Rapp skirmished with the Austrian III Corps. Two days later he made a stand along the Souffel River, and the Austrians attacked.

DESCRIPTION

Napoleon's Last Battles System, in the Library of Napoleonic Battles Series: 480 meters per hex, 1 hour per turn, 400-800 men per strength point. Each Approach to Battle game lasts about 20 turns. The Full campaign links the individual battles.

COMPONENTS

Two 22" x 34" maps
One 17" x 22" map
560 counters
100 cards
2 rulebooks
15 player aid cards
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