

# "Albuera 1811: Beresford vs. Soult" - Illustrated After Action Report No. 2

Initial setup.



Overall view of the battlefield.



British defenders of the village.



French main striking force.



Center of the Coalition army.



Relatively quiet left wing of Coalition army.



Godinot's brigade is ready to attack the Albuera village.



First to fight - Spanish divisions on the right wing.

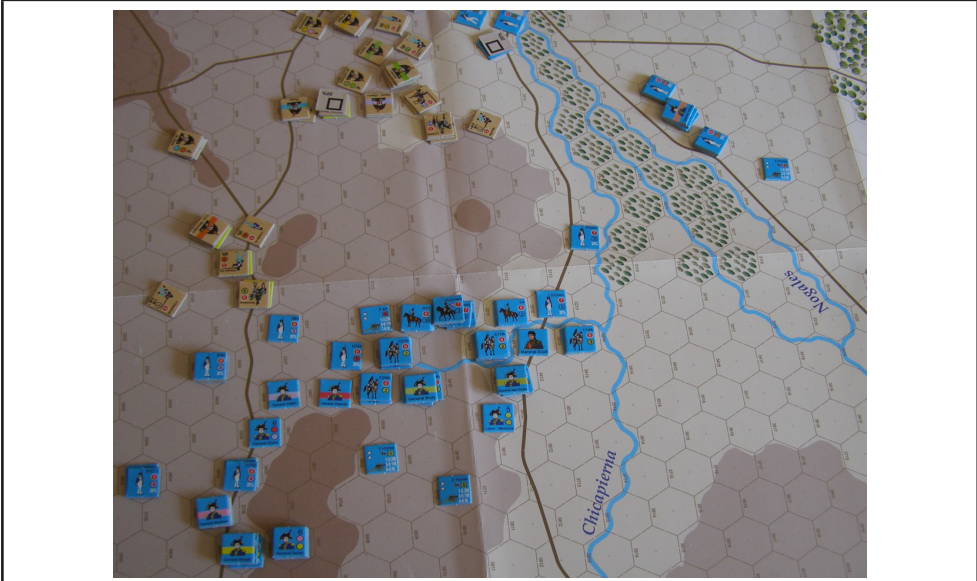
**Situation after Game Turn 3.**



During Game Turn 2 each army lost one artillery battery.



2 art. (under counter of General Godinot) was also in danger because it was not accompanied by other unit.



Both armies deployed to bold offensive actions rather than to successful defense.

**Situation after Game Turn 4.**



French troops regained lost artillery batteries. Lancers clear attack path for French infantry, but at high cost.



British infantry formed second line behind shattered Spaniards.



Albuera village is firmly held by British infantry with strong support of majority of Spanish forces.



General Werle was moving fast to support Godinot's depleted brigade.

**Situation after Game Turn 5.**



French cavalry commanded by General Bron captured batteries of Miranda and Cleves and routed British Colborne's infantry brigade. Bold counterattack by British cavalry retook Cleves battery and inflicted heavy casualties to French cavalry.



French center was ready for next push.



Troops of General Godinot suffered heavy from artillery fire by Sympner battery located in Albuera village. 3 Horse artillery was captured by Spanish soldiers.



British center. Allied player had 4 Victory Points.

**Situation after Game Turn 6.**



Bold charge of French cavalry caused many routs of Spanish infantry and British cavalry. French limbered artillery were trying to catch up with advancing line.



Captured Spanish Miranda battery is secured by French 100 line regiment. 1/26th was the only surviving squadron of Bron's cavalry brigade.



Decimated by artillery fire (performed by Sympher battery) Godinot's soldiers were supported by fresh troops from Werle's brigade. A shown square was formed by three Spanish battalions. The square was omitted by French cavalry commanded by brave General des Eclates. 3 Horse battery was now in French hands.



Coalition battle line was formed by commanders. Their troops were routed, mostly by reaction on French cavalry movement. French player had 5 Victory Points.

**Situation after Game Turn 7.**



Both sides suffered heavy losses due to bad luck when checking morale as a result of enemy movement.



General Werle supported remnants of Godinot's brigade. Fresh battalions were quickly under heavy artillery fire from Sympher's battery.



Key action was performed by General Briche and his cavalry. Thanks to two activations (the second via Marshal Sault), French cavalry reached Braun battery and captured it. Portuguese infantry led by General Harvey was too late. French player won the game scoring 12 Victory Points.