

## Gévora, February 19, 1811

The Battle of the Gévora (Gebora, Gevora) was a minor battle of the Peninsular War between Spanish and French armies. It occurred on 19 February 1811, near Badajoz, Spain, where an outnumbered French force routed and nearly destroyed the Spanish Army of Extremadura.

Soult led part of l'Armée du Midi from Andalucía into Extremadura and laid siege to the fortress town of Badajoz. It was a Soult's diversionary operation to help extricate Massena's army from his impasse in front of the Lines of Torres Vedras. A Spanish Army (with a small contingent of Portuguese cavalry) under La Romana was sent to raise the siege, but La Romana died unexpectedly and the command of this force was entrusted to Mendizábal, that arrived to Badajoz and ignored the Wellington's advice and failed to entrench his army.

Soult sent a small force (7,000 men and 12 guns) that attacked and routed the larger Mendizábal force (12,000 men and 17 guns) inflicting 1,000 casualties and taking 4,000 prisoners for a loss of only 400 men. The victory allowed Soult to concentrate on his assault of Badajoz, which fell to the French on 11 March and remained in French hands until the following year.

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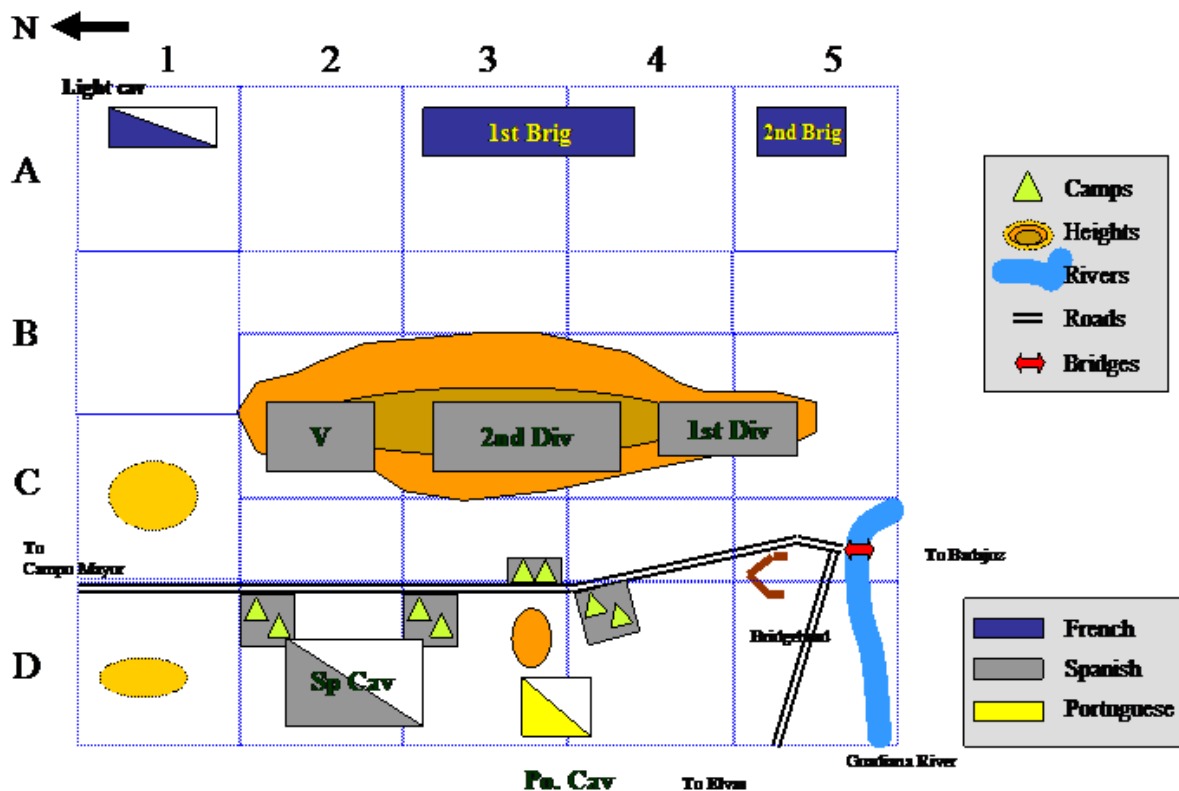
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The terrain is open and the river Guadiana is impassable. The bridgehead is a fortification. The tent camps are rough terrain with no cover.

**French Army** Moral 37; Break point 12  
9 Battalions/7 Regiments/2 Batteries

**C-i-C** Mortier (+1/-)

**Infantry** Girard (+1/¶)

**1st Brigade** Philippon (+1/\*)

1/34th Line Reg R/E/SK2  
2/34th Line Reg R/A/SK1  
3/34th Line Reg R/A/SK1  
1/88th Line Reg R/E/SK2  
2/88th Line Reg R/A/SK1  
3/88th Line Reg R/A/SK1

**2nd Brigade** Gaud (+1/\*)

1/100th Line Reg R/E/SK2  
2/100th Line Reg R/A/SK1  
3/100th Line Reg R/A/SK1

**Artillery**

2/3rd Horse Artillery Horse/2 cannons/ Medium/ 1 How  
4/6th Horse Artillery Horse/2 cannons/ Medium/ 1 How

**Cavalry** Latour-Mauburg (-1/\*)

**Light Cavalry** Briche (+1/\*)

10th Hussar Reg R/E/Pu  
21st Chasseurs V/E/Pu  
27th Chasseurs V/E/Pu  
4th Spanish Juramentados U/I/Pu

**Reinforcements**

**Dragoons** Bouvier des Eclats (-/-)

4th Dragoon Reg R/E/Sh/Pu  
14th Dragoon Reg R/E/Sh/Pu  
26th Dragoon Reg R/E/Sh/Pu  
2nd Hussar Reg R/E/Pu

**Spanish Army** Moral 49; Break point 16

15 Battalions/8 Regiments/3 Batteries

**C-i-C** Mendizabal (-/¶)

**Vanguardia** de España (-/¶)

Union R/E/SK1  
Principe R/E/SK1  
Batallón del General U/A/SK1  
1/Tiradores de Castilla U/A/SK2  
2/Tiradores de Castilla U/A/SK2  
Cataluña U/A/SK2

**1ª División** García (-1/\*)

Rey R/E/SK1  
León R/E/SK1  
Barcelona U/A/SK1  
Sevilla U/A/SK1

**2ª Division Virues (-/¶)**

Princesa R/E/SK1  
 Hibernia R/E/SK1  
 Zamora U/A/SK1  
 Toledo S/A/SK1  
 Voluntarios de Navarra U/A/SK2

**Caballería Boutron (-1/-)**

Carabineros Reales S/A  
 Reina S/A  
 Algarve S/A  
 Húsares Extremadura U/I/Pu  
 Imperiales de Toledo U/I/Pu

**Portuguese Cavalry Madden (-/¶)**

3º Dragones S/A  
 5º Dragones S/A  
 8º Dragones S/A

**Artillería**

Bateria 1 Foot /3 cannons/Medium  
 Bateria 2 Foot /3 cannons/Medium  
 Bateria 3 Foot /3 cannons/Medium

**Notes**

All Spanish units are on the table. The duration of the game is 16 Turns. French are the first side. There are not geographical objectives.

***The morning fog***

The Spaniards were surprised when the morning fog lifted and the French were seen very near their front line, so the Home Field advantage is not used in this Scenario.

***Entrenchments and the Wellington's advice***

Mendizábal did not follow the Wellington's advice so the Spanish Army fought in open field without any entrenchment. Before the game, throw 1D10. On a 1 result, Mendizábal is allowed to entrench his army with 'hasty entrenchments' (p. 75 of the Rules book).

***Viva España!***

Spanish units add +1 to their Unpredictable rolls if the roll is taken while the unit is entrenched

***They'll be back***

If a game ends in a draw, it is considered a Spanish marginal victory.

***The wavering Allied cavalry***

Spanish/Portuguese cavalry units do not fought well at Gevora. All Allied cavalry units must to pass a compulsory Discipline test to move towards the enemy, using the 'Vigor of Superior' and 'Out of Command' modifiers as applicable, as well as an additional -1 modifier. When testing to Fall back from a combat, they get a +1 additional modifier in the required Discipline test (they are wishing to run away!)

***The tent camps***

Only infantry units can enter in a tent camp. They are always in march column formation, i.e. they can not deploy.

***The flanking Dragoons (Entry point of the reinforcements)***

The French reinforcements may enter at B1/C1/D1/D2 (5% / 45% / 45% / 5%)

### Terrain

Type	Movement	Cover
Hasty Earthworks	Obstacle	Soft
Wall or Entrenchments	Obstacle	Hard
Camps	Rough	No

#### Unpredictable units

Before the first combat, roll 1D6

Spanish entrenched units add +1 to the die throw

1-3	Shaky	For the rest of the game
4-5	Reliable	Re-roll next time
6	Valiant	For the rest of the game

#### Commanders

<i>Tactics</i>	* : Good	<i>Vigour;</i>	-1
	- : Average		0
	¶ : Poor		+1

### Key to Lasalle Unit Labels

**Infantry** Esprit/Discipline/Skirmish x/x/SKx [/Additional]

**Cavalry** Esprit/Discipline x/x[/Additional]

*Esprit*

**V** : Valiant  
**R** : Reliable  
**S** : Shaky

*Discipline* **E** : Experienced  
**A** : Amateur  
**I** : Irregular

*Additional*

**G** : Guard (for all)  
**Sh** : Shock (for cavalry only)  
**Pu** : Pursuit (for cavalry only)  
**Ln** : Lancers (for cavalry only)

**Artillery**  
*Weight*

**H** : Heavy  
**M** : Medium  
**L** : Light

## Unit Labels

C-i-C Mortier (+1/-)	Infantry Girard (+1/¶)	1st Brigade Philippon (+1/*)	2nd Brigade Gaud (+1/*)	Cavalry Latour-Mauburg (-1/*)	Dragoons Bouvier Eclats (-/-)
		1st Brigade	2nd Brigade	Cavalry	Dragoons
Light Cavalry Briche (+1/*)					
Light Cavalry					
1/34th Line R/E/SK2	2/34th Line R/A/SK1	3/34th Line R/A/SK1	1/88th Line R/E/SK2	2/88th Line R/A/SK1	3/88th Line R/A/SK1
1st Brigade	1st Brigade	1st Brigade	1st Brigade	1st Brigade	1st Brigade
1/100th Line R/E/SK2	2/100th Line R/A/SK1	3/100th Line R/A/SK1	2/3rd HA M	2/3rd HA M	2/3rd HA Hw
2nd Brigade	2nd Brigade	2nd Brigade			
4/6th HA M	4/6th HA M	4/6th HA Hw	4th Dragoon R/E/Sh/Pu	14th Dragoon R/E/Sh/Pu	26th Dragoon R/E/Sh/Pu
			Dragoons	Dragoons	Dragoons
2nd Hussar R/E/Pu	10th Hussar R/E/Pu	21st Chass V/E/Pu	27th Chass V/E/Pu	4th Sp Joram U/I/Pu	
Dragoons	Light Cavalry	Light Cavalry	Light Cavalry	Light Cavalry	

C-i-C Mendizábal (-/¶)	Vanguardia de España (-/¶)	1ª División García (-1/*)	2ª División Virues (-/¶)	Caballería Boutron (-1/-)	Portuguese Cav Madden (-/¶)
	Vanguardia	1ª División	2ª División	Caballería	Port Cavalry
Union R/E/SK1	Principe R/E/SK1	Bat. d General U/A/SK1	1/Tir. Castilla U/A/SK2	2/Tir. Castilla U/A/SK2	Cataluña U/A/SK2
Vanguardia	Vanguardia	Vanguardia	Vanguardia	Vanguardia	Vanguardia
Rey R/E/SK1	León R/E/SK1	Barcelona U/A/SK1	Sevilla U/A/SK1		
1ª División	1ª División	1ª División	1ª División		
Princesa R/E/SK1	Hibernia R/E/SK1	Zamora U/A/SK1	Toledo S/A/SK1	Vol d Navarra U/A/SK2	
2ª División	2ª División	2ª División	2ª División	2ª División	
Carabineros S/A	Reina S/A	Algarve S/A	Hús Extremad U/I/Pu	Imp de Toledo U/I/Pu	
Caballería	Caballería	Caballería	Caballería	Caballería	
3º Dragones S/A	5º Dragones S/A	8º Dragones S/A			
Portuguese	Portuguese	Portuguese			
Bateria 1 FA M	Bateria 1 FA M	Bateria 1 FA M	Bateria 2 FA M	Bateria 2 FA M	Bateria 2 FA M
Bateria 3 FA M	Bateria 3 FA M	Bateria 3 FA M			