**War of the Oranges – Alentejo – May/June 1801**

Historical Background

In 1800, [First Consul](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Consul) [Bonaparte](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon_I) and his ally, the Spanish prime-minister and Generalissimo [Manuel de Godoy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuel_de_Godoy), nicknamed "The Prince of Peace", [ultimately](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultimatum) demanded Portugal, the last British ally on the continent, to break her alliance with Britain. Portugal refused to cede, and, in April 1801, French troops arrived in the country. They were bolstered by Spanish troops under the command of Manuel de Godoy. Godoy had, under his command, the Spanish Army of Extremadura, with five divisions.

The Spanish attack to Portugal started on the early morning of the 20 May, and focused on the Portuguese border region that included the main [Garrison Town and Fortifications of Elvas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrison_Border_Town_of_Elvas_and_its_Fortifications) and the smaller fortified towns of [Campo Maior](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Campo_Maior%2C_Portugal), [Olivença](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olivenza) and [Juromenha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juromenha). The main force of the Spanish Army advanced to Elvas, while two divisions advanced to Campo Maior and another division advanced to Olivença and Juromenha. Without having their fortifications complete and defended only by a few hundred soldiers, most of the militias, Olivença and nearby Juromenha quickly surrendered to the Spanish forces. The Portuguese garrison of Campo Maior - under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Dias Azedo - resisted the assault for 17 days, forcing the Spanish to maintain two entire divisions in its siege. The main Spanish force - under the direct command of Godoy - tried to assault Elvas but was easily repelled by the strong Portuguese garrison commanded by General Francisco de Noronha. The Spanish troops then withdrew to a safe distance from the fortress, with Godoy not daring to attack it again until the end of the war. The war entered in a stalemate, with most of the Spanish forces hold in sieges of fortresses and the rest not being able to face the blockade made by the main core of the Portuguese Army, in order to advance further inside Portugal. Despite this, Godoy picked [oranges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orange_%28fruit%29) from the outside of Elvas and sent them to the Queen of Spain with the message that he would proceed to [Lisbon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lisbon). Thus, the conflict became known as the "War of the Oranges".

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*The stage is set. The battle lines are drawn and you are in command. Can you change history?*Battle Notes

Portuguese Army

Commander : Duque de Lafões

4 Command Cards

Optional 2 Tactic Cards

Spanish Army

Commander : Manuel de Godoy

5 Command Cards

Optional 4 Tactic Cards

Move first

Victory 7 banners

Special rules :

- Each turn, Spanish player can play a tactic card as "Short supply" against portuguese units **EXCEPT** those placed on the next places : **Elvas, Campo Maior & Arronches**.

- The Portuguese player gains one Victory banner for each Scout Card played. However, the last Victory banner (to end the game) can't be won this way.

- The Spanish player gains one Victory banner for every Portuguese city or fortress occupied by a Spanish unit. **(Temporary Victory Banner Turn Start**)

- To win a Victory banner, each player has to destroy **TWO** ennemy units instead of **ONE**.

- As long as no Portuguese city or fortress is **NOT** ocupied by a Spanish unit, the Portuguese player gains **TWO** Victory banners. **(Temporary Victory Banner Turn Start**)

- If **ONE** Portuguese city or fortress is ocupied by a Spanish unit, the Portuguese player gains **ONE** Victory banner. **(Temporary Victory Banner Turn Start**)

- Guadiana river is **fordable**.The ford does not stop movement but battle restrictions still aply.

-  The Spanish Guerrilla Action rule is not in effect.

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