Name: Louis

Died in:VILNA #1

Experience: Hi, my name is Louis. I was drafted in the grande armee on my way to Vilna I experienced drastic weather changes from dry and hot to freezing cold. My friend Claude’s horse died in freezing rain.

Cause of Death: I died because there were supplies were left for me in Vilna

Name: Claude

Died in:VILNA

Experience: Hi, I am Claude. I heard that any peasants still in their homes are subjected to random looting by the Grand Armee once we get to Vienna. Unfortunately, I don’t think I will make it there because my horse died in the freezing rain.

Cause of Death: I got left behind when my horse died and froze to death in the middle of the night.

Name: Jean

Died in: VITEBSK

Experience: I have been marching for 3 months now. The weather is getting colder and the supplies are becoming scarce.

Cause of Death: I died from dehydration

Name: Andre

Died in: VITEBSK

Experience: Diarrhea is getting very common, and the roadsides have became filled with human excrement. The horses are also getting saddle sores.

Cause of Death: I got diarrhea so bad and became very ill, to the point that I died.

Name: Florian

Died in: VITEBSK

Experience: I am exhausted from marching for 3 months, but I want some land

Cause of Death: I died from starvation because supplies were so low

Name: Jean Paul

Died in: Smolensk

Experience: Napoleon would have done better to avoid it this city. When we entered the city, the army saw the charred remains of men, women, children and animals

Cause of Death: I died after I got captured by a Russian. I didn’t even know where he came from, he wasn't even wearing a uniform.

Name: Pierre

Died in: Smolensk

Experience: Shells fired into the wooden houses of the city set it on fire.I don’t think that this city had no particular importance, but Napoleon said to come here so I did what he said.

Cause of Death: I died from a disease.

Name: Joseph

Died in:BORODINO

Experience: We are largely outnumbered by the Russians and they have superior arterillary

Cause of death: I was taken out by a connon

Name: Frank

Died in:BORODINO

Experience: I just witnessed the largest massacre in recorded history until WWI until...

Cause of death: I was shot by a musket

Name: Bruno

Died in:BORODINO

Experience: I was 1 of the casualties numbered around 70 000

Cause of death: Unknown… somewhere amongst the massacre

Name: Russian Man 1

Experience: We decided to not to defend the city, and retreated. We set fire to the buildings, ensuring the French would not have any provisions left for them.

Cause of death: Old age, because I didn’t decide to invade Russia like Napoleon

Name: Laurence

Died in: MOSCOW

Experience: Looting is out of control

Cause of death: Starvation

Name: Martin

Died in: MOSCOW

Experience: What little was left meant that us Frenchman couldn’t remain in Moscow for more than a few weeks

Cause of death: Froze to death in the horrible winder conditions after his horse froze to death and I could no longer eat it to stay alive.

Name: Russian Man 2

Experience: Us Russians destroyed the pontoon bridge that the French built to cross over. Good luck!

Name: Matthiew

Died in: STUDIANKA

Experience: We had to rebuild the bridge… It took us days to get about 50 000 troops and civilians across, we lost 25 000 people

Cause of Death: I had to walk barefoot, my skin and muscle were peeling away like layers, leaving the bone exposed. I don’t know if I get an infection or was bleeding to death.

Name: Maxime

Died in: STUDIANKA

Experience:Trestles on the rebuilt bridge continued to break, so travel was interrupted by necessary repairs. Many horses broke legs as they were caught between round logs. A late Russian attack created panic and masses of people, horses and vehicles converged on the bridges.

Cause of Death:I was one of the weaker ones, so I got trampled to death.

Name: Maurice

Died in: STUDIANKA

Experience: The dead horses served as meat, as did any cats found along the way. Before the horse was even dead, we would rush upon its fallen carcass and start cutting it up. Weaker people were trampled “one woman had collapsed, one of her arms hacked off and hung only by a vein, while the other held a baby which had wrapped its arms around its mother’s neck.”

Cause of Death:“a group of wounded men were found sitting and lying over the body of a comrade which they had roasted, and the flesh of which they had begun to eat”... I was that comrade

Name: Charles

Died in: VITEBSK

Experience: Men are covered in lice and other diseases…creating horrible itching. As starvation and disease took their toll the desertion rate soared. Most of the deserters were taken prisoner or promptly executed by Russian peasants.

Cause of Death: I was executed by a peasant.

Name: Hubert

Died in: Moscow

Experience: Today I learned the effects of frostbite. Most of us soldiers came from warmer climates and wouldn’t recognize the signs or react appropriately →rushing to fires to warm frozen parts makes it worse. The affected parts go black. In improvised footwear, often men would remove frozen cloth and leather from their feet, removing 3 or more toes at the same time, without feeling any pain. Once you lose toes you can’t walk.

Cause of Death: I lost all of my toes, was unable to walk and died.

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This loss is not my fault… it is all of the others. The weather is why I was defeated. I am going to head back to Paris ahead of the army, to keep his control over Europe. I was safe from lice and starvation as I always had a regular supply of food & wine, a place to sleep with a camp bed, razors, brushes and other toiletries.

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