



## Napoleon's 1812 Invasion of Russia

### Date

1935-1938

### Primary Maker

Charles Constantine Hoffbauer

### Medium

Watercolor collage

### Description

This composition might have been part of a large group of preparatory works and drafts depicting Napoleon's 1812 invasion of Russia. Hoffbauer drew thousands of sketches and created 120

tempera paintings of this subject that he then presented to Walt Disney with the proposal of doing a historical animated cartoon. He titled the collective series "Napoleon's Russian Campaign." Disney was impressed but did not think the content aligned with his current work. Disney is quoted as saying "Mr. Hoffbauer, I'll never be the artist you are, but...I deal in whimsy."

### Dimensions

Overall: 16.8 x 24.4 cm (6 5/8 x 9 5/8 in.) Frame: 41.4 x 46.4 cm (16 5/16 x 18 1/4 in.)