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Dave P. hosted a F&IW scenario today at Twin Suns. John C. and I played the British and Dave ran the French. We used the latest edition of Dave's Gauntlet Run rule set.

The scenario was a meeting engagement centered around a ford across a deep but fordable stream. My "platoon" consisted of a unit of 10 Provincials, and two units of 10 Rangers each led by a Provincial Lt. John had 10 Indians, 10 British Line and 5 Grenadiers led by our Captain.

Dave's French force was three Indian units of 10, 2 Marine units of 10 and a 5-man unit of Coureur du Bois. The Terrain was all light woods with the stream running down the middle of the board. The established ford was in the center.

The action started with some ineffective shooting but soon escalated as the forces got closer. The first real loses happened when our Grenadier unit lost four men. The surviving NCO was tough and passed his morale and survived the battle as a body guard for the Captain.

Next our Line unit shot away an Indian unit. But then a unit of French Marines crossed the ford. I shot them up pretty good, but they kept coming and charged my Provincials. They killed 4 and I killed 3 so I lost the melee. The Provincials morale broke and they ran. The Marines seeing my Rangers closing in for revenge withdrew to the Ford. I harried them and shot and killed another one triggering their morale. Even the French Captain could not stop them from running. His morale held, and he stayed to fight on.

Now our Line unit broke after heavy casualties and catastrophe our Captain ran back too.

It had been a bloody affair and while Dave called it a draw we all agreed the French got the better of the encounter. We started before 1 and were done by 3. Thanks Dave for another fun game!

Steve