

Assault on Fort Necessity, July 3, 1754

On April 28th, 2024, Dave Poulin, Jerimia Gryphon, Robert Chau, and Henry McHarney met to play a Gauntlet Run game based on the Battle of Fort Necessity, July 3, 1754. In this scenario marine Captain, Louis Coulon de Villiers, the brother of slain French Marine officer, ensign Joseph Coulon de Villiers led about 500 marines and militia plus 300 natives to attack the British. Dave played French militia and natives, Henry took the French marines and natives, while Jerimia played the Virginians, and Robert played the British.



Fort Necessity before the opening shots.



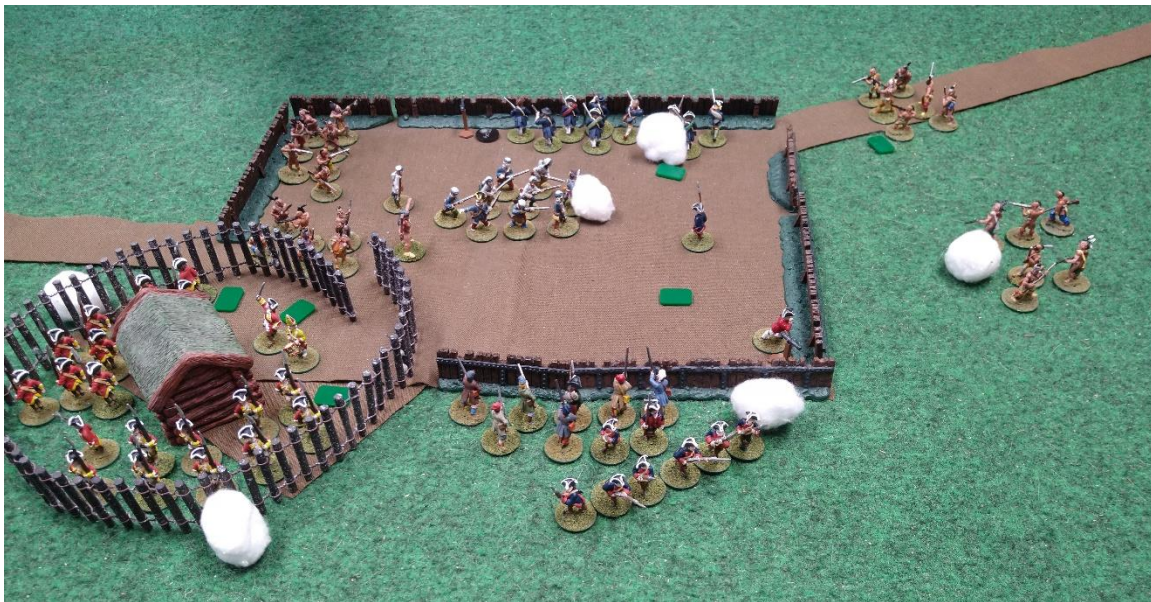
Turn 1: The French open fire on the fort as the British fire back. In a surprise move, one squad of French marines assaults the breastworks, killing the swivel gun crew and entering the fort. A native hunting party (squad) on the south side is driven back by Virginian fire.



Turn 2: The rain is moderate and the firing continues. The French marines continue their success by assaulting Washington and his ensign but are driven back over the parapet. The natives on the north side come out of their cover in support. One Canadian militia squad is in trouble. It falls back after taking heavy losses. The British regulars remain in their section of the compound and continue to fire at the attackers. The natives on the north move even closer.



Turn 3: The rain subsides for a while. The marines attack Washington and his drummer, who this time are both killed. Meanwhile the other marine squad destroys a Virginian squad. The natives on both north and south sides venture close. One hunting party (squad) makes an assault but must fall back.



Turn 4: The rain is moderate. The natives on the north enter the compound and prepare to assault the British in the stockade. One French militia squad is forced to leave the board. the other militia squad assaults the barricade and forces the defending Virginians to surrender.

Conclusion:

Having lost three out of six squads, the British must surrender. The French have only lost two out of eight squads. Washington was killed.

A decisive French victory and a quick game after only four game turns.