

Yorktown (Alternate History)

American War Of Independence

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The battle of Yorktown - 1 day before the siege. A 'What if' scenario based on the following assumptions: Cornwallis gets word of the approaching French fleet and feigns an early evacuation to Gloucester point which lures a larger portion of Rochambeau's French forces there to cut them off. Meanwhile Cornwallis decides to attempt a break out through the American army from Yorktown.

This is a wing-scale battle

Scenario Design Notes: (SI) denotes slow infantry. All militia and (SI) infantry move 12". All others move 16". British warships measure their range from any point on the e shore. The scuttled naval guns count as an artillery battalion but cannot move once deployed within the Yorktown works.

The exhaustion levels for the British have been boosted significantly to represent their motivation to escape capture. Some American units should probably be downgraded to Morale 4, but I'm not sure which without conducting more research. This scenario plays best with a 6'x12' table with the battle running the long length of the table with Yorktown on one end and the British escape point on the other.

In order to make this a more interesting tabletop game, I've chosen to only use a token French force, and I have augmented the British troops with a couple extra units. A more historical option might be to only use the British historical OB and remove the French entirely and additionally Wayne's American brigade instead.

British Army

Earl Cornwallis - Army Commander

Army Troops [470 pts]

No Exhaustion

17th Light Dragoons (M5,Light Cav,Linear,NE) [55 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/>
1st Royal Artillery (M5,Field Arty) [75 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scuttled naval guns (cannot move) (M4,Heavy Arty,PT) [85 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
HMS Charon (Range 36" from shore) (M3,Heavy Arty) [90 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
HMS Guadaloupe (Range 36" from shore) (M3,Heavy Arty) [90 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Royal Arty (M5,Field Arty) [75 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guards Brigade (O'Hara) [200 pts]

Exhaustion - 4

1st Bttn. Foot Guards (M6,Linear,Shock) [100 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Bttn. Foot Guards (M6,Linear,Shock) [100 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Light Infantry Brigade (Abercrombie) [300 pts]

Exhaustion - 6

1st Bttn. Lights (M6,Linear) [110 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Bttn. Lights (M6,Linear) [110 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
82nd Foot (M5,Linear) [80 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

First Brigade (Yorke) [260 pts]

Exhaustion - 7

17th Foot (M5,Linear) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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2nd Brigade (Dundas) [295 pts]

Exhaustion - 8

43rd Foot (M5,Linear) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
76th Foot 1st Bttn. (M5,Linear) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
76th Foot 2nd Bttn. (M5,Linear) [50 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
80th Foot 1st Bttn (M5,Linear) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
80th Foot 2nd Bttn (M5,Linear) [50 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Loyalists (Davis) [175 pts]

Exhaustion - 5

Queen's Rangers (M5,Linear,NE) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
British Legion Cav. (M5,Light Cav,Linear) [45 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21st Foot (M5,Linear) [65 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Anspach-Bayreuth Contingent

Col. August von Voigt - Commander [610 pts]

Anspach-Bayreuth Contingent (Seybothen) [610 pts]

Exhaustion - 9

1st Regt, 1st Bttn (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [85 pts]

1st Regt, 2nd Bttn (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [70 pts]

2nd Regt. 1st Bttn (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [85 pts]

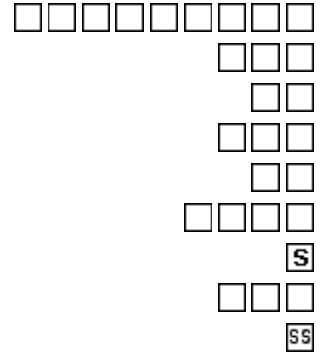
2nd Regt. 2nd Bttn (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [70 pts]

Erb Prinz Regt. (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [100 pts]

Erb Prinz. Light Co. (M5, Inf Skirmisher) [50 pts]

Von Bose Regt (SI) (M5,Linear,DG) [85 pts]

Jager Coy. (M6, Inf Skirmisher) [65 pts]



Army Total: [2310 pts]

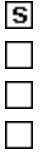
American Army

General Washington - Army Commander

Army Troops [265 pts]

No Exhaustion

- 4th Cont. Dragoons (M5,Light Cav,Linear) [55 pts]
- 1st Cont. Arty (M5,Light Arty) [70 pts]
- 2nd Cont. Arty (M5,Light Arty) [70 pts]
- 4th Cont. Arty (M5,Light Arty) [70 pts]



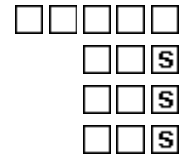
Light Division

Marquis de Lafayette - Commander [435 pts]

1st Brigade (Muhlenberg) [240 pts]

Exhaustion - 5

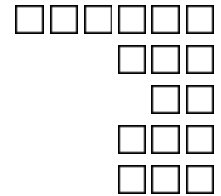
- Vose's Bttn. (M5,Linear) [80 pts]
- Gimat (M5,Linear) [80 pts]
- Barber (M5,Linear) [80 pts]



2nd Brigade (Hazen) [195 pts]

Exhaustion - 6

- Scammell (M5,Linear,PT) [50 pts]
- Scammell's Other Coys. (M5,Linear,PT) [40 pts]
- Hamilton's Bttn. (M5,Linear) [65 pts]
- Hanzen's Rgt. (M5,Linear,PT,NE) [40 pts]



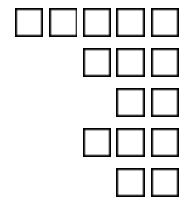
Second Division

Gen. Benjamin Loncoln - Commander [310 pts]

1st Brigade (Clinton) [180 pts]

Exhaustion - 5

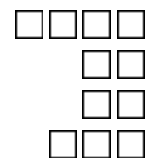
- 1st NY 1st Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]
- 1st NY 2nd Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [40 pts]
- 2nd NY 1st Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]
- 2nd NY 2nd Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [40 pts]



2nd Brigade (Dayton) [130 pts]

Exhaustion - 4

- 1st New Jersey (M5,Linear,NE) [40 pts]
- 2nd New Jersey (M5,Linear,NE) [40 pts]
- 1st Rhode Island (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]



Third Division

Baron von Stuben - Commander [290 pts]

1st Brigade (Wayne) [230 pts]

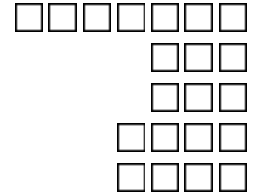
Exhaustion - 7

1st Penn Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]

2nd Penn Bttn (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]

3rd Virginia (M5,Linear,NE) [65 pts]

3rd Md (M5,Linear,NE) [65 pts]



Virginia Militia (Nelson) [60 pts]

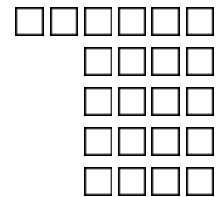
Exhaustion - 6

Lawson's Bgde 1st Bttn (M4,Linear,PT,PM,NE) [15 pts]

Lawson's Bgde 2nd Bttn (M4,Linear,PT,PM,NE) [15 pts]

Steven's Bgde 1st Bttn (M4,Linear,PT,PM,NE) [15 pts]

Steven's Bgde 2nd Bttn (M4,Linear,PT,PM,NE) [15 pts]



Army Total: [1300 pts]

French Aattachment

Gen. Comte de Rochambeau - Army Commander

Army Troops [60 pts]

No Exhaustion

Lauzun (M5,Medium Cav,Linear) [60 pts]



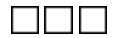
Brigade Bourbonnois (De Laval) [180 pts]

Exhaustion - 5

Royal Deux-Ponts Bttn 1 (M5,Linear) [65 pts]

Bourbonnis Regt 1st Bttn (M5,Linear) [65 pts]

French Marines (SI) (M5,Linear,NE) [50 pts]



Army Total: [240 pts]