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030 Prairie Grove, Arkansas - December 7, 1862
(Scenario: Richard Borg)

Historical Overview

The battle opened on the morning of December 7, with Union Gen. Herron crossing the Illinois River and deploying his troops on Hindman's right. Herron opened an intense two-hour artillery barrage on the Confederate position. Herron then ordered an advance on the hill rather than waiting for Blunt to arrive. When his men arrived at the Roger and Borden farms they found themselves under a fierce Confederate counterattack from Marmaduke and Brig. Gen. Francis A. Shoup.

The Confederates then counterattacked, but were first halted by Union canister, and then moved forward again. Just when it looked as if the Confederate attack would roll up Herron's troops, Blunt realized that Hindman had intercepted Herron first. Furious, Blunt ordered his troops to march to the sound of the guns and they met the Confederate attack and drove them back to the ridge.

As night came, neither side had won. Although the battle ended as a tactical draw, it was a strategic victory for the Union army because they remained in possession of the battlefield, and Hindman, with no reserves, was forced to retreat, which established Union control of northwest Arkansas.

The stage is set, the battle lines are drawn, and you are in command. The rest is history.

Staffing Notes

Union: Frances J. Herron
6 Command cards

Confederate: Thomas C. Hindman
6 Command cards
Move first

Victory Conditions:
7 VP

Special Rules:

The Illinois River may be crossed only at the bridge.

