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WORKSHEET

Chapter 9: War in Western Virginia Section 3: Lord Dunmore's War

The Battle of Point Pleasant

Directions: Read the following account of the Battle of Point Pleasant as recorded by Colonel William Fleming. Then, answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

Some men who had left Camp at about three miles distance, fell in with a large Party of Indians a little after day break. One of Capt. Russels men was shot down one escaped, & brought us the first intelligence which in a few minutes was confirmed by several Others being chased into Camp – Imagining this to be some scouting party, Colo. Lewis ordered a detachment from every Company. So as to make up One hundred & fifty men from each line, to go in quest of them Colo. Charles Lewis led the Augusta Detachment And had with him Cpts Dickinson, Harrison & Skidmore, & Colo. Fleming the Botetourt. And had with him Cpts. Shelby, Russel, Buford & Love. & the Augusta line marchd on the Right near the foot of the hills. The Botetourt along the Banks of the Ohio, at about 200 Yards distance: We Marched Briskly 3/4 of a mile or better from Camp, the Sun, then, near an hour high, when a few guns were fired on the Right, & succeeded by a heavy fire, which in an Instant extended to the left and the two lines were hotly engaged. Early in the ingagement Colo. Charles Lewis on the Right received a mortal wound, and was led out of the Field. He died in a few houres, much beloved, universally esteemed, & greatly lamented by the whole troops. Soon afterward Colo. Fleming on the left was daingerously wounded in the breast & Arm & Obleedged to quit the Field. The Fire continuing very warm & the Indians pushing our men, forced them to retreat 150 or 200 Yards, but being timely supported by reinforcements sent from Camp, they recovered the ground they had lost, & in turn drove the Enimy: Colo. Fields who came out with reinforcement was unhappily kild. The Action continued verry warm till near twelve o’Clock, when the Fire tho pritty constant was not so heavy. As the Enimy whenever they met with an advantageous piece of ground in their retreat, made a resolute stand, during which some of them were employed to remove their dead, dying & wounded, in the Afternoon they had gained such an advantageous post that it was thought imprudent to Attempt to dislodge them, & firing ceased on both sides about half an hour before Sunset, from this place the Enimy made a final retreat and crossed the Ohio with their wounded. Some of their dead were slightly covered in the Field of Battle, some were drag’d down, & thrown into the Ohio And others they had scalped themselves to prevent our people – whilst this passed in the Field, Colo. Lewis was fully imployed in Camp, in sending necessary reinforcements where wanted on the different quarters. The Troops were encamped on the Banks of the N[ew] River & Ohio, extending up both Rivers near half a Mile the Point betwixt the Rivers was full of large trees & very brushy, from the furthest extent of the tents on both Rivers he cleared a line across & with the brush & trees made a breastwork and lined it with the men that were left in camp.

1. What happened to Captain Russel's men?
2. How many men did Colonel Lewis plan to have with the detachment?
3. What happened about three-quarters of a mile from camp?
4. What happened to Colonel Fleming?
5. What happened to the enemy?