

BOOT HILL

APPENDIX A: GUNFIGHT AT THE OK CORRAL

The Gunfight at the OK Corral is probably the most famous of all American gunfights. In this fight Wyatt Earp, his brothers Virgil and Morgan, and "Doc" Holliday fought Ike and Billy Clanton and Frank and Tom McLaury, leaders of the "Cowboy" (rustler) faction in the Tombstone, Arizona, area. The chain of events which led to the battle are too long to recount here, but can be found in many books on the Old West. The gunfight did not take place at the OK Corral, but just down the street (see diagram). The Earp group was allegedly approaching the Cowboys to disarm them. The Earps were all armed with two six-guns each, Virgil and Morgan had the fast draw type, while Wyatt had his guns in specially tailored coat pockets. "Doc" Holliday carried both a fast draw pistol and a shotgun. Of the cowboys (who were obviously expecting a fight at this time) only Frank McLaury and Billy Clanton were wearing revolvers, two each (fast draw type). Ike Clanton, a loud-mouthed braggart, and Tom McLaury were unarmed. Billy and Frank were both holding horses, each of which had a rifle in a scabbard next to the saddle.

Set up your buildings, or paper outlines if you don't have any of the former handy in the positions indicated on the diagram. Place the figures in the positions shown and start the fight with the shooting. Continue until one side has been eliminated or has fled. The winner is the side that is left, although a historical comparison can be used to modify success.

The actual outcome of the battle found Billy Clanton and both McLaury's dead. Ike Clanton had fled at the beginning of the shooting. On the Earp's side, Virgil and Morgan were both seriously wounded, and "Doc" Holliday was slightly wounded. Wyatt was uninjured. This battle tends to be rather one-sided, so to balance it, try one (or a mixture) of the following variants:

- 1) Assume that the Cowboys were all armed with revolvers at the start.
- 2) Add Johnny Ringo and/or Billy Claibourne to the side of the Cowboys, leaving two men unarmed as in the original scenario. Billy Claibourne was actually present at the fight but was not involved in the feud between the two factions and took no part in the fight. Johnny Ringo, reputed to be one of the most dangerous men alive at the time, had been in town with the Cowboys, but was not present at the fight.

Notes: In all versions of this scenario, only Ike Clanton and Billy Claibourne are subject to the MINOR CHARACTER MORALE rule. Because "Doc" Holliday was so emaciated from tuberculosis and alcoholism anyone who fires at him is given a -10 on the To Hit Chart.

Character Ratings:

Character	Speed	Gun Accuracy	Bravery	Strength	Experience
Wyatt Earp	97	96	97	99	9
Virgil Earp	90	89	87	85	6
Morgan Earp	93	87	93	76	4
Doc Holliday	98	96	98	02	11
Billy Clanton	95	91	96	66	7
Ike Clanton	83	77	15	63	2
Tom McLaury	88	89	91	68	5
Frank McLaury	90	97	92	77	6
John Ringo	99*	97	92	77	11

