



# Pushing Through Caen



The battle for **Caen**, often referred to as “Pushing Through Caen,” was a key engagement during the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II, taking place between June and August 1944. The city of Caen was a strategic objective for the Allies due to its road networks and its importance to German defenses in the region.

Initially targeted to be captured on **D-Day (June 6, 1944)** by British and Canadian forces, heavy German resistance, including elite Panzer divisions, delayed the city’s capture. The fighting around Caen involved multiple operations, such as **Operation Perch**, **Epsom**, **Charnwood**, and **Goodwood**, which aimed to break through German defenses and secure the city.

General Howitzer’s summary:

Caen turned into a meat grinder—street-by-street brawls and bombing runs leveled the place, but the Allies hammered through and took the city by mid-July. That win locked down our eastern flank, shoved the Germans back, and opened the gates for the breakout at



Normandy. One more step on the road to crushing them for good.

**5 VP's**



**Card Balance:**

Allies - 6

Axis - 4

**Complexity:**

**3**

**Conditions:**

Countryside

**Codename:**

Operation Atlantic

Context:

Historical

**Location:**

France

**Date:**



June 18-21, 1944

**Theater:**

Western Front

**Campaign:**

Normandy Campaign

**Summary:**

**Objectives:**

5 VP's, plus Verrieres Ridge for the Allies

**Terrain:**

The battlefield is scattered with hills, towns, hedgerows, and forests.

**Troops:**

Allies - 10 Infantry, 3 Armor

Axis - 9 Infantry, 1 Armor, 1 Artillery



**Allied Strategy:**

1. Get your forces across the Orne River as quickly as possible. Behind the river, you are sitting ducks; across the river, you will have battlefield movement.



### Axis Strategy:

1. You need to get your armor and artillery into the fight as quickly as possible, while the Allies are still on the other side of the Orne River. Your artillery will need to be moved one hex row forward so that you can breach the river with your shells. Your armor needs to move forward to attack the enemy armor while it is still behind the river.

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Allies Won



Axis Won

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Classic DoW Battle Reports: Allies win 36% of the time

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