

Drive on Caen



The "Drive on Caen" was a series of battles during the Normandy Campaign in World War II, aimed at capturing the city of Caen in France. This was a key objective for British and Canadian forces following the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. The battle unfolded in multiple phases, including Operations Perch, Epsom, Charnwood, and Goodwood, as the Allies attempted to break through German defenses.

The city of Caen was heavily defended by the German 21st Panzer Division and SS Panzer units, leading to intense urban combat and bombardment. While the British and Canadian forces faced stiff resistance, they gradually secured portions of Caen by mid-July 1944. The battle played a crucial role in drawing German forces away from the U.S. sector, aiding the overall success of Operation Overlord.

5 VP's





Card Balance:

Allies - 5

Axis - 5

Complexity:

3

Conditions:

Countryside

Context:

Historical

Location:

France

Year:

1944

Theater:

Western Front

Campaign:



Battle of Normandy Campaign

Codename:

Operation Charnwood

Summary:

Objectives:

5 VP's, plus the objective medals

Battlefield:

Countryside with a few forests

Troops:

Allies - 8 Infantry, 4 Armor, Artillery

Axis - 7 Infantry, 2 Armor, 1 Artillery



Allied Strategy:

- 1. Big picture strategy for Allies is to make a relentless push towards the town of Caen, which has medal objectives, as you also attack the enemy.
- 2. Be aware that on your left flank, are Anti-tank equipped Infantry forces. And on your right flank, the enemy has an Artillery. This means, the center section may actually be your best way forward.





Axis Strategy:

- 1. Big picture strategy for the Axis is that this is primarily a defensive scenario for the Axis as they attempt to prevent the historical push of the Allies toward the city of Caen.
- 2. The Allies have you outnumbered with armor, but if you put your two Anti-Tank Infantry to good use, you may be able to even the score.



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