

Siege of Tournai (1340)

During the Hundred Years' War, after the naval battle at Sluys on 20 June 1340, in which Edward III of England dealt the French a heavy blow, he went on to besiege Tournai. This city in Flanders was loyal to Philip VI of France.

Edward and his forces reached Tournai on 23 July. Apart from the inhabitants, there was also a French garrison inside. The siege dragged on and Philip was drawing closer with an army, while Edward was running out of money. At the same time, Tournai was running out of food.

Edward's mother-in-law, Jeanne of Valois, then visited him in his tent on 22 September and begged for peace. She had already made the same plea in front of Philip, who was her brother. A truce (known as the Truce of Espléchin) could then be made without anyone losing face and Tournai was relieved.^[1]

The Siege of Tournai is notable for being an early example of the use of the cannon in European siege warfare^[2]

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Part of the Hundred Years' War	
Date	23 July – 25 September 1340
Location	Tournai, France
Result	50.36°N 3.23°E <p>French victory</p> Truce of Espléchin
Belligerents	
 Kingdom of England	 Kingdom of France
Commanders and leaders	
 Edward III	 Philip VI

Notes

- ↑ *Mortimer, Ian* (2008). *The Perfect King The Life of Edward III, Father of the English Nation*. Vintage. pp. 177–180.
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