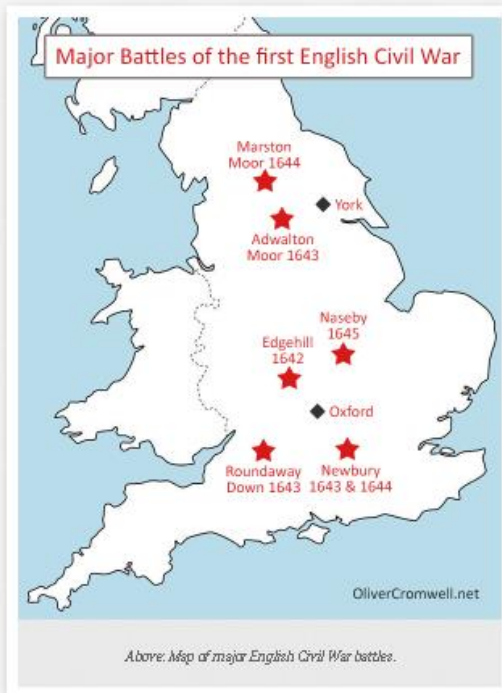


English Civil War Battles



Battle of Edgehill

23 October 1642



Above: Charles I (second-left, with blue sash), portrayed in 'The Eve of the Battle of Edge Hill, 1642' by Charles Landseer, 1845 (detail).

13,500 – the estimated size of the Royalist army.

12,500 – the estimated size of the Parliamentary army.

3,500 – the approximate number of Parliamentary soldiers who were still en route to the battlefield when battle commenced.

Did You Know?

Oliver Cromwell was not involved in the main battle. The troop he captained arrived late and were involved in later engagements against Royalist Horse.

1 hour – the length of the initial cannonade at the beginning of the battle, in which artillery fired canon at each other, with minimal impact.

2pm – the time this cannonade is commonly believed to have started.

3pm – the estimated time that the main battle commenced, the first pitched battle of the English Civil War.

3 days – the approximate length of this battle in its entirety.

Did You Know?

This battle is commonly considered to have been a draw or stalemate, although some commentators see it as a victory for the Royalists as the Parliamentarians failed to stop them getting to London.

Battle of Marston Moor

02 July 1644

22,000 – the estimated number of allied forces (Parliamentarians and Scots).

18,000 – the estimated number of Royalist forces.

3,000 – the estimated number of men under Cromwell's command (cavalry of the Eastern Association).

6pm – the approximate time the allied army attacked, as the Royalist commanders were eating supper.

3,000 – the approximate number of Royalist soldiers killed.

300 – the approximate number of allied soldiers killed.

Battle of Naseby

14 June 1645

40,000 – the total number of Royalist troops under the command of King Charles I in June 1645.

1/4 – the number of the King's troops at the battle of Naseby (around 9,000-10,000).

14,500-17,000 – the estimated number of New Model men commanded by Fairfax (Parliamentarians).

9,000-10,000 – the estimated number of men commanded by the King (Royalists).

11.00 am – the time battle commenced.

3 hours – the duration of the battle.

150 – the number of men lost to Fairfax.

1,000 – the number of men lost to the King.

4,000 – the number of Royalists taken prisoner.

2,000 – the number of horses captured.

8,000 – the number of arms captured.

40 – the number of barrels of gunpowder captured.

100 – the number of camp followers murdered by the Parliamentarians, with others marked as whores by the slitting of the nose or slashing of the face.

19 June 1645 – a day of thanksgiving is appointed by Parliament, with a sumptuous banquet thrown.

3,000 – the number of Royalist prisoners led through the streets of London (21 June 1645).

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Battle of Preston

18 August 1648

20,000 – the estimated number of Scots Royalists (under the command of the Duke of Hamilton).

8,500 – the estimated number of troops under Cromwell's command. Cromwell attacked the Scots from the rear.

7 days – the duration of the fighting.

140 miles – the distance covered by Cromwell's troops during the fighting, as they pursued the Scots south.

Battle of Worcester

03 September 1651

2:1 – the ratio by which Cromwell's army outnumbered the Royalists.

16,000 – the approximate size of the Royalist army, under the command of King Charles I.

31,000 – the approximate size of the Parliamentary army, under the command of the Earl of Essex.

12 months – the exact period between Dunbar and Worcester.

Did You Know?

It is believed that Cromwell postponed the engagement at Worcester in order to ensure the attack occurred on September 3rd, Cromwell's 'most auspicious day'.

3,000 – the approximate number of Royalist killed.

10,000 – the approximate number of Royalists taken prisoner, many of whom were transported to Barbados or New England as indentured labourers.

200 – the approximate number of Parliamentary casualties.

Did You Know?

One of the most high-profile casualties of the battle, Royalist commander the Duke of Hamilton (who died when a shot wound to his leg became infected) had his body temporarily hidden beneath the floorboards at the Commandery (the Royalist HQ) before being permanently laid to rest at Worcester Cathedral.

52 – Cromwell's age at the battle of Worcester.

Did You Know?

The battle of Worcester was the final crushing defeat of the Royalist army.

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45 days – the number of days that Charles II evaded capture before escaping to France.