

The **Siege of Aiguillon** commenced on 1 April 1346 during the **Hundred Years' War**, when a French army commanded by **John, Duke of Normandy**, laid siege to the **Gascon** town of **Aiguillon**. The town, with strategic command of the rivers **Garonne** and **Lot**, was defended by **Anglo**-Gascon forces under **Ralph, Earl of Stafford**. The garrison, some 900 men, sortied repeatedly to interrupt the French operations, while **Henry, Earl of Lancaster**, concentrated the main Anglo-Gascon force at **La Réole** as a threat. Duke John, the son and heir of **Philip VI**, was never able to fully **blockade** the town. By August, the seriously harassed French supply lines had broken down, there was a **dysentery** epidemic in their camp, desertion was rife, and Philip was demanding that John's force join up with the main French army. On 20 August the French abandoned the siege and marched away. Six days later Philip's army was decisively beaten by the main English army in the **Battle of Crécy**, two weeks before John's force arrived in the north