Dear sir

LoremThe [**Battle of Bergerac**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bergerac) was fought between Anglo-Gascon and French forces at the town of [Bergerac](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bergerac,_Dordogne) in [Gascony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gascony), in August 1345 during the early phase of the [Hundred Years' War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hundred_Years%27_War). In early 1345 [Edward III of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_III_of_England) launched a major attack on the French from the north. He sent smaller forces to Gascony, which was economically important to the English war effort, and to [Brittany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brittany). [Henry of Grosmont](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_of_Grosmont,_1st_Duke_of_Lancaster), Earl of Derby, arrived in Gascony in August; breaking with the previous policy of cautious advance, he [struck directly for the largest French concentration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gascon_campaign_of_1345) at Bergerac. He took French forces under [Bertrand I of L'Isle-Jourdain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_I_of_L%27Isle-Jourdain) and [Henri de Montigny](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri_de_Montigny) by surprise and defeated them. The French suffered heavy casualties and the loss of the town, a significant strategic setback. This defeat, along with the [Battle of Auberoche](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Auberoche) later