

CANADA'S BEST

The Saga of the Canadian 4th Armoured

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COMBAT CALENDAR 4th Canadian Armoured Division

Month/ Day	Situation	Historical Notes
6/31	—	Arrive in France
8/5	—	Arrive in Tilly
8/8	B/7/H	Cintheaux
8/9	B/8/H	Point 195
8/10	B/8/H	Quesnay
		Refitting
8/14	A/6/M	Laison Valley
8/15	A/7/H	Verainville
8/16	A/6/H	
8/17	A/6/H	Couliboeuf
8/18	A/4/M	
8/19	A/4/L	
8/20	C/5/M	
8/21	C/6/H	Chambois
8/22	B/3/L	
8/23	B/4/L	
8/24	B/5/M	
8/25	B/7/H	Le Newbourg
8/26	B/5/M	
8/27	A/5/H	Criquebeuf
8/28	A/5/L	Elbeuf—Seine Crossing
8/29	A/3/M	
8/30	A/4/L	
		Refitting
9/3	B/4/L	Point Remy
9/4	B/2/L	
9/5	A/2/L	
9/6	A/3/L	St. Omar
9/7	A/3/L	
9/8	B/6/H	
9/9	B/6/H	Ghent Canal
9/10	B/7/H	
9/11	B/5/M	
9/12	A/5/H	Molentje
9/13	A/4/H	
9/14	A/3/H	Channel Ports
9/15	A/4/M	Eecloo
9/16	A/4/M	
9/17	A/4/M	
9/18	A/4/L	
9/19	A/5/L	
9/20	A/6/M	
9/21	A/7/H	
9/22	A/7/H	Braakman Inlet
9/23	A/4/M	
9/24	A/3/L	
9/25	A/4/L	
9/26	A/4/L	
9/27	A/4/M	
9/28	B/5/H	Leopold Canal
9/29	B/7/H	
9/30	A/5/M	
10/1	A/3/L	
10/2	A/3/L	
10/3	A/3/L	Regroup and Mop Up
10/4	A/3/L	
10/5	A/6/H	Braakman Inlet
		Refitting
10/9	A/5/M	Brecht
10/10	A/4/M	

Month/ Day	Situation	Historical Notes
10/11	A/3/M	
10/12	A/3/M	
10/13	A/4/M	Stroolburg
10/14	A/3/L	
10/15	A/3/L	
10/16	A/4/M	
10/17	A/4/M	
10/18	A/4/M	
10/19	A/5/M	
10/20	A/5/M	Esschen
10/21	A/6/M	
10/22	A/7/M	
10/23	A/4/M	
10/24	A/6/H	Beveland Canal
10/25	A/4/M	
10/26	A/5/H	Wouwsche
10/27	A/5/H	Bergen op Zoom
10/28	A/4/M	
10/29	A/5/M	
10/30	A/6/M	
10/31	A/7/H	Steebergen
11/1	B/7/H	
11/2	B/7/H	
11/3	B/7/H	
11/4	B/8/H	occupied Steebergen
11/5	A/3/L	Zijpe
11/6	A/2/L	
11/7	A/2/L	
11/8	A/2/L	
11/9	A/2/L	
11/10	A/2/L	
11/11	A/2/L	
11/12	A/2/L	
11/13	A/2/L	
11/14	A/2/L	Cleared zone of responsibility
11/15	A/2/L	
11/16	A/2/L	Placed in army reserve
		Refitting
1/26	B/6/H	Kapelsche Veer
1/27	B/5/H	
1/28	B/5/M	
1/29	B/5/L	Operation "Elephant"
1/30	B/5/L	
		Refitting
2/26	B/4/M	
2/27	B/5/M	
2/28	B/7/H	
3/1	B/3/M	Hochwald Gap
3/2	B/7/H	
3/3	B/7/H	
		Refitting
3/6	B/6/M	
3/7	B/7/H	
3/8	B/7/H	Veen
3/9	B/8/H	
3/10	B/8/H	
		Refitting
4/1	B/5/L	Eiten
4/2	B/6/M	Twente
4/3	A/5/L	

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The Canadian 4th Armoured Division, while perhaps not the most famous Canadian division of the Second World War, certainly covered itself with enough glory to last the lifetimes of its men. Having arrived in France after D-Day, the division was first used in the stiff fighting around Falaise to help close the pocket from the north while Patton's troops pressed in from the south. After a brief refit, the Canadians rushed along the coast destroying pockets of resistance and seizing much needed ports. When the British attacked to capture Antwerp, perhaps the most important port for the continuing Allied advance, the 4th Armoured attacked on their left flank over the Leopold Canal. Next came the Rhine crossings and a thrust into Germany. At the end of hostilities, the Canadian tankers were mopping up in the Netherlands. The division's four regiments—the 29th Recon (the south Alberta Regiment), the 21st Armoured (the Governor-General's Foot Grenadiers), the 22nd Armoured (the Canadian Grenadier Guards) and the 28th Armoured (the British Columbia Regiment)—earned their share of battle honors and citations in some stiff actions (the 28th Regiment was virtually destroyed at Point 195). The division was "detanked" on 30th June, and disbanded on 27th December 1945.

The accompanying is a Combat Calendar to be used for the 4th Canadian Armoured Division with *PATTON'S BEST* (format as in the game). Too, to reflect the fact that the "Firefly" was in use, delete the entries for the M4A3s (#16 and #17) from the *Tank Replacement Table* and substitute the #18 Firefly Sherman version when these values are rolled.

Month/ Day	Situation	Historical Notes
4/4	A/5/L	Almedo
4/5	A/5/L	
4/6	A/5/L	Meppen
4/7	A/6/L	
4/8	A/6/L	
4/9	A/6/L	Sogel
4/10	A/5/L	
4/11	A/5/L	
4/12	A/5/L	
4/13	A/6/M	
4/14	A/6/M	Friesoythe
4/15	A/2/L	
4/16	A/2/L	Regroup and Mop Up
4/17	B/6/M	Edewechterdamm
4/18	C/5/M	
4/19	A/5/M	
4/20	A/5/M	Oldenburg
4/21	A/5/L	
4/22	A/5/L	
4/23	A/5/M	
4/24	A/5/M	Edeweicht
4/25	A/5/L	
4/26	A/6/L	Querenstede
4/27	A/5/M	
4/28	A/6/M	
4/29	A/5/M	
4/30	A/5/M	Bad Zwischenwahn
5/1	A/3/L	
5/2	A/5/L	
5/3	A/2/L	Oldenburg
5/4	A/2/L	Placed in army reserve