

Chapters 40-42 De Bello Gallico

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Chapter 40

- Observing these things Caesar called up a council ; summoning the centurions of all the companies
- They were severely reprimanded by Caesar
- Apparently they thought they had the power to determine in what direction they were marching or with what.
- Ariovistus (a leader of the Sebui tribe) anxiously wanted friendship of the Roman people.

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- Caesar was convinced that Ariovistus would reject Caesar's nor the Roman people's favor
- Ariovistus ,driven by rage and madness, should wage war.
- Caesar's army was beginning to doubt themselves.
- At the defeat of the Cimbri (101 bce) and the Teutones (102 bce) , the army was regarded as having deserved no less praise as their leader.
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Chapter 41: The Army's Mood Changes And Caesar Departs Bfore Dawn

- After the speech all minds were changed.
- The 10th legion was the 1st to return ; Caesar favored them the most.
- They assured Caesar that they were ready to prosecute the war.
- The other legions told caesar that they never felt any doubt or fear.
- Caesar accepted and had the road surveyed by Diviciacus
- Caesar trusted him above all others

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- Caesar set out on a windy path on 4th watch
- On the 7th day Caesar was informed that Ariovistus' army was 24 miles away from his.

Chapter 42: Arioovistus Agrees To A Parley, ANd Caesar Converts His Infantry Into A Calvary