

Caesar's De Bello Gallico

Book 1 ch. 22-25

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ch. 22

- Titus Labienus seizes the mountain that Caesar orders him
- Considius, a scout, panicked when he went to check and reported false information to Caesar
- This forced Caesar to hold off his plans for the whole day
- At the end of the day found out from his spies that Labienus actually did have control over the mountain

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- Caesar rerouted his men to Bibracte to feed his men
- Deserters of Gallic captain reported this to the Helvetii
- They then also changed their route and followed the Romans
- harassing the Romans in the Rear of Caesar's army

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- Caesar turns his forces around at a hill up ahead
- lines up his four veteran legions (triplex acies) on ground facing the Helvetians downhill
- and placed his two new legions further uphill as reserves and for auxiliaries
- The Helvetii gathered their wagons, families and lined up right in front the Romans alongside the Boii and Tulingi



ch.25

- The first attack of the Helvetii was easily defeated by the Romans
- as they threw their pila (Javelins) and stuck them in the Helvetian shields, weighing them down
- The Helvetii were forced back then the Boii and Tulingi stepped in to protect the retreated
- surrounded Caesar's genius tactical abilities allowed them to fight on two fronts
- The Roman reserves never engaged