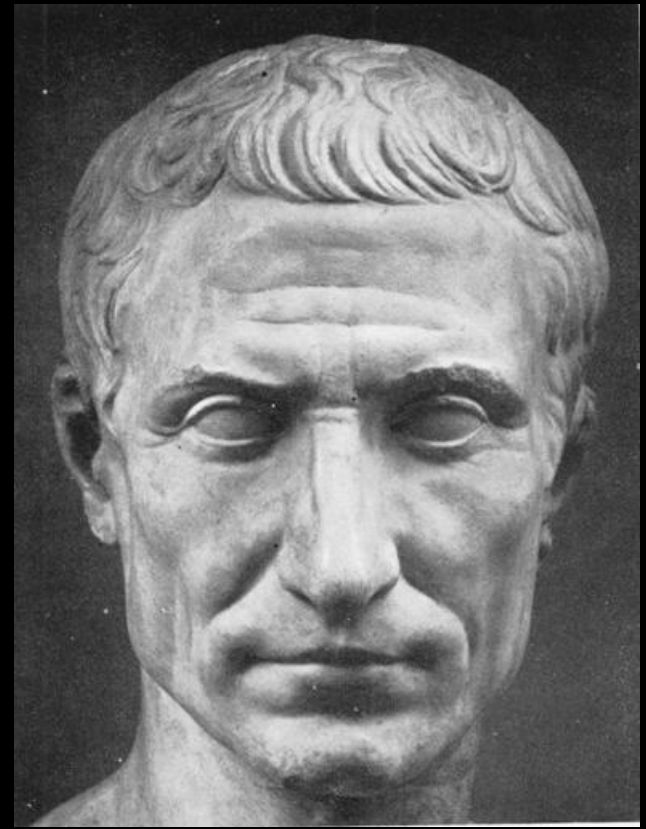


De Bello Gallico



Book 1: Chapters 49-51
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Chapter 49: Caesar Builds A Second Camp

- As said in book 48, Caesar continues to assume Ariovistus is in his camp
- Caesar chose a convenient position (*600 paces from the German camps*) for a camp so he would no longer be cut off from food supplies
- On their way there, Caesar set up three lines (1st and 2nd with arms, 3rd to fortify the camp) and they march to the camp

Trouble....? Not so fast!

- Ariovistus sends 16,000 men to the camp to *intimidate and hinder* them from fortification
- *Clever* Caesar had already planned this ahead so the three lines came in handy--2 lines drove off the Germans and the third executed the work



Chapter 50: Caesar Discovers Why Ariovistus Refuses To Fight

- According to custom, *before noon* Caesar draws up his line for battle and gives the Germans a chance to fight but they did not even come out from the entrenchments
- Ariovistus then sent part of his forces to attack smaller camps but were eventually led troops back to camp

Why?

Caesar asks one of the German prisoners why Ariovistus did **not** come to an engagement...

Among the Germans, it was a **custom** for their matrons to pronounce from lots and divination whether the battle should be engaged in or not. In this case, the matrons said it was *not the will of heaven* that the Germans should conquer (before the new moon).

Chapter 51: Caesar Forces Ariovistus To Engage In Battle

- Caesar left a guard for both camps
- Drew up all the auxiliaries (for appearance because he was not very powerful in numbers of legionary soldiers)
- Advanced to the camp and the Germans were compelled to draw forces out

They disposed them canton by canton, surrounded them by chariots and wagons (where the German women entreated the soldiers to not deliver them into slavery)

