

The Battle of Brentford 54BC

Scenario 19 for Conquerors and Kings ancient battle rules.

Setting the scene

This is the return of Julius Caesar to Britain. He had landed in the south and moved across to the London area. His army was constantly harassed by Britons using chariots, cavalry and foot troops. Caesar sent out 2 legions with most of his cavalry to gather food and whatever they could steal. The commander was the capable Gaius Trebonius (GT). After various fights, the Romans assaulted the Britons across the river Thames at present day Brentford. The water was about 3ft deep and thus not a total block.

The Britons had drawn up along the river bank with temporary fortifications and spikes into the river bank.

The Romans had an allied force of Britons with them, under king Androgeus (who had fallen out with GT in a big way). Androgeus organised a sneak assault on the parked up Briton chariots.

ADVICE

Do not read up on this battle. Enjoy playing it and **then** look up the details.

Deployment

- ◆ Skirmishers can be deployed in any zones wished by the players. Subject to the normal zone capacity and army deployment area.
- ◆ Where units have extra qualities such as armour, veteran etc the player can **choose** which particular units these are applied to.
- ◆ Generals do not roll for gifts. They must use those listed in the army make up. Replacement generals have the usual 1D6 per gift.
- ◆ No scenario generator is applied to this battle.
- ◆ Lates and losses are not applied.
- ◆ No piggy chase
- ◆ Normal victory conditions apply.
- ◆ The given battle tactics can be applied by the player as he sees fit.
- ◆ Assume all units are trained and have shield unless specified otherwise.
- ◆ The battle layout uses a normal CK battle table.

Special scenario rule

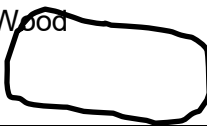
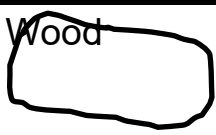
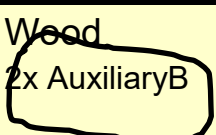

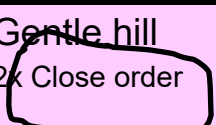
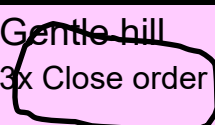
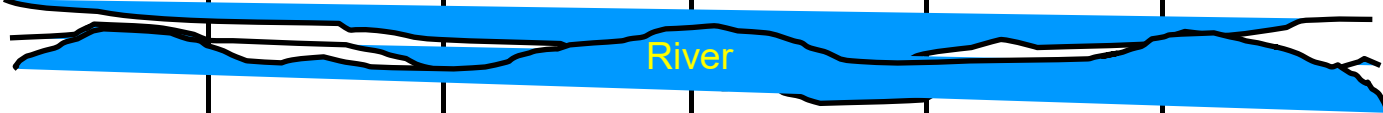
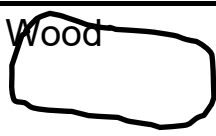

The river . This fills the whole row. Troops **in** the river squares treat those squares as rough ground. The chariot units are placed one per turn. This is because they were parked up and not ready.

Briton army

2 Mounted skirmisher
 6 x Foot skirmishers
 2 x Auxiliary (Trained, spear and shield)
 10 Close order foot (1x veteran, 1x Elite and armoured, 2x levy)
 3x chariots 2 trained , 1 Veteran
General1= King Cassivellaunus Gifts = Fight, Morale
General 2= Tribal ally of the King Gifts =
Battle tactics= Die hard x2, Hold fast x 1, Fury x2

The battlefield was fairly flat with a river across the centre. Woods were there too in number.

Briton army (Defender)

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2x Auxiliary General 2		1 then 1 then 1 Chariots(3)		Wood 	3x close orderB General 2
Wood 					Wood 2x AuxiliaryB 
3x Close order	Gentle hill 	Gentle hill 2x Close order 	2x Close order General 1	Gentle hill 3x Close order 	
 River					
Wood 		3x close order	2x close order 1x Auxiliary General 1		Wood 2x Cavalry 
Roman army (Attacker)					

Roman

General 1= Gaius Trebonius Gifts = Fight, Morale, Valiant
 5 x Close order (3 x Veteran, all spear, shield and armoured)
 1x Auxiliary(Spear and shield) 2x Foot skirmishers
 2x Armoured cavalry 2 mounted skirmishers
General 2= Androgeus Gifts = Valiant
 3xClose order trained wit shield and spear
 2x Auxiliary trained spear and shield. 2x Foot skirmishers

Battle tactics= 2x Brace shields, 2x die hard

What really happened at the battle of Brentford

This is written in Portuguese so that you are less tempted to read the result and try to emulate it.

After the game ends put this text into a translator program and see what happened. Also you can read up on this battle through Wikipedia or similar.

Portuguese

Os romanos queriam derrotar Cassivellaunus (C), pois ele havia unido as tribos do leste da Inglaterra (Kent plus). C era um comandante de tropas muito capaz. Ele bateu e correu com sucesso contra as forças romanas. Este foi o maior sucesso.

Os romanos geralmente derrotavam os britânicos em lutas frontais devido ao armamento superior e à coesão em nível de unidade e exército.

Os britânicos sofreram com alianças temporárias e egoístas. Desesperado.

Os romanos tinham aliados britânicos liderados por Andrógeu (cujo filho foi forçado ao exílio por C). César minimizou isso, pois certamente seu próprio gênio conquistou tudo?

Os romanos abriram caminho através dos bretões.

Encontrando o inimigo na retaguarda, os britânicos recuaram.

Eventualmente Casivellaunus e César tornaram-se bons amigos.

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