

PHARSALUS 48 BC

POMPEIANS, R to L

G. Pompeius, Pompeian general, **4 CPs**, with the evocati

L. Afranius, Pompeian subordinate commander I, **3 CPs**

Greek slingers ((**A0/D1/S/L** missile troops, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands in front

Illyrian cavalry (**A2/D0/S** light cavalry, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands behind

Pompey's composite Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line Spanish cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 4 stands

2nd line Spanish cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

3rd line 'evocati' cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +2): 3 stands

M. Scipio, Pompeian subordinate commander II, **3 CPs**

I Cilician Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

I Syrian Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

II Syrian Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

D. Ahenobarbus, Pompeian subordinate commander III, **3 CPs**

I Italian Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

III Italian Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV 0): 3 stands

T. Labienus, Pompeian subordinate commander IV, **3 CPs**

Greek slingers (**A0/D1/S/L** missile troops, C Grade, MV -1): 2 stands in front

Cappadocian archers (**A0/D1/S/L** missile troops, C Grade, MV -1): 3 stands in front

Cappadocian cavalry (**A3/D1/S** arm. heavy cavalry, B Grade, MV 0): 4 stands in the 1st line

'Shepherd slaves' (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, C Grade, MV +2): 4 stands in the 1st line

Gallic cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, B Grade, MV +1): 4 stands in the 1st line

Syrian light horse (**A1/D0/S/L** horse archers, C Grade, MV -1): 2 stands on the flank

Galatian volunteer cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, C Grade, MV 0): 4 stands in the 2nd line

Thracian/Macedon. cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, B Grade, MV 0): 4 stands in the 2nd line

Syrian cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, C Grade, MV -1): 4 stands in the 2nd line

CAESARIANS, R to L

C. Sulla, Caesarian subordinate commander I, **3 CPs**

Greek archers & slingers ((**A0/D1/S/L** missile troops, B Grade, MV 0): 3 stands in front

Gallic cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, B Grade, MV +1): 3 stands in the 1st line

German cavalry (**A3/D1/S** int. inf. heavy cavalry, C Grade, MV +1): 3 stands in the 1st line

Antesignani (**A2/D2/S** arm. javelinmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands in the 2nd line

Elite German/Gallic cavalry (**A3/D1/S** heavy cavalry, B Grade, MV +2): 2 stands in the 2nd line

D. Calvinus, Caesarian subordinate commander II, **3 CPs**

X Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +2): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +2): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +2): 3 stands

XII Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

J. Caesar, Caesarian general, **5 CPs**, with the reserve

Reserve cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +2): 4 stands in 1 line

P. Dolabella, Caesarian subordinate commander III, **3 CPs**

XI Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

VIII Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, B Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

M. Antonius, Caesarian 2nd-in-C contingent commander, **4 CPs**

IX Legion, with 3 sub-units:

1st line cohorts (**A3/D3** arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 4 stands

2nd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

3rd line cohorts (**A2/D2** UnS arm. swordsmen, A Grade, MV +1): 3 stands

Greek archers (**A0/D1/S/L** missile troops, B Grade, MV 0): 2 stands in front

Greek cavalry (**A2/D0/S** light cavalry, B Grade, MV 0): 2 stands behind

Terrain

The river Enipeus on the Pompeian right/Caesarian left is in a gully and counts as a major obstacle. There is no other terrain of consequence, though purely for dioramic effect the start of some steeper hills might be placed on the Pompeian and Pomepeian left/Caesarian right table edges, with perhaps the ramparts of the Pompeian camp behind their army.

Deployment

The historical deployment is outlined above. The armies should deploy about 10-15 JTs apart.

The players may alternatively agree to reorganise the commands and deployment positions to suit their own battle plans. If they do so, Caesar's player may opt to reorganise his legions as well. He can choose to reduce the total cohorts per legion to 7 (full strength stands) instead of the 4 full strength and 6 under-strength stands as listed above. If this happens, Caesar's cohort reserve can also be dispensed with, adding 1 full strength stand extra to each legion except for the X Legion.

Victory Conditions

Both sides need to achieve a decisive victory, so battle is fought until this is achieved.

Notes

Pharsalus needs to be big! There is little way around this fact, so the OoB will be difficult to adjust for players with fewer stands. You could potentially reduce the size of the units on both sides by between 1/4 and 1/3, but no smaller. The number of leaders should remain the same. The beauty of using the given quotas is that a single stand of legionaries corresponds exactly to one cohort.

