



Legio VI Diadochi

Battles of Alexander's Successors
for 6 mm figures

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317 BC

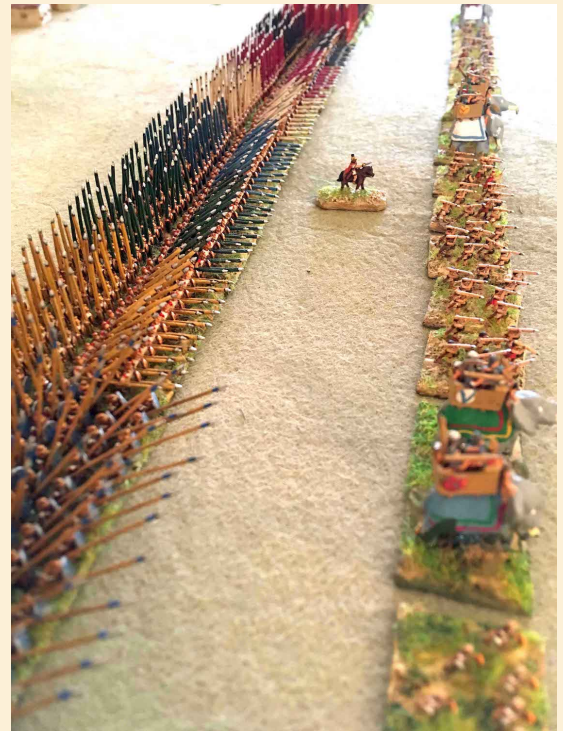
Background

Antigonus (one of Alexander's veteran commanders) was vying for control of the East with Eumenes (Alexander's Greek secretary). After a cat-and-mouse campaign, Antigonus managed to bring Eumenes to battle on an open plain in modern Iran. Eumenes was ill and had to be carried in a litter to the battle.

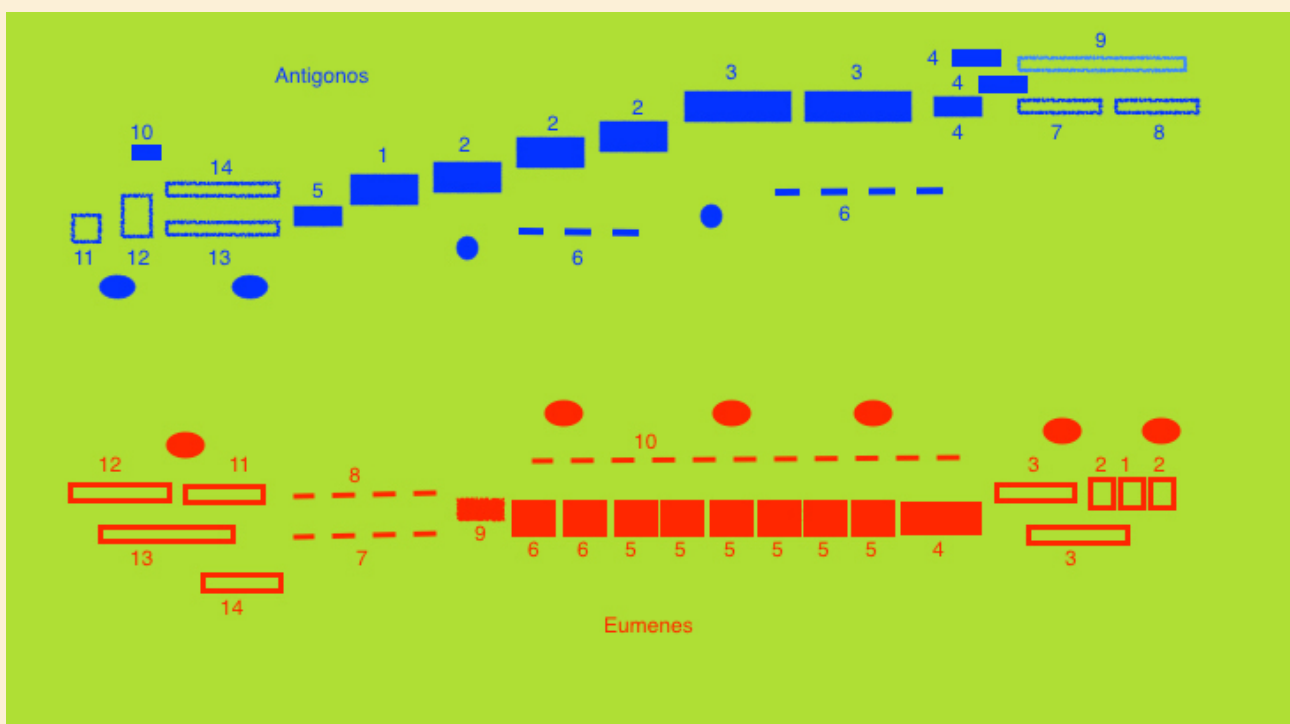
Advancing down from high ground, Antigonus was able to observe Eumenes' deployment. With his pike phalanx in the centre, a strong right wing and 125 elephants in front of the line protected by masses of light infantry, Eumenes army must have presented a formidable sight. Antigonus decided to strengthen his right and hold back with his left. He had a significant cavalry advantage and more heavy infantry. Antigonus', however, had half as many elephants and he did not have any infantry who could come close to matching Eumenes' elite Silver Shields.

Antigonus' left wing light cavalry advanced aggressively, harassing the enemy with javelins. Eumenes detached some of his light cavalry from his left to deal with this. On the other wing Antigonus held back, looking for a gap in the enemy line to exploit.

When the pike phalanxes clashed Eumenes' Silver Shields broke through. Antigonus managed to avoid disaster by intervening with his strong cavalry right. Although he suffered significantly more casualties, Antigonus claimed victory as he was left in control of the battlefield when Eumenes' Silver Shields demanded that Eumenes withdrew to protect the baggage which contained all the



Eumenes' line



Orders of Battle

The numbers on the orders of battle correspond to the numbers on the deployment map on the previous page. Elephants marked by oval shapes. Unit sizes are numbers of of Legio VI bases, each representing approximately 400 infantry, 150 cavalry, or 10 Elephants.

Antigonos, Advancing in echelon from the right.

Centre: Commander (unknown) 1 action

1. Veteran Macedonians. 1 unit of 6 pikemen, B Grade
2. Macedonians. 3 units each of 6 bases, pikemen, C Grade
3. Pantodapoi: 2 units, each of 10 pikemen, D Grade
4. Lykians and Pamphylians: 2 units each of 4 bases, peltasts, C Grade
- 4a. Mercenary Peltasts: 1 unit of 4 bases, peltasts, C Grade
5. Hypaspists: 1 unit of 4 bases, spearmen, B Grade
6. Cretans: 1 unit of 4 and 1 unit of 3 archers, C Grade
- Elephants: 3 units each of 1 Elephant

Left: Commander Pithon 1 action

7. Tarantines: 2 units of light cavalry, C Grade
8. Parthians: 1 unit of 6 light cavalry, C Grade
9. Thracians: 1 unit of 6 light cavalry, C Grade
10. Medes and Persians 2 units of 4 light cavalry, C Grade

Right. Commander Antigonos 2 actions

10. Antigonos' Agema. 1 unit of 2 heavy cavalry, A Grade in wedge
11. Demitrius' Agema. 1 unit of 3 heavy cavalry, B Grade in wedge
12. Macedonians. 1 unit of 5 heavy cavalry, B Grade.
13. Greeks. 1 unit of 10 heavy cavalry, C Grade
14. Colonists. 1 unit of 10 heavy cavalry, C Grade.
- Elephants. 3 units each of 1 elephant, C Grade



Antigonos advancing in echelon from the right

Eumenes

Right Wing: Commander Eumenes 2 actions. In a litter and cannot attach.

1. Agema. 3 Heavy Cavalry, A grade
 2. Macedonians. 6 Heavy Cavalry B Grade
 3. Eastern Cavalry. 10, heavy cavalry, C Grade.
- Elephants. 2 units each of 2 elephants

Centre: Commander Antigenes, 1 action

4. Silver Shields: 1 unit of 8 bases pikemen, A Grade
 5. Macedonians: 3 units, each of 8 bases pikemen, C Grade
 6. Pantodapoi: 1 unit of 8 pikemen, D Grade
 7. Persians: 8 archers and slingers C Grade
 8. Persians: 12 slingers, C Grade
 9. Syrians: 4 asiatic infantry C Grade
 10. Light Infantry: 15 light javelinmen, C Grade
- Elephants: Three units each of two elephants

Left Wing: Commander Eudamos 1 action (23 bases)

11. Thracians. 1 unit of 4 light cavalry, C Grade
 12. Arachosians and Paropamisadains. 1 unit of 6 light cavalry, C Grade
 13. Cappadocians. 1 unit of 8 heavy cavalry C Grade.
 14. Greek colonists. 1 unit of 5 heavy cavalry C Grade.
- Elephants. 1 unit of 2 Elephants

