



Legio VI

Ancient Battles for 6 mm figures

Game Scenario
Paraitakene
317 BC

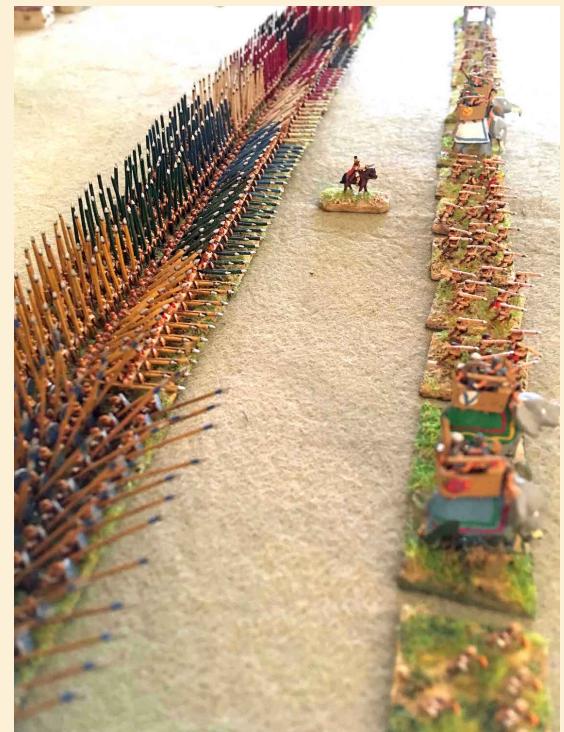
Background

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.

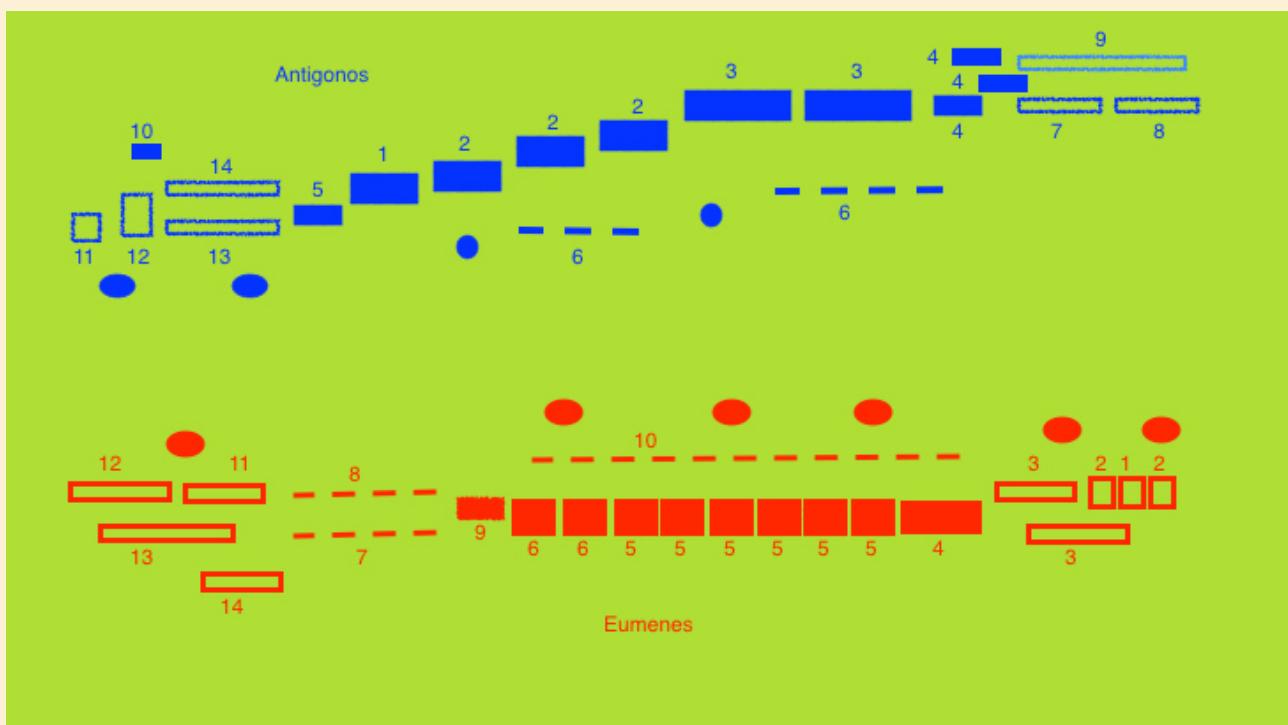
Advancing down from high ground, Antigonus was able to observe Eumenes' deployment. With his pike phalanx in the centre, a strong right wing and 125 elephants in front of the line protected by masses of light infantry, Eumenes army must have presented a formidable sight. Antigonus decided to strengthen 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 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. 6 pikemen, B Grade
2. Macedonians. 16 pikemen, C Grade in 1 or 2 units
3. Pantodapoi: 24 pikemen, D Grade in 2 or 3 units
4. Lykians and Pamphylians: 6 MI, C Grade
- 4a. Mercenary Peltasts: 4 MI, C Grade
5. Hypaspists: 4 bases HI, B Grade
6. Cretans: 8 LI, C Grade in 2 units
- Elephants: 3 Elephants

Left: Commander Python 1 action

7. Tarantines: 8 LC, C Grade in 1 or 2 units
8. Parthians: 6 LC, C Grade
9. Persians: 8 LC, C Grade in 1 or 2 units

Right. Commander Antigonos 2 actions

10. Antigonos' Agema. 3 HC, A Grade *in wedge*
11. Demitrius' Agema. 3 HC, B Grade *in wedge*
12. Macedonians. 5 HC, B Grade *in wedge*
13. Greeks. 8 MC, C Grade
14. Colonists. 8 MC, C Grade.
- Elephants. 3 elephants, C Grade



Antigonos advancing in echelon



Eumenes

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

1. Agema. 3 HC, A grade *in wedge*
2. Macedonians. 6 HC, B Grade in 2 units in wedge
3. Eastern Cavalry. 10, MC, C Grade.

Elephants. 4 elephants



Centre: Commander Antigenes, 1 action

4. Silver Shields: 8 pikemen, A Grade
5. Macedonians: 24 pikemen in 2-3 units, C Grade
6. Pantodapoi: 8 pikemen, D Grade
7. Persians: 8 LI C Grade
8. Persians: 12 light infantry in 2 units, C Grade
9. Syrians: 4 medium infantry bowmen, C Grade
10. Javelinmen: 12 light infantry, C Grade in 2 units

Elephants: 6 elephants

Left Wing: Commander Eudamos 1 action (23 bases)

11. Thracians. 4 LC, C Grade
12. Arachosians and Paropamisadains. 6 LC, C Grade
13. Cappadocians. 8 heavy cavalry C Grade in 1 or two units.
14. Greek colonists. 4 medium cavalry C Grade.

Elephants. 2 elephants