

4. DANGER IN THE ALPS

LEAVES GALBA IN WINTER QUARTERS

am proficisceretur Caesar,¹ Servium Galbam² cum
imā³ et parte equitatus in Nantuates,⁴ Veragrōs⁵
isit, qui a finibus Allobrogum et lacū Lemannō⁷ et
unō ad summās Alpēs pertinent. Nam propter hās
ōrēs magnō cum periculō per Alpēs hōc itinere⁸

PROTECTION OF THE TRADE ROUTE

power can ignore the commercial advantages of its
These tribes had been levying tribute on the mer-
g through their country and were not averse to occa-
dage. Caesar therefore determined to open up this
ake it permanently safe for the Roman commercial
herefore instructed Galba to set up winter quarters
ons if it appeared to him necessary.

SUCCESS OF GALBA'S CAMPAIGN

ecundis proeliis factis castellisque⁹ eorum expugnatis,
um undique legatis obsidibusque datis et pace facta—
ohortēs duās in Nantuatibus⁴ collocare, et ipse cum re-

autumn of 57 B.C.

(i) Galba (ae), *Servius Galba*, one of those who later assassinated
senate house at Rome.

mus, a, um, *twelfth*. This legion had suffered heavy losses in the
the Nervii.

tēs, Nantuatum, the *Nantuates* (nān tū ā'tēz).

i, Veragrōrum, the *Veragri* (vēr'ā grī).

, Sedunōrum, the *Seduni* (sē dū'nī).

(ūs) Lemannus (i), *Lake Geneva*.

inere; the road here led from Valais over the Great Saint Bernard
Italy.

lum, i, *fort*.



THE ROMANS FORTIFY OCTODURUS

liquis ejus legionis cohortibus in vicō¹⁰ Veragrōrum¹¹ quī appellā- 10
tur Octodūrus¹² hiemare. Hic vicus¹⁰ altissimis montibus undique
continetur et in duas partes flumine dividitur. Itaque alteram
ejus vicī¹⁰ partem Gallis concessit; alteram, ab eis relictam, co-
hortibus dedit. Eum locum vallō fossaque mūnivit.

SUDDEN DANGER

Post multos dies Galba per exploratores certior factus est 15
omnes ex ea parte vicī¹⁰ quam Gallis concesserat fugisse, montes-
que quibus vicus¹⁰ continebatur a maximō Gallōrum numero
teneri.

Many causes had induced the mountaineers to resume the
struggle. Galba had only a part of a legion with him and from
this small force detachments had been sent out for provisions
and had not yet returned. Moreover, the Gauls relied on the ad-
vantages of ground, for they thought that the Romans would not
be able to withstand their attack as they rushed down from the
mountains hurling their javelins into the camp. Besides, they
were grieved that their children were hostages in Roman hands,

¹⁰ vicus, i, *village*.

¹¹ Veragri, Veragrōrum, the *Veragri*.

¹² Octodūrus, i, *Octodurus*, a village. See map on page 34.