

from the number of days that Caesar would keep his word, because he heard that he had advanced farther, nor was any report brought of his return ; at the same time influenced by the talk of those who called his forbearance almost a siege, if indeed it were not permitted them to go out of the camp, and expecting no event of such a kind by which harm could be done within three miles of the camp, nine legions and a very large body of cavalry being opposed to the enemy, and the enemy being dispersed and almost destroyed, sent five cohorts to the nearest corn fields to gather corn, between which and the camp there was in all one hill.—*Caesar*, B. G., VI., 36.

184. Caesar, after his exhortation to the tenth legion, having set out to the right wing, when he saw that his men were hard pressed, and the standards of the twelfth legion having been brought into one place, that the soldiers being crowded together were themselves a hindrance to themselves for fighting ; all the centurions of the fourth cohort having been slain, and the standard-bearer having been killed, the standard having been lost, almost all the centurions of the rest of the cohorts having been wounded or killed, among these the chief centurion, *Baculus*, a most brave man, having been exhausted by many and severe wounds, so that he could not sustain himself ; that the rest were more tardy, and that some in the rear being deserted by their leaders were withdrawing from the battle and avoiding the weapons ; that the enemy did not cease coming up in front from the lower ground, and were pressing on on each flank, and that things were in a desperate state, nor was there any reinforcement which could be sent ; having snatched a shield from a soldier in the rear (for he himself had come there without a shield), advanced to the front rank, and having called the centurions by name, and having exhorted the rest of the soldiers, ordered them to advance and to open out the maniples, in order that they might be able to use their swords more easily.—*Caesar*, B. G., II., 25.