

JULIUS CÆSAR

Place, On the south coast of Britain.

Time, About 2,000 years ago.

People, Britons on shore ; Romans in the ships and sea.

One day Roman soldiers came to Britain from over the sea. They were led by Julius Cæsar, who was very brave and clever.

His soldiers knew a great deal about war, and many other things too. The Britons had not much chance against them.

But they got ready to fight the Romans, and the Druids cheered them on. They did not want Julius Cæsar, or any other strange man, to be their master.

The Romans had big strong ships called galleys, which held a lot of men and were rowed with many oars.

The Britons threw stones and spears at the Romans to keep them from the

shore. A few of them had bows and arrows as well.

At first the Romans were a little afraid of the fierce Britons. But they came on after the man with the staff or standard and drove the Britons back from the shore.

But Julius Cæsar did not do much more at that time. He went away again, but came back the next year.

Again he beat the Britons. Afterwards he went back to Rome, and the Roman rulers left the Britons alone for a long time.

The Britons went on learning how to make things which would help them to live in greater comfort.