

# SALTUS ▽ TEUTOBURGIENSIS

## A ▽ TERRIBLE ▽ DISCOVERY

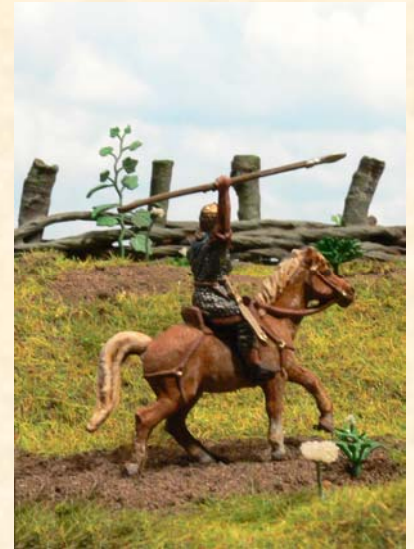
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Six years after Varus' catastrophic defeat in 9 AD, Germanicus led a punitive expedition into Germania. During this campaign he also discovered the site of the *clades Variana* and he had the Roman casualties buried, which Arminius had left unburied on the ground. The gruesome discoveries made by Germanicus and his men upon entering the battlefield are spread out in full detail by Tacitus: Bones lying everywhere, altars where tribunes and centurions had been slaughtered, and skulls that had been nailed to tree trunks.







The diorama shows an advance guard of legionaries and auxiliaries, including Germanic scouts, who just have reached one of the places with lots of corpses. In the background there is still the rampart that had been constructed by Arminius as an ambush, but the turf construction is already starting to decay.

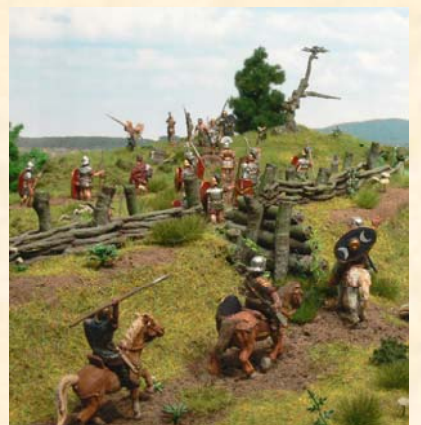






The majority of the figures is from Art Miniaturen (sets JS/0001, 4 and 9) and Caesar Miniatures (set H045), with the characteristic „semi-oval“ shields of that era with flat bottom and top being from Art Miniaturen. Additional figures are by H&T, Esci/Italeri and Strelets, and the skeletons come from Caesar F013 Undead. Finally, the tree must be mentioned, it is from 1/72 Grey Funnel Line (DZ 72-004).







Further reading:

Ancient Warfare Special 2009: The Varian Disaster (<http://www.ancient-warfare.com/cms/issues/ancient-warfare-special-2009.html>).  
 Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH - Museum und Park Kalkriese (2009) 2000 Jahre Varusschlacht: Konflikt. Theiss, Stuttgart.

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