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Corpus Caesarianum

1. ff. 1r-68v *Comentariorum C. Iulii Caesaris de bello Gallico liber primus incipit feliciter. Iulius Celsus Constantinus vir clarus emendavit.* Gallia est omnis in tres partes divisa, quarum unam incolunt Belgae, aliam Aquitani, terciam qui ipsorum linguam [*sic*] Celtae, nostra Galli appellantur ... Ipse Bibracte hiemere [*sic*] constituit. Harum rerum litteris cognitis Rome dierum viginti supplicatio indicitur.

C. Iulius Caesar (100-44 B.C.), *De bello Gallico*. W. Hering, ed. (Teubner, 1987), pp. XVI (the *subscriptio*) and 1-147.
2. ff. 68v-78v *Comentariorum C. Iulii Caesaris de bello Gallico liber sextus.* [Prologue:] Coactus assiduis tuis vocibus, Balbe, cum quotidiana mea recusatio non difficultatis excusationem, sed inertie videretur deprecationem habere ... ne cum Cesare conferar, hoc ipsum crimen arogantiae subeo, quod me iudicio existimem cuiusquam posse cum Cesare comparari. Vale. [f. 69r, text:] Omni Gallia devicta Cesar cum superiore hibernorum quiete reficere a tantis laboribus vellet, cumplures eodem tempore civitates renovare belli consilia nunciabantur ... hoc facto quamquam nulli erat dubium, quidnam contra Cesarem pararetur, tamen Cesar omnia pacienda esse statuit, quoad sibi spes aliqua relinqueretur iuri potius disceptandi quam belligerendi. A. *Ihircii* [*sic*] *viri clarissimi de bello Gallico Caesaris liber sextus explicit.*

A. Hirtius, *De bello Gallico*, Book 8. W. Hering, ed. (Teubner, 1987), pp. 148-171 and XVII (for the *subscriptio*).
3. ff. 78v-126r *Incipit septimus de bello civili Caesaris.* Litteris a Fabio C. Caesaris consulibus redditis egre ab his impetratum est summa tribunorum et plebis contencione, ut in senatu recitarentur ... Hec dum apud hostes geruntur, Photinus nutritius pueri et procurator regni in parte Caesaris, cum ad Adrillam nuntios mitteret hortareturque ne negotio desisteret neve animo deficeret, iudicatis comprehensusque inter nunciis a Cesare est interfectus. *Auli Hyrcii viri clarissimi de bello civili Iulii Caesaris liber undecimus explicit.*

De bello civili. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1957).
4. ff. 126r-141r *Incipit duodecimus de bello Alexandrino.* Bello Alexandrino conflato Cesar Rhodo atque ex Syria Ciliciaque omnem classem arcessit ... Rebus felicissime celerimeque confectis in Ytaliam celerius omnem omnium preter opinionem venit.

De bello Alexandrino. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1927, repr. 1982), pp. 1-58.
5. ff. 141r-159r [space for heading, not filled in]. Cesar itineribus iustis confectis nullo die pretermisso ad XIII Kal. Ianuarias Lilibeum pervenit statimque ostendit sese naves velle

conscendere ... secundum terram pervectus [*sic*] duodetrigesimo die, ideo quod tempestatibus in portibus cohibebat<ur>, ad urbem Romam pervenit.

De bello Africo. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1927, repr. 1982), pp. 59-135.

6. ff. 159r-167v [space for heading, not filled in]. Pharnace superato, Affrica recepta, qui ex his prodiis [*l. preliis*] cum adulescente Cn. Ponpeio profugissent, cum et ulterioris Hispanie potitus esset ... que non solum nobis [*l. vobis*] obsistere, sed eciam celum diruere possent? Quarum laudibus et virtutem, etc. Finis. Explicit. Deo gracias.

De bello Hispaniensi. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1927, repr. 1982), pp. 136-167.

Artt. 1-6: the numbering, obviously in disorder, and subdivision of the various texts in this volume are as follows. "Liber I" = art. 1, Book 1; "Liber II" (f. 14r) = art. 1, Book 2; "Liber III" (f. 20r) = art. 1, Book 3; no number (f. 25r) = art. 1, Book 4; "Liber III" (f. 32r) = art. 1, Book 5; "Liber IV" (f. 43r) = art. 1, Book 6; "Liber V" (f. 51r) = art. 1, Book 7; "Liber VI" (f. 68v) = art. 2; "Liber VII" (f. 78v) has at the end "liber octavus explicit" = art. 3, Book 1; "Liber IX" (f. 95r) = art. 3, Book 2; "Liber X" (f. 104v) has at the end "liber undecimus explicit" = art. 3, Book 3; "Liber XII" (f. 126r) = art. 4, 1.1; no number (f. 132v) = art. 4, 34.1; no number (f. 138v) = art. 4, 65.1; no number (f. 141r) = art. 5; no number (f. 159r) = art. 6. The running headlines, containing the number of the Book and the title of the work, are equally inconsistent and often erroneous: "L. I de bello Gallico" to "L. VII de bello Gallico" (ff. 1v-90r), "L. VIII de bello civili" to "L. X de bello civili" (ff. 90v-140v) and "L. XI de bello Alexandrino" up to the end of the manuscript.

Paper, ff. I + 167 + I, 315 x 225 mm. In-folio folding. Watermark ...

I-XVI¹⁰ (ff. 1-160), XVII⁸ (-8, ff. 161-167). Horizontal catchwords in the inner margin, close to the lower edge of the pages.

Ruled with lead (no prickings visible) for one column of 42 lines; ruling type 31, augmented with a double horizontal through line in the upper margin for the running headlines and one vertical line in the outer margin close to the edge. The horizontal ruling for the text is double (84 traced lines) and the wide margins were no doubt intended for the adding of glosses.

Copied by one scribe writing a small Gothico-Humanistica with features close to Gothica Semitextualis Libraria.

Pale red headings in Humanistica Textualis, sometimes missing, especially towards the end of the codex. Running headlines in the same colour and by the same hand, "L" in the middle of the verso page, the number in the middle and the title at right on the recto page. Gothic initials at the head of the subdivisions of the text as sketched above (including f. 69r): (1) foliate initials in Lombard style in red and green, filled with blue heightened with white penwork, on a square gold background, up to f. 51r; the opening one (f. 1r) is 9 lines high and has penwork extensions ending in leaves in the left and upper margin (the latter interfering with the heading); the others are 4-5 lines high and have similar sprays in the left margin only; (2) Starting f. 68v (art. 2) blue flourished initials (4-6 lines) with red penwork, the latter extending in the margin.

Binding s. XVII/XVIII (repaired in 1993 by P. Dusel): brown sprinkled calf over cardboard, gold-tooled: the covers decorated with a double fillet frame, the spine, with seven raised bands,

richly decorated. In the second compartment a red title label with gold-tooled inscription “CESARIS / COMMENT/ARII .M^s.” Red edges.

Very probably copied in Northern Italy by a scribe from Northern Europe. The initially lavish decoration of the manuscript was replaced by a more modest one as work advanced. The manuscript belonged in the sixteenth century to the Dominican convent of Forlì (southeast of Bologna), if the following interpretation of the abbreviated ownership inscription in the lower margin of f. 1r is correct: “Est conventus s(ancti) Iac(obi) or(dinis) Predi(catorum) d(e) For(livio)”. On the front flyleaf r the s. XVIII shelfmark “O. 3. 19”. Collection of Bernard M. Rosenthal, Berkeley (MS 174). Purchased from Rosenthal on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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