

This reconstruction of the Macedonian campaign of the Roman Civil War, essentially between armies commanded by Julius Caesar and by Pompey, is based on:

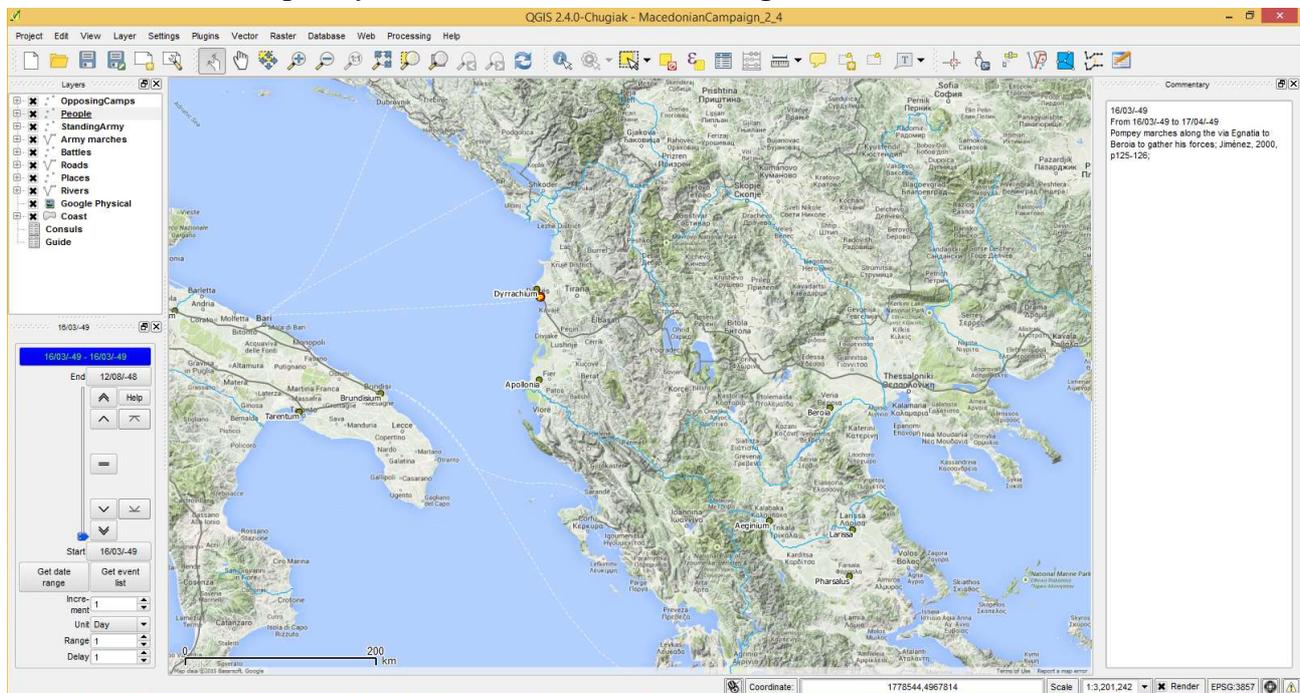
Caesar against Rome, Ramon L. Jiménez, 2000. Praeger Publishers.

Caesar, himself, in his *Civil War*, was remarkably reticent about dates, so many of the dates are, hopefully, reasonable interpolations between such dates as have been established. The dates are taken from Jiménez but it should be noted that the Roman calendar had slipped by some three months with respect to the solar calendar (the Julian calendar not yet having been established!), so that Mark Antony's crossing to Macedonia which is given as late March actually took place in mid-winter.

The reconstruction is very much improved if a layer, such as *Google Physical*, is added to give an idea of the terrain through which these large armies were moving (and it adds to the interest of trying to work out the best routes that they might have taken).

To use the reconstruction:

1. check that the **DateControl** plugin is enabled;
2. load the **Date control** plugin from the **Plugins/DateControl** menu option;
3. select the **People** layer and click the **Get date range** button in the **Date control** window.



The guide table is used for the commentary as you would see by examining the settings.

You should get a window looking like the following (using *Google Physical*): The most controlled way to run the reconstruction is to click on the slider and then use the **Up** key on the keyboard to advance the date one day at a time.

There are a couple of long periods where nothing happens: 17/04/-49 – 04/12/-49; 12/01/-48 – 21/03/-48. You may use the slider to advance to the next date or if you have got an event list, you may use the next event button to advance to the next date.

The coastline and rivers data has been extracted from the GSHHG dataset, see

<http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/pwessel/gshhg/>