

THE GOTHIC WAR OF THEODORIC: PART II

The Adda and the Attritional Struggle (490–493 AD)

CONTEXT: A reconstruction of the tactical deadlock between the Ostrogoths and Odoacer.

SOURCES: Operational accounts of Ammianus Marcellinus; Engineering principles of Vitruvius.

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01 | THE ADDA RIVER LINE
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Odoacer's Entrenched Position.
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CURRENT VELOCITY:
Piercing the sluggish quiet.
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OPERATIONAL FOCUS: Defensive Anchoring

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02 | BRIDGEHEAD ASSAULT

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Narrow Approach & Compression

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The bottleneck negates numerical superiority.

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COURAGE AND COWARDICE ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE IN THE CRUSH (TACITUS).

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03 | MISSILE STORM AT CLOSE RANGE



Minimal wind-up.
Maximum velocity.

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Kinetic Energy & Projectile Density

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04 | SHIELD STACK ADVANCE
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Shield-boss pushed against shield.
OPERATIONAL FOCUS:
Discipline & Mass
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CLOSE FORMATION INFANTRY GRIND.
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05 | BREAK ON THE SPAN



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06 | CAVALRY UNABLE TO DEPLOY

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Terrain Restriction

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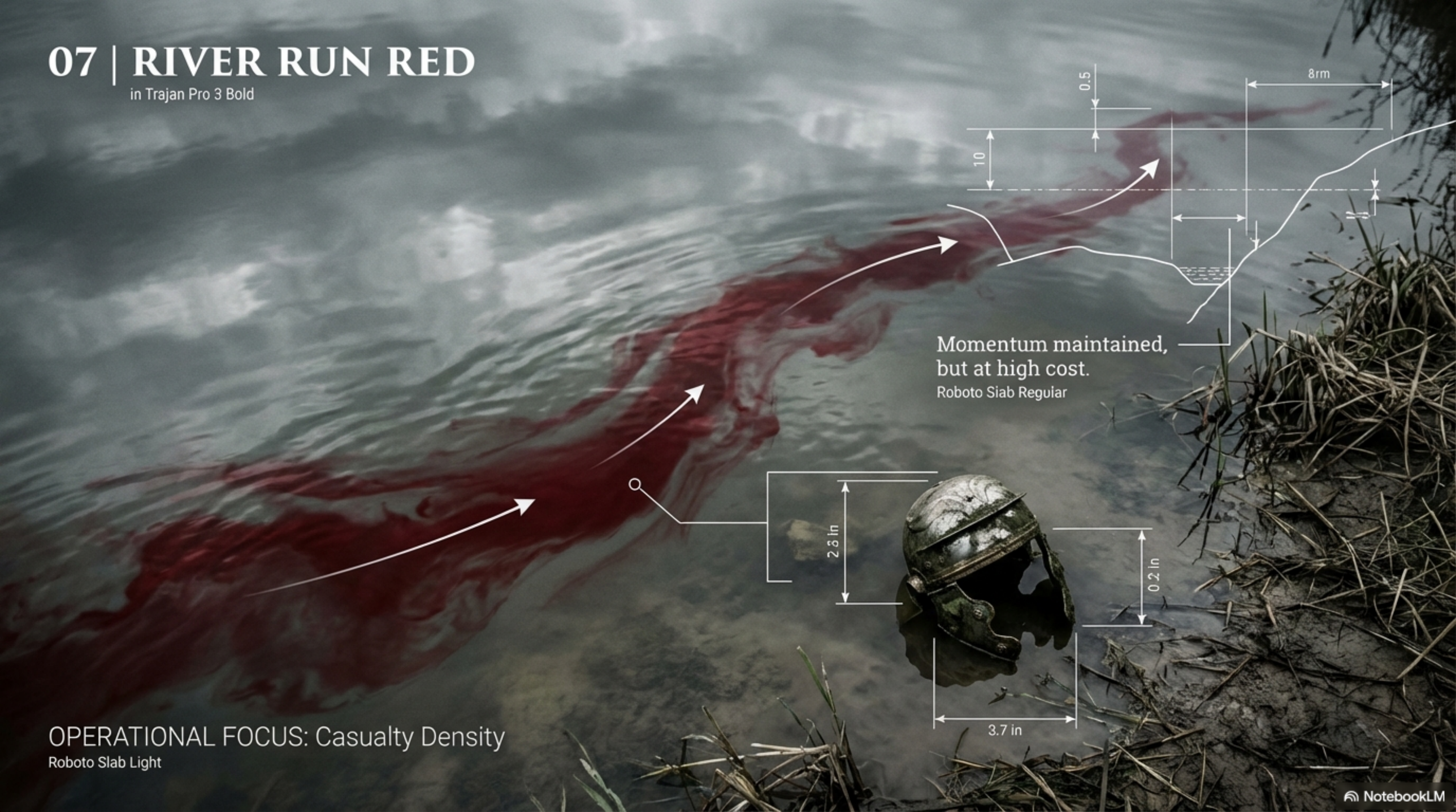
NEUTRALIZED ASSETS.

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07 | RIVER RUN RED

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OPERATIONAL FOCUS: Casualty Density

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08 | Odoacer Withdraws

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The retreat to the impregnable capital.

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OPERATIONAL FOCUS:

Strategic Retreat

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TRANSITION TO SIEGE WARFARE.

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09 | SIEGE LINES ESTABLISHED

OPERATIONAL FOCUS: Siege Engineering



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10 | MARSH BARRIER

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"No solid ground
for the engines."



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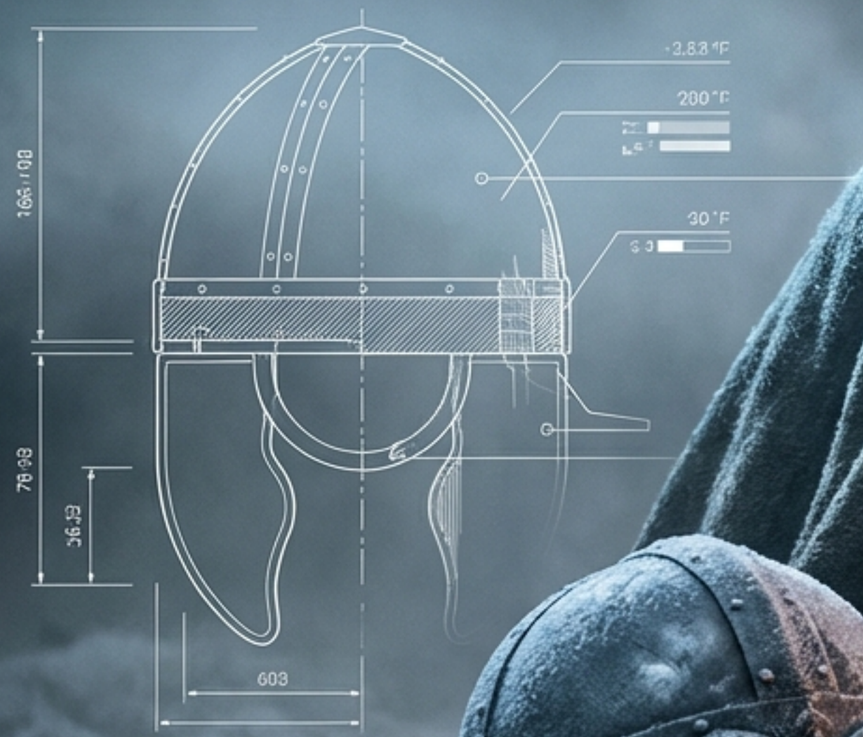
Geographical Insulation

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11 | WINTER ATTRITION

OPERATIONAL FOCUS: Physiological Decay



FLUXIS CORPORIBUS (Wasting Bodies). Refer to the Tacitus description of bodies unable to tolerate the change of soil and climate.

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12 | NIGHT SKIRMISH



Small-unit raids.
Silent knife work.
No glory.

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13 | ENGINEERING THE ENCIRCLEMENT



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14 | HUNGER IN RAVENNA



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15 | STALEMATE BREAKING



OPERATIONAL FOCUS: Negotiation via Exhaustion

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