

Battle of prova del coniglio (1416-ish)

briefing army of Perugia

This scenario is loosely based on the battle of Sant'Egidio on 12 July 1416 that pitted the company of condottieri Braccio da Montone against the army of the city of Perugia.

Prelude

Braccio de Montone was born in Perugia, but his family had been exiled. He has fought against Perugia on a number of occasions as condottiere in the service of others. Eventually he became one of the great condottieri and developed his own tactics, that are currently regarded as one of the two main tactical schools of late-medieval Italian battlefield tactics.

Braccio never gave up on his ambition to return to Perugia and become its lord. In 1416 the moment of truth had come and the army of Perugia now facing him in the field was the only thing between him and his ambition.

Situation report

The company of Braccio de Montone meets the army of Perugia on a battlefield some 30 kilometres to the north of Perugia. It is high summer and very hot.

Victory conditions

The task assigned to the army is to block Braccio on his way to Perugia. Because this army is all there is left between him and claiming power all that needs to be done is avoid being defeated.

Army

Commander in Chief	Carlo Malatesta
Coup d'ceil	Capable
Charisma	Trusted
Army command dice	7

Avant-garde

Commander: Galeazzo Malatesta

Coup d'ceil: Capable

Charisma: Trusted

Unit	Size (men)	WEAPON	KEYWORDS
Mounted crossbows	100 2 - 4 ranks (2 elements)	Crossbow Light armour	MTD CROSSBOW SKIRMISHING MERCENARY
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Elmeti	300 1 - 3 ranks (5 elements)	Lance, sword, mace Heavy armour Unbarded horse	ELMETI MERCENARY
crossbowmen	300 6 ranks (2x2 elements)	Crossbow Light armour	MERCENARY SKIRMISHING

Bataille

Commander: Carlo Malatesta (C-in-C)

Coup d'ceil: Capable

Charisma: Trusted

Unit	Size (men)	WEAPON	KEYWORDS
Elmeti	200 1 - 3 ranks (3 elements)	Lance, sword, mace Heavy armour Unbarded horse	ELMETI MERCENARY
crossbowmen	300 6 ranks (2x2 elements)	Crossbow Light armour	MERCENARY SKIRMISHING

Bataille

Commander: Carlo Malatesta (C-in-C)

Coup d'ceil: Capable

Charisma: Trusted

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Arrière-garde

Commander: Alfonso Baglioni

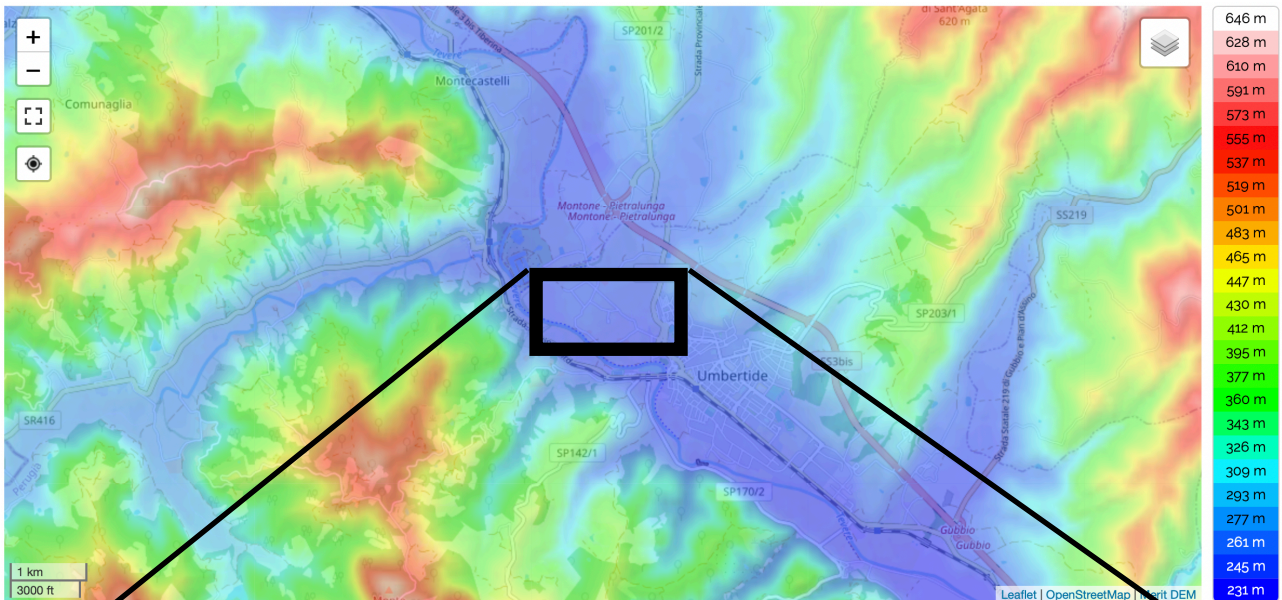
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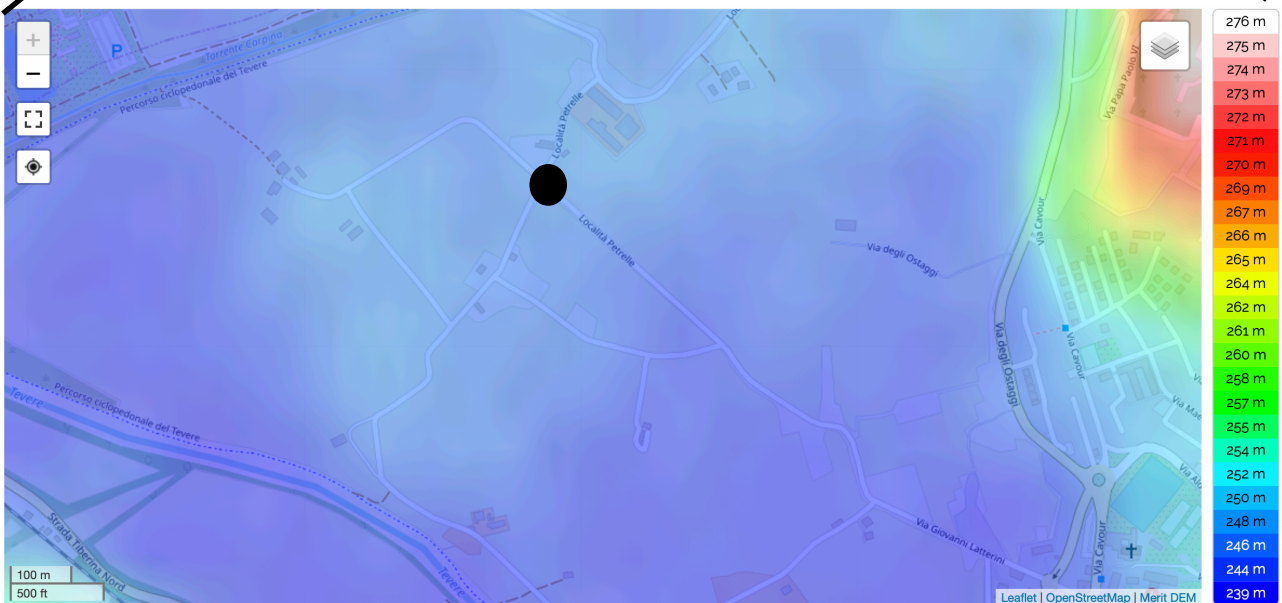
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Terrain

The actual battle of Sant'Egidio on 12 July 1416 took place near Umbertide. Whether to the north, east, west or south of it is unknown. This scenario is placed just to the north on gently rolling agricultural terrain. On the west the battlefield is bounded by the river Tevere, to the east by steep foothills.



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