

Playing the beautiful Caesar Deluxe, and delving into the historical period, I find it inappropriate that the Aquilae is completely not used in the SGBotH scenarios. It was a banner that had both tactical and moral importance for the Roman Legions. For this reason, I decided to integrate them.

Background: Sallust narrates that Gaius Marius, Caesar's uncle, used the Aquilae (eagle in latin) as an insignia for the first time in the war against the Cimbri, confirmed by Pliny, for which Marius, at the time of his second consulate in 103 BC, adopted the Aquilae as Legion's standard, assigning one to each Legion. Since then the use remained, and the Aquilae was made of silver in the Republican age (with gold arrows between the claws), and of gold or gold-plated during the empire, but it is known that there were also bronze Aquilae. The loss of the Aquilae (whose bearer was called "aquilifer"), an object of true veneration by the soldiers, could cause the dissolution of the unit, as if it were the soul of the Legion. Mario favored it over the four animals until then, and with it, used as insignia: the wolf; the minotaur; the horse; the wild boar. The Aquilae was always considered, even in the Middle Ages, as a symbol of the empire, and of its loyalty to it.



Aquilae Home Rules for SGBotH:

- Is an Information Marker for Stacking purposes.
- Can be transported only by Combat Units *or* Leaders of its own Legion.
- Moves with the same MP as the Unit carrying it *or* alone with its printed MA (6) as a Leader Unit Type only when its own Formation is Activated.
- If Unit(s) carrying it must Retreat, can keep it only if successfully passes a TQ (for stacked Units use top Unit's TQ); otherwise leaves Aquilae defenseless on the field.
- If enemy Units enter a hex with an Aquilae alone *or* not with Combat Units, it is Captured.
- Units in Retreat Before Combat *or* Retreat results must go, when possible, in the direction of its own Legion's Aquilae if in game.

If Aquilae is Captured

- +10 Routs Points.
- All Units of its Formation suffers -1TQ.
- Aquilae removed from the Battle.



Please, feel free to share your opinions or suggestions about it. Thank you.