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## Trajans Parthian Campaign

There were few instances in which the Parthians were a serious threat to the Roman Empire; while on the other hand, the Romans were able to make significant conquests on Parthian lands. The land was established as a province, the first on the north side of the Danube. To distract Decebalus, Trajan sent a force of cavalry under his trusted lieutenant, Lusius Quietus, to cut around to the via the Vulcan Pass to the east.

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Here, as a young officer, he first gained experience in the challenges of desert warfare and the command of men. Commanded successively by Lucullus 74-66 B.C. He forbade the use of informers, and there were no treason trials during his years in power.

## Trajan

Like Trajan, Justinian had overextended himself. This first incursion against Parthia was repulsed, notably at the 53 BC. Trajan returned to Rome victorious and celebrated by holding a series of gladiatorial contests involving 10 000 gladiators and causing deaths of at least 11 000 animals.

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