Armies of the Carthaginian Wars 265-146 BC

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Comments:

The chronology gives a short, but good timeline of the Punic Wars. The section on the Carthaginians includes a brief history of the city-state, along with descriptions of the various mercenaries and allies from which Carthage fielded most of its armies. The section on the Romans also provides a short history of the republic, its methods of waging war. There are also the usual maps, drawings, photos of surviving weapons and of modern views of ancient battlefields. Any battle information is mentioned only in passing. Still, this is a good, solid overview of the period.

--George Arnold

