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## Gallia Vetus, Ad Iulij Caesaris commentaria . . . 1590

**Stock#:** 87938  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1603  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 18.5 x 14.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 675.00



### Description:

Nice example of Abraham Ortelius's map of Gallia, which he based on information from Caesar's *Commentarii de Bello Gallico*, a popular text among humanists of the era.

Ancient Gaul is divided into four parts: Belgica, Celtica, Aquitania, and Gallia Narbonensis (Provincia Romanorum), which had already been conquered by the time of Caesar's Gallic Wars.

Narbona, from where Caesar launched his campaign and wrote of in *Commentarii*, is written in a scripted font, as are Arelate (Arles), Massilia (Marseille), Uxellodunum, Lemovicum (Limoges), Gergovia (Gergovie), Lutetia (Paris), Melodunum (Melun), Alexia (Alesia), and others.

The Ardennes Forest, Lemanus lacus (Lake Geneva), Rhenus fluvius (Rhine), and Rhodanus flu. (Rhône), Sequana fluvius (Seine), Garumna fluvius (Garonne), Alps, and Pyrenees, among other geographical features, are mapped.

Listed on the sides of the map are famous Gauls and their tribes, belligerent in Caesar's campaigns, including Arvernian Vercingetorix and Eburones Ambiorix and Cativolcus.

This is the second state of three, with "Elusates" added near the Pyrenees and "Divicus" not yet changed to "Divico".



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**Detailed Condition:**

Latin text on verso. Minor foxing and toning. Minor discoloration in centerfold.