

## THE NEW ARMY

Philip reorganized the Macedonian army, making it the most efficient in Greece. It was led by elite units of foot soldiers and horsemen, called the Companions. Philip gave his troops heavier fighting clothes and long spears, and trained them in a particularly effective version of the phalanx (see page 179).



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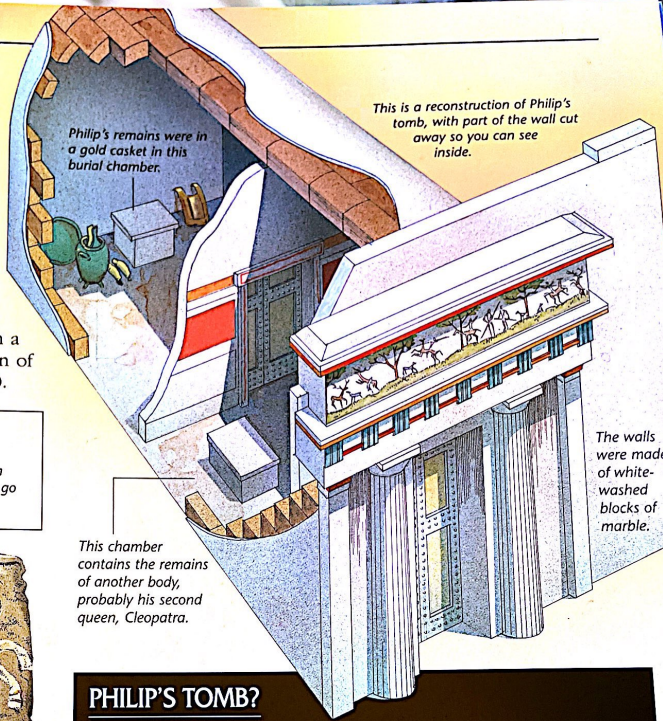
For a link to a website where you can play a game based on Philip's tomb, go to [www.usborne-quicklinks.com](http://www.usborne-quicklinks.com)



A carving of one of Philip's mounted bodyguards, the Companion Cavalry

## PHILIP'S ASSASSINATION

Philip had several wives but only one queen, Olympias, mother of his heir, Alexander. In 337BC, Philip took another wife, replacing Olympias as queen. The next year, Philip was murdered, as he was about to attack the Persians. The killer might have been paid by the Persians, or by Olympias.



This is a reconstruction of Philip's tomb, with part of the wall cut away so you can see inside.

Philip's remains were in a gold casket in this burial chamber.

The walls were made of white-washed blocks of marble.

This chamber contains the remains of another body, probably his second queen, Cleopatra.

## PHILIP'S TOMB?

In AD1977, archaeologists discovered a tomb in the royal cemetery at Vergina in Macedonia, with ancient treasures still inside it. Many scholars now believe this was Philip's tomb. In one room, archaeologists found a gold casket containing the cremated remains (bones as well as ashes) of a middle-aged man. His reconstructed skull had a wound near the right eye. As Philip is known to have lost his right eye in battle, experts think that these were almost certainly Philip's remains.

This gold casket held Philip's bones and ashes.

