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The **Mercenary War**, also known as the Truceless War, was a mutiny by troops who were employed by Carthage at the end of the [First Punic War](#) (264–241 BC), supported by uprisings of African settlements revolting against Carthaginian control. It lasted from 241 to 237 BC and, after the rebels tortured 700 Carthaginian prisoners to death, was pursued with great brutality on both sides. It ended with Carthage suppressing both the mutiny and the revolt. Rome opportunistically seized Sardinia and Corsica, which was the single greatest cause of war with Carthage breaking out again in 218 BC in the [Second Punic War](#).

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