Hoplites and heresies: a note

A. J. Holladay has effectively reasserted the traditional view of the hoplite phalanx—that it was a dense mass of men, relying on the weight and cohesion of the whole rather than on the prowess of individuals in order to break the enemy's line.¹

Further evidence in his support is provided by Plato's Laches,2 where Nicias is made to praise the art of fighting (that is, single combat) in hoplite armour, as a fitting part of a liberal education. But when it comes to its utility in warfare he is less enthusiastic. 'This science will help somewhat even on the actual battlefield, whenever one has to fight ranged in order with many others. But its chief benefit will be when the ranks are broken, and one has to fight singlehanded against a single adversary, and either, in pursuit, attack someone who is defending himself, or else, in retreat, protect oneself from the attack of another.' Nicias clearly has in mind a situation like that from which Socrates extracted himself so handsomely at the Battle of Delium, as the speakers in the dialogue have just recalled;3 though Socrates of course made his retreat without benefit of the newfangled art of fencing.

Laches, replying to Nicias, is much less favourable, and, in dismissing the art of single combat altogether, particularly stresses that the Lacedaemonians have no use for it. Clearly neither Nicias nor Laches even envisages the possibility that the battle may begin with a series of single combats.

This imaginary conversation does not of course carry the same historical weight as the Thucydidean passage, quoted by Holladay, that describes the advancing hoplites edging to the right to gain the protection of their neighbours' shields. Here are revealed not merely the movements but the feelings of front-rank soldiers going into battle. But Plato, like every Athenian of his class and time, understood the basic facts of hoplite warfare, and he and Thucydides bear one another out. Not only was the front rank too closely packed for individual skill to be of much account as the armies closed, but the following ranks, being made up of files whose duty was to follow their file-leader closely, would have been equally packed. There was certainly no room for front-rank men to fall back between the files (whether by mutual consent or not) after they had had enough.

To conclude, Holladay rightly notes that, after the Athenians had defeated the Syracusans on the Anapus, some of the victorious hoplites did break ranks and run out in pursuit, until they were checked by the enemy's cavalry. 6 Moreover, even Spartan hoplites regularly met attacks of peltasts and other light-armed troops by ordering the younger men to run out against the

enemy.⁷ Such actions might certainly explain the description of a fallen hoplite as *promachos*.⁸ But it is perhaps as probable that *promachos* is simply a poetic substitute for the technical *protostates*—a front-rank soldier, not one who fights in front of the ranks. In either case, the word lends no support to the suggestion that it was usual for hoplites to break ranks and come forward to individual combat when one phalanx was advancing against another.

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The Lamian War-stat magni nominis umbra1

For the uprising of 323 and 322 BC by the Greek states against the Macedonian domination, the name 'The Lamian War' has universal currency, identifying the overall conflict through reference to the siege of Lamia in the winter of 323/2. Given the relative insignificance of that particular event in determining the outcome of the war, the name does not seem to be particularly appropriate. Yet there is ample ancient evidence to indicate that the term $\delta \Lambda a\mu a\kappa \delta s \pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o s$ was used also in antiquity to signify this struggle. The full catalogue, in chronological order, is:

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ό Λαμιακός πόλεμος κληθείς
                                 (D.S. xvii 111.1)
πόλεμον . . . τὸν ὀνομασθέντα
                                 (D.S. xviii 8.1)
  Λαμιακόν
κατὰ τὸν Λαμιακὸν πόλεμον
                                 (D.S. xviii 10.1)2
έν τῷ Λαμιακῷ πολέμω
                                 (D.S. xviii 24.1)
μετά τὸν Λαμιακὸν πόλεμον
                                 (D.S. xviii 66.5)
έν τῷ Λαμιακῷ πολέμῳ
                                 (D.S. xx 46.3)3
                                 (Strabo ix 5.10)4
δ Λαμιακός . . . πόλεμος
περὶ τὸν Λαμιακὸν πόλεμον
                                 (Plut. Pyrrh. 1.6)
τοῦ Λαμιακοῦ πολέμου
                                 ([Plut.] Mor. 849f = X or. vit.
                                   'Hyperides')
κατὰ τὸν Λαμιακὸν πόλεμον
                                 (D.L. iv 9)
ό Λαμιακός πόλεμος
                                 (Euseb. Chron. Oly. 114.2)
Λαμιακός πόλεμος
                                 (Steph. Byz. s.v. 'Λάμια')
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There is also a possible reading of ἐν τῷ Λαμιακῷ

¹ A. J. Holladay, 'Hoplites and heresies', JHS cii (1982) 94-7.

² Pl. Lach. 181d–182b.

³ Pl. Lach. 181b.

⁴ Thuc. v 71.1; Holladay (n. 1) 94.

⁵ X. Cyr. ii 2.6–9, 3.21, Lac. Pol. 11.4–6, J. K. Anderson, Military Theory and Practice in the Age of Xenophon (Berkeley 1970) 94–110 (with further references).

⁶ Thuc. vi 70.3; Holladay (n. 1) 96.

⁷ Thuc. iv 127; X. *Hell.* iii 4.13–15; iv 4.15–17 and elsewhere; Anderson (n. 5) 117–26.

⁸ Holladay (n. 1) 94 n. 4.

¹ Lucan i 135. The argument of this paper formed the basis of a talk to the faculty and graduate students of the Department of Classics at Stanford University on 22nd January, 1981.

² A variant reading Λαλαμιακόν occurs in MS F.

³ In the Argumentum to D.S. xviii πόλεμον . . . τὸν ὀνομασθέντα Λαμιακόν is found in \S vi and τὸν Λαμιακὸν πόλεμον in xiv.

 $^{^4}$ At x 1.6 the text of Strabo reads: κατεστράφη δε τὰ Στύρα ἐν τῷ Μαλιακῷ πολέμῳ ὑπὸ Φαίδρου τοῦ 'Αθηναίων στρατηγοῦ. A. Meineke, in his edition (Leipzig 1866), emended Μαλιακῷ to Λαμιακῷ on the basis of a conjecture by Casaubon. A scribal error in transposing the lambda and mu is not difficult to envisage, and as all extant MSS are descended from the so-called archetype, the one original transposition would explain the constant MS reading Μαλιακῷ. Given what is known of the activities of Phaedrus, the Athenian strategos, it is highly probable that the MS reading should be so emended. On the career of Phaedrus see J. K. Davies, Athenian Propertied Families 600–300 B.C. (Oxford 1971) 524–5 no. 13964.

 $[\pi o \lambda \acute{\epsilon} \mu \omega]$ in a scholion to the text of Aeschines. To the Greek references should be added the Latin term bellum Lamiacum in the prologues to the lost Historiae Philippicae of Pompeius Trogus. The Chronicle of Jerome also contains the term as a translation of the Eusebius passage cited above. The Chronicle of Jerome also contains the term as a translation of the Eusebius passage cited above.

Such then is the complete register of occurrences of the name 'The Lamian War'. In each case the source is a literary one, and no corroborating epigraphical evidence for the title has been found.

The war was also known in antiquity, however, as δ Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος. The evidence for this is primarily epigraphical. The inscriptions are firmly datable in the main, and attest contemporary and near-contemporary use of that title.⁸ At IG ii² 448, in the second of two decrees, which is from the Athenian month Maimacterion in the archonship of Archippus (318/17 BC), lines 43 and 44 read [καὶ ἐπὶ τοῦ πολέμο]|υ τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ.⁹ That this is the Lamian War is certain. Not only is the first of the two decrees from the archonship of Cephisodorus (<math>323/2) but the entire context of both decrees is the advent of Sicyon into the Greek alliance for the war which began in that year.¹⁰

In IG ii² 505, from the Athenian month Scirophorion, in the archonship of Nicocles (302/1), line 17 reads $\hat{\epsilon}\pi\hat{\iota}$ $\tau o\hat{\upsilon}$ Έλληνικο $\hat{\upsilon}$ $\pi o\lambda \hat{\epsilon}\mu ov$. ¹¹ There can be no doubt

5 There are two scholia to Aeschines ii 21, each providing biographical details in elaboration of a textual reference to an Athenian strategos, Leosthenes, who had gone into exile in 361 BC. The scholion common to MSS L and M confuses this Leosthenes with the one later so prominent in the Lamian War, and includes the comment "υστερον δε κατελθών εστρατήγησεν εν τῷ δηλιακῷ καὶ ἀπέθανε τρωθείς. Both L and M read δηλιακῷ but in the margin of M another hand has written οἶμαι λαμιακῷ. Despite a conflation of two Leosthenes, this sentence does appear to refer to the Athenian general who commanded the forces at the siege of Lamia, and who died there as a result of a blow. If so, then the reading <math>Λαμιακ should be preferred, with the supplement [πολέμω] understood. For the two scholia and the adscript see W. Dindorf, Scholia Graeca in Aeschinem et Isocratem (Oxford 1852; repr. Hildesheim 1970) 46.

⁶ Pompeius Trogus *Prol.* xiii. Although there is a variant MS reading *lansacum* (or *lamsacum*), the context makes it certain that the reading of *Lamiacum* preferred by J. Bongars in his edition of Justin's epitome (Paris 1581) is correct, and it is now accepted without exception. For the text and apparatus see O. Seel, *Pompei Trogi Fragmenta* (Leipzig 1956) 120.

⁷ The parallel passages are ὁ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος ἐκινήθη (Eusebius) and Lamiacum bellum motum (St Jerome).

⁸ The Marmor Parium apart, I have examined first hand each of the inscriptions cited in this article. My thanks to Mrs D. Peppas-Delmousou and her staff at the National Epigraphical Museum at Athens for their aid and expertise.

⁹ The restoration is beyond question, as is evident both from the immediately adjacent context (lines 43-51) and from the subject matter of the whole, on which see below n. 10.

¹⁰ Part a, the first decree, from the archonship of Cephisodorus in 323/2, honours Euphron of Sicyon for bringing Sicyon into the Greek alliance (lines 8–15). Part b, from the archonship of Archippus in 318/17, comes from the year of the 'restored democracy' and harks back to the Hellenic (i.e. Lamian) War when the above honours were granted, recalling the reasons for the bestowal (lines 43–9). This decree reaffirms the previous honours and orders that new *stelae* recording them be erected (62 ff.).

11 An Athenian honorary decree in favour of Nicander of Ilium and Polyzelus of Ephesus, metics who had contributed to the Athenian navy during the Lamian War. On their status and rôles at Athens see R. Thomsen, Eisphora (Copenhagen 1964) 237–42, and J. Pečírka, The Formula for the Grant of Enktesis in Attic Inscriptions (Prague 1966) 80–1 together with his 'A note on Aristotle's

that this reference is to the so-called Lamian War. Lines 16 and 17 mention the archonship of Cephisodorus, and 18 and 25 the admiral Euction. 12

At lines 9 and 10 of IG ii² 506 the restored reading is $\tau o \hat{v} \pi o \lambda \epsilon \mu [ov \gamma \epsilon \nu o \mu \epsilon \nu o \nu \tau o \hat{v} E \lambda \lambda \eta \nu \iota] |\kappa o \hat{v}^{.13}$ There is a reference to naval matters at line 10 and a virtually certain naming of Cleitus, the Macedonian admiral during the war. ¹⁴ Further, the date of the inscription is in accord with the above framework. Lacking the full prescript (including the archon year) to this decree, we cannot assign it a precise date. However, the proposer was one Lysicrates, son of Lysistratus, also known from an honorary decree firmly dated 304/3, ¹⁵ within the chronological boundaries of the two previously cited inscriptions in which the term $\delta E \lambda \lambda \eta \nu \iota \kappa \delta s \pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o s$ is attested. This indicates that a date of ϵ . 302/1 for ϵ io ϵ 506, as proposed in ϵ is to be accepted.

Albeit scanty and fragmentary, the epigraphical evidence is conclusive. In Athens the term δ $E\lambda\lambda\eta\nu\iota\kappa\delta$ s $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma$ s was the official name for the war of 323 and 322, at least down to 301. 16

A single literary reference corroborates the epigraphical evidence. At Plut. *Phoc.* 23.1, in an account of a

conception of citizenship and the role of foreigners in fourth century Athens', Eirene vi (1967) 25.

¹² That Euction was the Athenian naval commander in this war is known from D.S. xviii 15.9.

¹³ The restoration by U. Koehler in IG ii 271. These lines could not be restored as ον καὶ τοῦ πολέμ[ον γενομένον τοῦ Λαμια] κοῦ as this supplement would account for only 32 of the 33 stoichoi.

¹⁴ The text of IG ii² 506 is fragmentary. Only the left hand

 $^{15}\hat{IG}$ ii² 488.6–7. Lysicrates and his genealogy are discussed by Davies (n. 4) 425.

16 In the summary of the epigraphical evidence for the name of Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος I have not included IG ii² 546, an Athenian decree concerning the people of Dolopia. Lines 14 and 15 are restored to read as follows in IG ii²: [δύνανται ἀγαθὸν κ]αὶ νῦν καὶ ἐν <math>[τῶιΈλληνικῶ ι πολέμωι τοῖς στρ]ατευομένοις. . . . Here the entire τῷ Έλληνικ $\hat{\omega}$ πολέμ ω is a restoration and one not easily substantiated in view of the extremely fragmentary nature of the inscription and the difficulty in supplying a date for it. (The prescript is deficient, notably in the name of the archon.) In IG ii2 the inscription is placed in the period 318/17-308/7, but since the publication of IG ii² in 1913 it has been shown that references to the $\sigma \upsilon \mu \pi \rho \acute{o} \epsilon \delta \rho o \iota$ are not confined to the period after 319/18. Subsequently IG ii² 546 has been assigned to the year 321/20—as a possibility by W. K. Pritchett and B. D. Meritt (1940); more positively by Meritt (1961); tentatively by S. Dow (1963). If 321/20 is to be accepted as the date for IG ii² 546, then I believe that the acceptability of έν τῶ Ἑλληνικῶ πολέμω as a supplement for lines 14-15 is greatly reduced. There is no surviving Athenian decree from the years between 322 and 318 which mentions that war-not surprising in view of the degree of control exercised over Athenian affairs in that period by the Macedonians, both by the garrison at Munichia and by the constitution imposed by Antipater.

disagreement between Phocion and Leosthenes, the Lamian War strategos, the text reads: $\dot{\omega}_S$ δὲ φέρων ενέσεισεν ὁ Λεωσθένης τὴν πόλιν εἰς τὸν Ἑλληνικὸν πόλεμον. . . . Following Xylander, editors have generally emended Ἑλληνικὸν το Λαμιακὸν, thereby excising the sole extant literary evidence for the name's use for this war. That such a drastic revision of the text is unwarranted is demonstrated by its epigraphical occurrences. The original text, retained in the earlier Teubner editions of Plutarch's Lives by Sintenis, has been maintained, rightly, by Ziegler. 17

In the light of contemporary propaganda it should not be a matter of surprise that the title was of Έλληνικός πόλεμος. The funeral speech given by Hyperides in honour of the Athenian dead after the siege of Lamia provides ample indication of how the Athenians viewed the war's issues. Not only is it apparent that the primary catchword was $\dot{\epsilon}\lambda\epsilon\nu\theta\epsilon\rho\dot{\iota}\alpha$, but on seven of the eight occasions where that noun occurs it is linked with forms of $E\lambda\lambda\dot{\alpha}s$ or $E\lambda\lambda\eta\nu\epsilon s$. There is also one occurrence of the verb $\dot{\epsilon}\lambda\epsilon\upsilon\theta\epsilon\rho\dot{\delta}\omega$, again directly coupled with Hellas. 18 Epigraphy adds to our knowledge of the practice. At lines 7 and 8 of IG ii² 467 (306/5), it is recorded that the Athenians had waged the war $[\dot{v}\pi\dot{\epsilon}\rho \ \tau\hat{\eta}s \ \dot{\epsilon}\lambda]|\epsilon v\theta\epsilon\rho(as \ \tau\hat{\omega}v \ [E]\lambda\lambda\hat{\eta}[v\omega v]$. In similar vein, lines 43-5 of IG ii² 448 (318/17) read [$\kappa \alpha i$ έπὶ τοῦ πολέμο] υ τοῦ Ἑλληνικοῦ, ὅν ἐ[ν]ε[στήσατο ὁ δημος ὁ ᾿Αθηναίων \dot{v} ||πὲρ τῶν Ἑλλήνων.¹⁹ This concept of an Hellenic War, fought for ἐλευθερία and αὐτονομία²⁰ against a foreign foe, was most openly expressed by Hyperides, who likened the struggle to that waged by the Greeks against the Persians in the early fifth century.21 These slogans, so prominent in the contemporary evidence, are also found in the derivative sources,²² and demonstrate well the emotional environment in which the name ὁ Ἑλληνικὸς πόλεμος was coined for the war of 323 and 322.

¹⁷ Xylander's edition was printed at Heidelberg in 1561. In the Teubner, C. Sintenis' first edition was in 1839 (4 vols) and the second in 1874 (5 vols). See now K. Ziegler (ed.), *Plutarchi Vitae Parallelae* ii. I (Leipzig 1964) 18, and the n. to line 24.

18 Hyperides, Epitaphios col. 5 τοις Έλλησ[ιν] εἰς τὴν ἐλευθερίαν and τῆ τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἐλευθερία, col. 6 ὑπὲρ τῆ[ς τῶ]ν Ἑλλήνων ἐλευθερία, col. 6 ὑπὲρ τῆ[ς τῶ]ν Ἑλλήνων ἐλευθερίαν, col. 9 τὴν κοινὴν ἐλ[υθερίαν τοις Ἑλλήσιν, col. 11 τί γε[νοιτ' ἄν τοις Ἑλλήσιν ἤδι[ον ἢ ἔπαινος τῶν] τὴν ἐλευθερίαν παρασκευα]σάντων ἀ[πὸ τῶν Μακεδό]νων, col. 13 εἰς τὴν κοινὴν ἐλευθερίαν τῶν Ἑλλήνων. The single occasion in this speech when the word is not linked in that way is in col. 7 καὶ τὴν μὲν ἐλευθερίαν εἰς τὸ κο[ι]νὸν πᾶσιν κατέθεσαν. At the commencement of col. 13 is οἱ τὴν Ἑλλάδ[α] ἐλευθερώσαντες.

- ¹⁹ Above n. 10.
- ²⁰ For αὐτονομία see Epitaphios col. 9.23.
- ²¹ Hyp. *Epit*. cols 12–13.

Although it has been recognised for some time that 'The Hellenic War' was a contemporary name for the event which is more widely known as 'The Lamian War', there has been no complete tabulation and examination of the evidence for each name. Nor has there been any attempt to determine at what stage the name 'The Lamian War' came into being, or for how long the term 'The Hellenic War' continued to be used.²³

Epigraphy has preserved only one other method of referring to this conflict. The war was recorded as that $\pi\rho\delta s$ ' $A\nu\tau i\pi a\tau\rho o\nu$ by the author of the Marmor Parium, ²⁴ terminology which was probably employed also in IG ii² 467.6–7, where the restored reading is $\dot{\epsilon}|\nu$ $\tau \hat{\omega}\iota \ \pi o\lambda \dot{\epsilon}\mu\omega\iota \ \ddot{o}\nu \ \pi \epsilon \pi o\lambda \dot{\epsilon}\mu\eta\kappa\epsilon||\nu \ \delta \ \delta \hat{\eta}\mu os \ \dot{o} \ 'A\theta\eta\nu a \iota \omega\nu \ [\pi\rho\delta s$ ' $A\nu\tau i\pi a\tau\rho o\nu$. ²⁵ Diodorus provides a direct literary parallel with ' $A\theta\eta\nu a \dot{\iota}o\iota \ \delta \dot{\epsilon} \ \pi\rho\delta s$ ' $A\nu\tau i\pi a\tau\rho o\nu \ \pi \delta \lambda \dot{\epsilon}\mu o\nu \ \dot{\epsilon} \dot{\xi} \dot{\eta}\nu \epsilon \gamma \kappa a\nu$, and Justin and Orosius supply the Latin equivalent bellum cum Antipatro. ²⁶ There are two literary instances in which the war is called that $\pi\rho\delta s$ $Ma\kappa\epsilon\delta\delta vas$, ²⁷ and one $\mu\iota\sigma\theta o\phi\rho\iota\kappa\delta s \ \pi \delta\lambda\epsilon\mu os$. ²⁸ There is nothing to suggest that any of these three ways of referring to the war attained widespread usage. ²⁹

All extant literary sources in which the name δ $\Lambda a\mu\iota\alpha\kappa\delta s$ $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma s$ is found are derivative. The earliest, Diodorus, uses the term on six occasions and is consistent in that there is no instance of the alternative δ 'E $\lambda\lambda\eta\nu\iota\kappa\delta s$ $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma s$ in his references to this war. Scholars all agree that Hieronymus of Cardia is the major source for Bks xviii to xx of Diodorus' history, 30 and it is within the span of these books that five of the six occurrences of the name 'Lamian War' are to be found. In particular the sections of Bk xviii in which the account of the Lamian War is given 11 bear the marks of Hieronymus. T. S. Brown has pointed to the somewhat cynical attitude to Greek attempts at freedom which is prevalent throughout Bks xviii—xx, 32 and which

- ²³ For example, H. Schaefer, *Der lamische oder hellenische Krieg* (Diss. Giessen 1886), despite his title, virtually ignores the question of the name of the war (only a brief indication at 62 n. 76). The most comprehensive tabulations of the sources for both names are: A. Schaefer, *Demosthenes und seine Zeit*² iii (Leipzig 1887) 372 nn. 1–2; H. Bengtson, *Gr. Gesch.*⁵ (Munich 1977) 372 n. 3; and F. Staehelin, *RE* xii (1925) 'Lamischer Krieg' 562, but in each case there are omissions and/or inaccuracies. E. Lepore, 'Leostene e le origini della guerra Lamiaca', *PP* x (1955) 161–85 has suggested that the name 'Hellenic War' originated in the climate of the restored democracy of 318 (176 and n. 6), having noted that the first surviving use of the appellation is in an inscription from that year. However, on the absence of such references for the years 322–318 see above n. 16.
 - 24 FGrH 239 B 9.
- ²⁵ The supplement $[\pi\rho\delta_{\rm s}$ 'Aντίπατρον] in line 7 is supported by the proposed restoration of line 16 in A. Wilhelm, Akademieschriften zur griechischen Inschriftenkunde (1895–1951) ii (Leipzig 1974) 145 as $|\alpha\kappa\epsilon\delta\delta \nu \nu \kappa\alpha|^2$ δτε 'A]ντ $[i\pi\alpha\tau\rho os \epsilon \kappa \rho \delta \tau \eta \sigma \epsilon$, οὐδαμῶs].
 - ²⁶ D.S. xviii 8.1; Justin xiii 5.8; Orosius iii 23.15.
 - ²⁷ Paus. iv 28.3 and Arg. to D.S. xviii, pt 2 §lix.
 - 28 Dexippus, FGrH 100 F 33.
- ²⁹ Lepore (n. 23) has demonstrated that the account of the origins of the war at D.S. xvii 111.1 ff. presents Leosthenes as the prime mover. There is no suggestion, however, that the conflict was ever termed 'Leosthenes' War'.
- ³⁰ See, most recently, Jane Hornblower, *Hieronymus of Cardia* (Oxford 1981) esp. ch. 2.
 - ³¹ D.S. xviii 9.1–13.6; 14.4–15.9; 16.4–18.9.
- 32 T. S. Brown, 'Hieronymus of Cardia', $\it AHR$ lii (1946–7) 693 and n. 71.

²² D.S. xviii 9.5 has both αὐτονομία and ἐλευθερῶσαι, plus references to ἐλευθερία at xviii 9.1, 10.2 and 12.3. The ἐλευθερία catch-cry is also echoed in Plut. Phoc. 26.1 and Suda s.v. 'Λαμία'. Justin xiii 5.5 provides the Latin counterpart with multae civitates libertatem bello vindicandam fremebant. There is also evidence from a papyrus fragment. Hibeh Pap. i (1906) 15 (= FGrH 105 F 6) is the second of the literary papyri from Hibeh, being part of a rhetorical composition written between 280 and 240. The editors believe that the occasion depicted is an address by Leosthenes to the Athenians on the Lamian War—an opinion supported by G. Mathieu, 'Notes sur Athènes à la veille de la guerre lamiaque', RPh lv (1929) 159–70, who also tentatively posits Anaximenes of Lampsacus as the source (160–1, 167). At line 122 (col. V) of the papyrus the text reads: ὑπὲρ τῆς κοινῆς ἐλευθερ[ίας].

doubtless is a reflection of Hieronymus' opinions, resulting not only from his connections with the Macedonian dynasts but also from his own background in Cardia, whose dependence on Macedonia in the fourth century BC is well attested.³³ This cynicism is especially noticeable in Diodorus' account of the attempt to break from the Macedonian domination in 323 and 322, with the accompanying Greek catch-cries of $\partial \lambda e \nu \theta \epsilon \rho i a$ and $\partial \nu \tau o \nu o \mu i a$. The attitude is most clearly demonstrated in xviii 10, reporting the public debate at Athens which resulted in an open declaration of war against Antipater. In its entirety the tone of D.S. xviii 10 is pessimistic—not unexpectedly so given that the source is Hieronymus.³⁴

The five instances of δ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος in D.S. xviii–xx can be attributed with confidence to Hieronymus, but the remaining occurrence is at xvii 111.1, and despite continuing controversy as to Diodorus' major source for Bk xvii, there is no suggestion that Hieronymus was used at all here.³⁵ On the single occasion where the name 'Lamian War' does occur in xvii the phraseology is interesting. The sentence reads:

ἄμα δὲ τούτοις πραττομένοις κατὰ τὴν Ἑλλάδα ταραχαὶ συνίσταντο καὶ πραγμάτων καινῶν κινήσεις, ἐξ ὧν ὁ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος κληθεὶς ἔλαβε τὴν ἀρχήν, ἐκ τοιαύτης τινὸς αἰτίας.

The use of $\kappa\lambda\eta\theta\epsilon$ is in referring to the name of the war is strange and would suggest that Diodorus might well not be echoing his source at this point. Since δ $\Lambda a\mu\iota\alpha\kappa\delta$ s $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma$ s is used consistently from Bk xviii to xx when Diodorus' source is Hieronymus, the likely supposition is that in referring to the origins of the Lamian War in xvii 111 the source used by Diodorus did not refer to the forthcoming war by that name at all. Diodorus, who was aware that this was to be the name used in Bk xviii

³³ References to Cardia in the speeches of Demosthenes show clearly that it was only the support of the Macedonian monarchy which prevented Athens from asserting control over Cardia. A full list of the evidence from Demosthenes, together with that from D.S. xvi and Plut. Eumenes is given by Brown (n. 32) 690 n. 56. For Cardian animosity towards Athens and inclination towards Macedon see Hornblower (n. 30) 175.

³⁴ Hornblower (n. 30) observes that 'the account of the Lamian War in (Diodorus) xviii reveals a distinctly Macedonian slant' (60—reiterated at 66, 165 and more fully at 171). Nonetheless it is claimed at 176—7 that in xviii 10 there is a sympathetic analysis of the Greek problems in preparing for this war. Against this proposal see A. B. Bosworth's review of Hornblower's work in *JHS* ciii (1983) 209—10. On Hieronymus' historical perspectives note also K. Rosen, 'Politische Ziele in der frühen hellenistischen Geschichtsschreibung', *Hermes* cvii (1979) 460—77.

35 The most likely candidate is still Cleitarchus of Alexandria, who is now widely accepted as the source, directly or indirectly, for D.S. xvii. A thorough re-examination of the evidence is in J. R. Hamilton, 'Cleitarchus and Diodorus 17', Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean in Ancient History and Prehistory, Fests. Schachermeyr (Berlin 1977) 126-46. Tarn's theory of a so-called 'mercenaries' source' on whom Diodorus relied heavily up to the battle of Issus (Alexander the Great ii esp. 71-5, 105-6, 128-30) has been laid to rest by P. A. Brunt, CQ xii (1962) 141-55. On the contentious subject of the date of Cleitarchus, recent works by J. R. Hamilton, 'Cleitarchus and Aristobulus', Historia x (1961) 448-58; E. Badian, 'The date of Clitarchus', PACA viii (1965) 5-11; F. Schachermeyr, Alexander in Babylon und die Reichsordnung nach seine Tode (Vienna 1970) 211-24 have argued for c. 310. If Cleitarchus was the source for the reference at D.S. xvii 111.1 a date of c. 310 would accord well with the proposition below that the source which Diodorus used at that point could not have employed the term ὁ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος.

for the full account of the conflict, employed δ $\Lambda a \mu \iota a \kappa \delta_s \pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o_s$ in xvii to maintain consistency with what followed in xviii. That Diodorus was conscious of the link between these two passages in the successive books is quite clearly attested at xviii 9.1, where specific reference is made to the earlier account $\epsilon \nu \tau \hat{\eta} \pi \rho \delta \tau a \nu \tau \eta s \beta \nu \beta \lambda \omega$. The proposal that $\delta \Lambda a \mu \iota a \kappa \delta_s \pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o s$ (with the addition of $\kappa \lambda \eta \theta \epsilon (s)$ in xvii was a deliberate foreshadowing of the term used by Hieronymus is virtually confirmed by the first use of that name in xviii, where the text reads:

κατὰ δὲ τὴν Εὐρώπην 'Ρόδιοι μὲν ἐκβαλόντες τὴν Μακεδονικὴν φρουρὰν ἠλευθέρωσαν τὴν πόλιν, 'Αθηναῖοι δὲ πρὸς 'Αντίπατρον πόλεμον ἐξήνεγκαν τὸν ὀνομασθέντα Λαμιακόν.³⁶

Elsewhere in Bks xviii—xx the war is referred to merely as δ $\Lambda a\mu \iota a\kappa \delta s$ $\pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu \sigma s$. Presumably, in first employing the term in xviii where the name is derived from Hieronymus, Diodorus felt it necessary to mirror the terminology of xvii 111.1 in order to form a precise bridge with the earlier account of the origins of the conflict. It therefore appears most likely that Hieronymus used the name δ $\Lambda a\mu \iota a\kappa \delta s$ $\pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu \sigma s$ in referring to the war of 323 and 322, but that Diodorus' source for Bk xvii did not do so.

Plutarch is the most intriguing of the literary sources for this matter. In the Lives he uses both δ Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος and δ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος in referring to the war, and in this he stands alone. δ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος is found in the Pyrrhus, and there is no doubt that for parts of this Plutarch had as his source either Hieronymus, or perhaps more likely an intermediary Hieronymus-based source. The of three separate occasions in Pyrrhus Plutarch cites Hieronymus as his authority, and it is known from Pausanias that Hieronymus' history included information as to the death of Pyrrhus. Plutarch's use of δ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος in a biography for which the detail was derived to some extent at least from that source adds weight to the proposal that Hieronymus referred to the war by that name.

The only surviving literary reference with the name δ 'E $\lambda\lambda\eta\nu\iota\kappa\dot{\delta}s$ $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma$ s is in Plutarch's Phocion, ⁴⁰ in which Duris of Samos is twice mentioned as a source. ⁴¹ Although the evidence for Duris' life is far from comprehensive, it is certain that his forebears must have been removed from their homeland in the expulsion of the Samians by the Athenians in 366/5, and that Duris was born in exile, possibly in Sicily, c. 330. In the restoration of the Samian exiles by the general recall of 322/1 Duris presumably came to Samos, where both his father Kaios and he are attested as $\tau \dot{\nu} \rho \alpha \nu \nu \sigma \iota$. At some

³⁶ D.S. xviii 8.1

³⁷ Plut. Pyrrh. 1.6 which is, admittedly, in the prefatory section. On the question of whether Plutarch made use of sources contemporary with the subjects of his Lives or relied upon secondary sources, see K. Ziegler, RE xxi.1 (1951) 'Plutarchos' no. 2 esp. 911 ff. and the introduction to J. R. Hamilton, Plutarch, Alexander: a Commentary (Oxford 1969) xliii-xlix. The general belief, following E. Meyer, Forschungen zur alten Geschichte ii (Halle 1899) 65–71, is that Plutarch did use secondary sources in the main, but that for the period of the Diadochi he could have had direct access to the work of Hieronymus.

³⁸ Plut. Pyrrh. 17.7=FGrH 154 F 11 (280 BC); 21.12=F 12 (279

BC); 27.8 = F 14 (272 BC). ³⁹ Paus. i 13.9 = FGrH 154 F 15.

⁴⁰ Above p. 153-4.

⁴¹ Plut. Phoc. 4.3-4=FGrH 76 F 50; 17.10=F 51.

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time after 307 Duris, along with his brother Lynceus, went to Athens to study under Theophrastus, and thence seems to have returned to Samos c. 300.⁴²

Duris' most renowned work, the Macedonian History, began with the events of 370/69 (taking as a starting point the death of Amyntas, father of Philip II)⁴³ and probably concluded with those of 281/80. The last datable event in the extant fragments is the death of Lysimachus in 281.⁴⁴ The year 281/80 would have had particular significance as a concluding point for the Macedonica as it marked the annexation of Samos by Ptolemy II and the downfall of Duris' rule.⁴⁵ Given both the topic of the History and that he was a citizen of Samos, it is to be expected that Duris would have included an account of the Lamian War, the causes of which (from the Athenian viewpoint) were so closely linked with the question of the cleruchies on Samos.⁴⁶

Duris was in Athens during the last decade of the fourth century and had returned to Samos by c. 300. Now this is precisely the period for which we have unequivocal epigraphical evidence that at Athens the war was known as, and officially recorded in public documents as, δ ' $E\lambda\lambda\eta\nu\iota\kappa\delta$'s $\pi\delta\lambda\epsilon\mu\sigma$ s. It would not, therefore, be surprising if Duris employed that terminology. That Plutarch uses the name in the *Phocion*, for which Duris is twice attested as a source, raises the possibility that Plutarch derived the name from him.

That possibility is strengthened by an examination of Plutarch's *Demetrius*, as it has been demonstrated conclusively that much of the material for this *Life* was drawn ultimately from Duris.⁴⁷ Sweet also proposes that the historical framework for *Demetrius* was derived from an intermediary annalistic history based on Hieronymus.⁴⁸ The *Demetrius* contains two references to the Lamian War, the first of which is expressed in a manner significant for this discussion. After recording the overthrow of Demetrius of Phalerum in 307, Plutarch continues:

'Αθηναῖοι δ' ἀπολαβόντες τὴν δημοκρατίαν ἔτει πεντεκαιδεκάτω, τὸν διὰ μέσου χρόνον ἀπὸ τῶν Λαμιακῶν καὶ τῆς περὶ Κραννῶνα μάχης λόγω μὲν

⁴² For the early life of Duris see R. B. Kebric, In the Shadow of Macedon: Duris of Samos, Historia Einzels. xxix (Wiesbaden 1977) 2-4; for the date of their arrival at Athens, id., 'A note on Duris in Athens', CPh lxix (1974) 286-7, with good arguments for between 304 and 302. That Duris had returned to Samos by ϵ . 300 is indicated by the issue of a hemidrachma at that time, see J. Barron, The Silver Coins of Samos (London 1966) 137-8.

- 43 D.S. xv 60.6.
- 44 Pliny NH viii 143 = FGrH 76 F 55.
- 45 Kebric (n. 42) 51-4.
- 46 One extant fragment of the Macedonica indicates that the matter was discussed in Bk x, as the Suda records that in that section of Duris' work was to be found an account of an harangue by Pytheas against Demosthenes (s.v. 'ῷ τὸ ἰερὸν πῦρ οὐκ ἔξεστι φυσῆσω' = FGrH 76 F8). Plutarch, citing Phylarchus as his source, also has a description of that public verbal clash to which the Duris fragment appears to refer (Dem. 27.3 = FGrH 81 F 75).
- ⁴⁷ W. E. Sweet, 'Sources of Plutarch's *Demetrius'*, *Cl. Weekly* xliv (1951) 177–81; Kebric (n. 42) 55–60; Hornblower (n. 30) 68–70; P. de Lacy, 'Biography and Tragedy in Plutarch', *AJP* lxxiii (1952) 159–71. Lynceus of Samos, the brother of Duris, is the only source named in this biography (Plut. *Demetr.* 27.3). Hieronymus is attested at 39.3–7 as having been appointed by Demetrius as *epimelete* and *harmost* over the Boeotians (= *FGrH* 154 T 8).
 - 48 Sweet (n. 47) 178.

ολιγαρχικής, ἔργω δὲ μοναρχικής καταστάσεως γενομένης διὰ τὴν τοῦ Φαληρέως δύναμιν. 49

The phraseology at first sight appears unnecessarily awkward, viz. ἀπὸ τῶν Λαμιακῶν καὶ τῆς περὶ Κραννῶνα μάχης. Had Plutarch's source at this point used the name 'Lamian War' for the conflict, then a simple ἀπὸ τοῦ Λαμιακοῦ πολέμου would have sufficed and been more explicit. It would seem more likely that the source was one to whom the term of Λαμιακός πόλεμος was unknown, so that even if Sweet is correct in positing an Hieronymus-based source for some sections of Demetrius, this is not one which can be attributed to that source. Duris apparently knew this war as δ Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος—but to have used the name in a statement reviewing the past could have created some ambiguity. Plutarch himself is evidence enough for the fact that the name of Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος had been applied to many military engagements other than that of 323 and 322.50 It is possible that Plutarch's source avoided the more general δ Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος in favour of the more descriptive and completely unambiguous references to $\tau \dot{\alpha}$ Λαμιακά and ή περί Κραννώνα μάχη, the only two theatres of the war on land where major Greek and Macedonian forces met. Such a description of the Lamian War is consistent with one who had a near contemporary knowledge of the events, especially as they were reported in Athens. In the surviving passages of Hyperides' Epitaphios there are references to a $\mu \acute{a} \chi \eta$ immediately prior to the besieging of Lamia, and to $\mu \dot{\alpha} \chi a \iota$ subsequent to the lifting of the siege, but never to an actual μάχη at Lamia itself.⁵¹ The phraseology at Plut. Demetr. 10.2 is absolutely accurate, and precise in distinguishing between the type of engagement at Crannon and the events earlier at Lamia. Duris' presence in Athens in the immediate post-war decades would have equipped him with that knowledge, which provided an alternative to the only name current at that time, δ Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος. 52

The relative dates at which Duris and Hieronymus wrote their histories are reasonably well established. Droysen first proposed that Duris wrote before Hieronymus—a theory subsequently attacked by Koehler, but convincingly upheld by Jacoby, and now accepted as established, as has been Jacoby's further proposal that Hieronymus wrote in part in reaction to, and refutation of, Duris.⁵³ As noted above,⁵⁴ the indications are that Duris began his history shortly after 281/80 when his rule in Samos was terminated by Ptolemy II. Hieronymus is recorded as having lived to an age of one hundred and four,⁵⁵ which would put his death *c.* 250.

⁴⁹ Plut. *Demetr.* 10.2.

⁵⁰ The expression occurs in seven separate Lives from the fifth and fourth centuries BC—Them. 6.5; Cim. 18.6; Lys. 27.3; Ages. 15.2; Pel. 17.11; Art. 20.4; Phoc. 23.1.

⁵¹ Coll. 5–6. Events περὶ Λαμίαν are discussed further in the examination of Plb. ix 29.2 below.

⁵² How Hieronymus referred to the same event is demonstrated at D.S. xx 46.3: ὁ μὲν οὖν δήμος ἐν τῷ Λαμιακῷ πολέμῳ καταλυθεὶς ὑπ' ᾿Αντιπάτρου μετ' ἔτη πεντεκαίδεκα παραδόξως ἐκομίσατο τὴν πάτοιον πολιτείαν.

⁵³ J. G. Droysen, 'Zur Duris und Hieronymos', Hermes xi (1876) 465; U. Koehler, 'Über die Diadochensgeschichte Arrian's', Sitz. d. Kön. Preuss. Akad. d. Wiss. Berlin (1890) 586 ff.; F. Jacoby, RE viii.2 (1913) 'Hieronymos' no. 10 1549 and FGrH iiD (Comm.) 544.

⁵⁴ Above nn. 44 and 45.

^{55 [}Lucian] Macrob. 22 = FGrH 154 T 2.

Although that figure is open to question, it is certain that he lived long and that his history included events down to at least 272.56

As far as the state of the sources will allow, it appears certain that Hieronymus used the name δ Λαμιακός πόλεμος for the war. On the other hand, it seems likely that Duris, writing within a decade earlier than Hieronymus, referred to it as δ Έλληνικός πόλεμος and had no knowledge of an alternative name. What little evidence we do have suggests that Hieronymus might well have been the first to use the name which later became standard for the war. That such a change in terminology could have occurred around the 260s has some support from epigraphy. The Marmor Parium, although not having an overall name for the war, does record the struggle at Lamia and the naumachia near Amorgus in the entry for 323/2. The reference to the events at Lamia reads:

άπὸ τοῦ πολέμου τοῦ γενομένου περὶ Λαμίαν 'Αθηναίοις πρός 'Αντίπατρον. 57

Here, for the first time in the extant evidence, the military engagements at and around Lamia have been labelled a $\pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o s$, an indication that in some quarters the Lamian events had been elevated in importance to a point from which it was no great step to identify the entire conflict with the ' $\pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu o s$ ' at that location. It is known from the prescript to \dot{fr} . A of the Marmor Parium that the chronicle recorded selected events down to the archonship of Diognetus at Athens in 264/3,58 which is virtually synchronous with Hieronymus' time of writ-

That the name δ $\Lambda a\mu\iota a\kappa \delta s$ $\pi \delta \lambda \epsilon \mu \sigma s$ was in circulation in the second century BC seems confirmed by an odd reference to the war by Polybius:

'Αντίπατρος μὲν ἐν τῆ περὶ Λαμίαν μάχη νικήσας τοὺς ελληνας, κάκιστα μὲν ἐχρήσατο τοῖς ταλαιπώροις 'Αθηναίοις ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ τοῖς

As it stands this account of what transpired is nonsense. Not only is it difficult to decide just what is meant by the $\mu \dot{\alpha} \chi \eta \pi \epsilon \rho i \Lambda \alpha \mu i \alpha \nu$, but Polybius also states that Antipater achieved a victory over the Greeks here. In fact, what battles were fought $\pi\epsilon\rho$ i $\Lambda a\mu ia\nu$ were certainly in favour of the Greek forces—the first resulting in Antipater being shut up in Lamia, and the later causing him to flee northwards following the death of Leonnatus and defeat of his cavalry. If it was Polybius' intention to refer to a decisive victory on land for Antipater, then only that near Crannon, fought some months later in 322, would fit the bill. Walbank, in his commentary on this passage, observes: 'What P. means by the "battle of Lamia" is not clear; the only

⁵⁶ For Hieronymus' life and the span of his work see Hornblower

fighting there was like the sally which cost Leosthenes his life. . . . The likelihood is that P. has confused the name of the decisive land battle with that of the town noteworthy for the most memorable incident of the war as a whole....'60 The confusion in Polybius is explicable if it is understood that by the time this abbreviated account of the war was written, the name of Λαμιακός πόλεμος was in circulation. Polybius has mistakenly assumed that the decisive land battle must have been near the city which had given its name to the overall conflict of 323 and 322, and by that error supplies the first indication of the time by which the name ὁ Λαμιακὸς πόλεμος had attained widespread recognition.61

If Hieronymus was the first literary figure to use the name $\Lambda \alpha \mu \iota \alpha \kappa \dot{\delta} s \pi \dot{\delta} \lambda \epsilon \mu \sigma s$, it remains to ask why. Hornblower has argued that Hieronymus' final revision of the early sections of his work was undertaken in the 260s, after Athens had capitulated to Antigonus Gonatas in the Chremonidean War. Not only were there parallels to be drawn between the 'Hellenic War' of the 320s and the Greek struggle for freedom from Macedon in the 260s, but for a contemporary historian (with pro-Macedonian tendencies) the recording of the former revolt needed careful rewriting in view of the current developments.⁶² In particular the traditional name of Έλληνικὸς πόλεμος would have presented problems—both emotive and in the matter of precision. It is in that light, I would suggest, that Hieronymus decided to refer to the war of 323 and 322 BC as o Λαμιακός πόλεμος.

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60 F. W. Walbank, A Historical Commentary on Polybius ii (Oxford

61 A confusion somewhat similar to that in the Polybius passage is evident at Paus. vii 6.5. There it is stated that of the people of Achaea, only the noted wrestler Chilon of Patrae was present ἐπὶ τὸν πρὸς Λαμία καλούμενον πόλεμον. However, in this case it is perfectly clear, both from the context of vii 6.5 and from an additional reference at vi 4.6-7, that Pausanias meant to refer only to the events $\pi\epsilon\rho$ i $\Lambda a\mu$ iav and not to the war as a whole.

62 Hornblower (n. 30) 172 ff.

Placing Sectio Canonis in historical and philosophical contexts

The construction of Pythagorean musical theory rests philosophically on the foundation provided by Sectio Canonis. Indeed, the treatise may have performed this role historically too. Andrew Barker has recently contributed to this journal a discussion of the methods and aims of the Sectio—JHS ci (1981) 1-16. In so doing he has pinpointed lapses in the theoretical reckoning of the treatise, especially in the case of proposition 11 (PII). I should like to reply to Barker's article. My remarks concern the authorship and date of the treatise, the introduction, a few propositions, and ultimately the historical and philosophical settings for the Sectio.

Barker chooses to avoid the issue of authorship of the Sectio, stating: 'Whether or not they [introduction and twenty propositions] are by Euclid himself, there is no good reason to assign at least the first eighteen propositions to a date later than Euclid's, or to suggest

⁽n. 30) ch. 1.

57 FGrH 239 B 9. It is recorded in A. Wilhelm, 'Ein neues Bruchstück der parischen Marmorchronik', Ath. Mitt. xxii (1897) 193 that there is a space with an erasure between $\pi \epsilon \rho i$ and the lambda of $\Lambda a\mu iav$, and that the final two letters of $\Lambda a\mu iav$ are inscribed over an erasure. Jacoby believes the original inscription, erased in part for the correction $\Lambda AMIAN$, was $\Sigma A\Lambda AMINA$ (FGrH iiB 239 p. 1003 n. to line 8). For the Amorgus naval engagement see N. G. Ashton, 'The Naumachia near Amorgos in 322 B.C.', BSA lxxii (1977) 1-11.

⁵⁸ FGrH 239 A lines 2-3.

⁵⁹ Plb. ix 29.2.