

Distinct differences in proportions of the pedicel also appear. The species occurs in a number of the Brazilian states, including the southernmost, and in Misiones, Argentina.

The Panamanian form is therefore described as a new species, as follows:

**Eciton (*Eciton*) conquistador**, new species

**SOLDIER:** Total length extended, including head, 11.7–13.5 mm.; of head, including mandibles, 5 mm.; of thorax, 3.5 mm. Head in front view, excluding mandibles, 2.2–2.5 mm. long by 2.5–2.7 mm. wide, being distinctly wider than long, occipital margin impressed, sides convex and broader anteriorly than posteriorly, anterior clypeal margin feebly convex; lateral clypeal margins produced as a triangular, convex lobe directed towards the antennal insertions; eyes convex, 0.15–0.18 mm. in diameter; mandibles long and slender, the apical tooth acute and recurved, near the middle of the median border a second tooth arises from an obtusely angulate, broad base, distal to this may or may not arise a slight, broad convexity; antennal scapes exceeding occipital corners, slightly bowed and enlarged distally. Thorax from above convex through the pronotum at the sides, impressed in the pro-mesonotal region and with sides of epinotum straight, converging slightly posteriorly; in side view sinuate dorsally, the pronotum and basal surface of the epinotum slightly convex; basal epinotal surface with a lamina on each side fusing distally, where produced as a pair of triangular teeth, the fused lamellae continue down the declivous surface as a short median lamella. Petiole from above rectangular, sides slightly convex, broader behind than in front. Post-petiole from above about one-third broader than the petiole, sides convex and strongly converging anteriorly. Gaster small and ovate; legs long and slender.

Dull, being finely and densely punctate over the entire body and appendages; mandibles in addition carrying short and irregular rugae.

Head brownish yellow with anterior margin infuscated, antennae brown with funiculi darker than the scapes, mandibles dark brown; remainder of body brown with a ferruginous tinge.

**WORKER:** Length, 3–7 mm. Dull, being finely and densely punctate as in the soldier, the mandibles having in addition slight