

Black or deep piceous brown; mandibles, tarsi and antennal funiculi yellow or reddish; mandibular teeth blackish; legs and antennæ, especially the funiculi, often brown or reddish.

*Female.* Length 5.5–6 mm.

Head resembling that of the soldier but with nearly straight posterior border and more angular posterior corners. Antennal scapes reaching a little beyond the posterior corners. Eyes large. Thorax robust, with flattened mesonotum and scutellum. Epinotum with short, stout spines; its base and declivity subequal and forming together a single abruptly inclined surface. Petiole and postpetiole robust, the former in profile with a high, acute node near its posterior end, the latter from above transverse, nearly twice as broad as long, with pointed sides and rounded anterior border. Gaster suboblong.

Sculpture of head similar to that of the soldier. Thorax opaque, very finely punctate, with longitudinally rugose mesonotum and pleuræ, a smooth, shining anteromedian mesonotal spot and parapsidal furrows. In one specimen the mesopleuræ are also rather smooth and shining. Scutellum coarsely punctate, shining. Epinotum coarsely rugose; petiole, postpetiole and nearly the whole of the first gastric segment opaque and densely punctate; postpetiole above transversely rugose; posterior border of first gastric and whole of remaining segments smooth and shining.

Pilosity similar to that of the soldier but proportionally shorter and on the gaster more abundant.

Black; mandibles and clypeus, except their borders, front of head, cheeks, antennal scapes and femorotibial articulations ferruginous. Tarsi yellow. Wings grayish hyaline, with pale yellowish veins and stigma.

*Male.* Length 3–3.5 mm.

Integument very soft and pliable. Head small, through the eyes as broad as long, produced and narrowed behind; cheeks lacking. Eyes and ocelli large and convex. Mandibles bidentate. Antennæ filiform, scape but little longer than the first funicular joint, which is swollen and distinctly longer than broad. Clypeus convex in the middle, with entire, broadly rounded anterior border. Thorax robust, much broader than the head. Epinotum sloping, unarmed, without distinct base and declivity. Petiole and postpetiole similar to those of the worker, but the former with lower, more rounded node. Gaster and legs slender.

Head opaque, very finely and densely punctate, remainder of body smooth and shining.

Hairs pale yellow, short, suberect, rather abundant both on the body and appendages.

Head black above; thorax and gaster brown, except the sutures and articulations, which together with the mouthparts, antennæ and legs are pale, sordid yellow. Wings colored as in the female.

Described from numerous soldiers, workers and males and two females taken by Mr. Wight from several nests at Mandeville, Balaclava and Troy. According to notes accompanying the specimens the colonies of this species are "very populous, active and aggressive and nest in moist black soil under stones or in rotten logs."