

Tentorium signiferorum

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HISTORICALLY

Tentorium signiferorum – in the realities of the Roman army, this was a tent intended for the *signiferi*, that is, soldiers carrying the standards of the centuria and responsible for their protection and for the prestige of the unit.

Within the **castrum**, this tent was usually located near the area occupied by the given centuria, often in the vicinity of its main line of tents. Its location had practical significance – it allowed quick access to the standard in the event of an alarm or march-out, while at the same time ensuring its constant protection.

The *signiferi* themselves stayed in the Tentorium signiferorum, and the most important insignia of the unit, such as **signa** — the standards of the centuria — were also kept there. They were not only identifying elements, but also symbols of the honour and continuity of the unit. The loss of a standard in battle was regarded as a great disgrace, which is why great importance was attached to its security.

In addition to their symbolic function, the *signiferi* also served as treasurers – they often kept the soldiers' pay and the savings deposited by legionaries. Therefore, the tent could contain chests or containers for money and financial documents.

The Tentorium signiferorum was therefore not only a place of accommodation for selected soldiers, but also an important organisational point, combining symbolic, financial, and practical functions within the structure of the legion.

IN OUR CAMP

Tentorium signiferorum – in the camp of our reenactment group, this is the tent intended for the standard-bearers, who perform one of the most prestigious functions in the unit. It is both a place of accommodation and a space of special symbolic significance.

The **aquilifer**, who carries the legionary eagle, lives in this tent, together with the other **signiferi**, responsible for the standards of individual sub-units. Their presence emphasises the rank of this place as a guardian of the tradition and honour of the reconstructed legion.

The legionary eagle and other standards are kept in the Tentorium signiferorum, where they serve an identifying and ceremonial function. They are surrounded with special care and treated as the most important symbols of the unit, used during demonstrations, marches, and staged

presentations. Every legionary should care for the safety of our **signa** , as they testify to the honour of the entire legion.

This tent therefore has not only a residential character, but above all a representative and symbolic one – it is one of the key places in the structure of the reenactment camp, gathering around itself the idea of continuity, discipline, and legionary pride.

NOTE! (I forgot how to add that red rectangle) — entry to the tent without the presence of one of the *signiferi* or without their explicit consent is absolutely forbidden and punishable!

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