

Cvstos Castrorum

Profile description

Cvstos Castrorum is the guardian of camp order, responsible for organising the construction of the castrum, supervising its appearance, and maintaining order throughout the event. He ensures the proper placement of tents, the efficiency of work, cleanliness, signage, lighting, and the readiness of the camp, reporting the state of preparation to the Centurio.

!!! TO BE COMPLETED !!!

Tasks and duties in the camp

Construction of the camp

Cvstos Castrorum, after agreeing the camp plans with the [Centurio](#) :

1. directs the construction of the camp in such a way that it is built as efficiently and quickly as possible,
2. lays out the camp streets (ropes, groma),
3. divides construction crews into sub-teams so that they are neither too large nor too small for the assigned tasks,
4. teaches how a team should deal with a given undertaking as efficiently as possible (for example, that the hammer should remain constantly in use, while another person should stand behind the “hammer man” and tie the guy rope),
5. instructs others on the need to maintain proper distances between tents and to drive in tent pegs precisely, so that the tents have evenly tensioned guy ropes,
6. continuously supervises the construction of the camp, checking whether there are any delays, whether people know what they are doing, and reallocating human resources until the construction is fully completed.
7. supervises the many structures being erected simultaneously and teaches others, rather than taking part physically in the pitching himself, so that he can constantly follow what is happening and react when necessary.
8. continuously monitors the distances between tents and whether the guy ropes are being tied correctly
9. ensures that we do not dig deeper than permitted by the organiser

Daytime functioning of the camp

1. During the following days of the camp, he is fully responsible for its overall appearance, checking for example:

- whether the fencing is being maintained in proper condition ?
 - whether the tents are properly tensioned ?
 - whether cleanliness is being maintained in the camp (rubbish, plastics, and other non-historical items) ?
 - whether unused wooden parts of tables / tents / sudes etc. are lying around unnecessarily ?
 - whether tables / benches are in their proper places (for example, whether they have been carried back in the morning from the area of the fire to the *Popina*) ?
 - whether the sign in front of the camp with the inscription “Rapax” is clearly visible ?
2. He assigns selected persons or entire **contubernia** to carry out the above current tasks, which must be completed as a matter of urgency.
 3. He is also responsible for the signage of the entire camp. Each contubernium and every other tent must have a sign with an appropriate inscription informing about its function.
 4. In the morning and in the evening, he also checks the appearance of the camp with regard to elements that should be taken care of by other function-holders, and, if necessary, reminds them if something has been omitted or not done on time, for example:
 - whether the artillery has been deployed in the appropriate place (or hidden away for the night) ?
 - whether the **signiferi** have set out (or put away) the legionary standards and captured trophies ?

Additional evening fire-related duties

1. Every evening, he ensures that the assigned nearest night watch — *excubia prima* — begins lighting the lamps in the camp on time. If necessary, he assists the **Tesserarivs** in teaching the soldiers how to light and maintain effective illumination.
2. Before the feast, he deals with setting up the tables and benches and arranges additional rich lighting — lanterns around the tables and oil lamps on the tables.
3. Every evening, he lights the oil lamps in the *Popina*.

Reporting

Cvstos Castrorum reports to the **Centurio** in the morning and in the evening, after the necessary works have been completed, on the readiness of the camp for inspection.

For discussion and development

1. Historicity of the function — whether this is an actual function performed by a legionary or one created for the needs of our group
2. The duties include many things that fall under other function-holders — guarding the standards (*signiferi*), lighting oil lamps at night (*Tesserarivs*), guarding the artillery (*Optio Ballistarvm*)

3. Position in the camp hierarchy — what place this function occupies in the chain of command
4. Whether “Immunes” means actual exemption from some daily duties, or whether it is only a way of organising all roles in the camp

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