Immvnes

Additional important specialists within the century.

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Frvmentarivs

Profile description

Frvmentarivs is the main liaison between the civilian kitchen crew and the rest of the legion. His duties include ensuring food supplies for the entire camp and providing the resources necessary to carry out this task, such as wood, cooking ingredients, oven operation, and so on.

Frumentarii were a special group of soldiers in the Roman army, originating from the legions, whose original task was to supply the troops with food (*frumentum*, meaning grain). Over time, however, their role expanded significantly.

Officially, they performed logistical and administrative functions: they transported supplies, conveyed orders, and acted as couriers between units and the central authorities. While supplying the legion, they also gathered information about the activities of enemy forces and peoples, so they may be described as spies. They operated throughout the entire empire, collecting information, tracking suspects, and carrying out secret orders of the emperor.

Their equipment did not differ significantly from the standard gear of a legionary — they carried typical weapons, such as the sword (*gladius*), and light protective equipment. Due to the nature of their tasks, they often travelled in less conspicuous gear.

The pay of the **frumentarii** was higher than that of an average soldier, due to their special duties and the trust placed in them. They also received additional benefits, such as easier access to promotion and privileges.

> !!! T O B E F I N I S H E D !!!

Tasks and duties in the camp

Leading the legionary section assigned to assist in the kitchen

Frvmentarivs :

1. After consulting the kitchen crew, he determines the number of kitchen assistants needed for the given day, who will be assigned from among the rank-and-file legionaries. For this purpose, he cooperates directly with the **Tesserarivs**, to whom he reports the need and from whom he receives information about the soldiers assigned to this task for the entire day.

2. He is required to take part in staff councils (Consilivm) in order to learn the day's schedule and the established times of activities and displays (he records the schedule on his tablet). He passes this information to the kitchen section, which organises its own council, gathering at his signal. During this internal council:
   - the kitchen group establishes the course of the day for the civilian section in accordance with the schedule previously set by the Legion Staff. The **Frvmentarivs**, together with the head of the kitchen, decides at what times people may go into town / attend photo sessions / watch displays, when breaks are ordered, and at what times selected persons will be needed to assist in the camp. These arrangements are within the authority of the **Frvmentarivs** and the head of the kitchen section and are entirely independent of Staff decisions.
   - the kitchen section prepares a list of the planned menu for the mealtimes of the given day
3. In exceptional situations, for example a large evening feast in the camp, he may request additional soldiers only for that occasion, or even an entirely new shift for that evening to serve during the feast.
4. He supervises the legionaries selected for a given day to assist in the kitchen, including:
   - informing them about the tasks to be performed, for example: washing dishes, chopping wood, cleaning in the dining area - **popina**, lighting the fire, helping carry purchased supplies to the **cellarivm**, and so on
   - assigning and supervising all these tasks,
   - helping and motivating them to work efficiently.
5. If necessary, he assists the kitchen crew on trips to the nearby Vicvs in order to supply the camp with the food and drink needed for the coming days.

Supply of water and food

Frvmentarivs is, broadly speaking, responsible for ensuring that the legionaries do not go hungry or thirsty.

Therefore :

1. He passes the soldiers' daily programme to the kitchen section and helps plan the times at which meals should be issued.
2. He is responsible for continuously organising drinking water for the legionaries, both so that it is available during the day in the **popina** during and between meals, and also in situations when the legion sets out for training, parades, or other activities outside the camp.
3. He monitors water supplies and is responsible for replenishing them in the storage area (aqvarium) before they are exhausted.
4. In exceptional situations, for example when the legionaries march out on a long and distant patrol, it depends on him whether the troops receive any dry provisions, and he reminds them to take a personal supply of water with them.

Other kitchen-related duties

1. He is responsible for oil lighting in the **popina** during evening meals.

Reporting

Frvmentarivs submits at least one report per day to the **Centvrio**, for example in the evening, informing him about the efficiency with which tasks were carried out during the day and about any problems that occurred. In particular, he reports whether all assigned soldiers showed activity and conscientiously performed the work assigned to them.

External links

Magister Campi

Profile description

Magister Campi was a soldier responsible for ..... blah blah blah

(historical information about pay, clothing, etc.)

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Tasks and duties in the camp

Magister Campi, from the earliest hours after reporting to the camp, conducts reconnaissance among the **Decanvi**, looking for soldiers who have no or very little knowledge and skill regarding legionary drill and military commands.

Reporting

Magister Campi submits a report ...

For discussion and development

- appoint one? or an entire team of magistri campi?
- there are probably too many topics here; one instructor is not able to handle all of them: drill, display choreography, fighting with the gladivs, throwing the pilvm, sling, bow, wrestling, etc.

External links

Medicvs

Profile description

Medicvs serves as a field physician and provider of first aid in the army, where he is responsible for the general health of all persons participating within the Legion. The army had its own hospitals and surgeons, who often treated patients better than their counterparts in the cities. Each legion had its own medical team, qualified in treating wounds and injuries sustained during military service. They were able to diagnose the danger posed by a particular wound, when to leave an arrowhead in the body, and when to attempt to remove it. The legions also had their own well-equipped hospitals, and many of the instruments used by the ancients are still used in modern medicine.

Tasks and duties

The duties of the **Medicvs** include:

- Providing first aid in the case of serious injuries
- Dressing minor cuts, disinfecting wounds, administering medication for injuries and other ailments that do not require professional medical consultation
- On the battlefield, dressing the wounded: both real wounds and simulated ones.
- Keeping a list of the injured and the “wounded”, together with medical opinions and recommendations.

During battles and displays

During displays and battles, the **Medicvs** withdraws at appropriate moments to the rear of the fighting units, where he begins dressing the lightly wounded, who are quickly able to return to the battlefield and take part in the fighting again. Once all those able to return to the front have been treated, the **Medicvs** proceeds to examine those in serious condition, performing simulated procedures close to the audience so that they can have close contact with and insight into the actions that took place in the ancient world.

Daily running of the camp

Medicvs has his own station, where he presents all procedures, surgical instruments and dressings used in ancient times. He conducts displays related to surgery and the treatment of various diseases / wounds on persons assigned by the **Centvrio** as part of the “living camp” at the field hospital station (Valetvdinarivm). It is the duty of the **Medicvs** to have in his resources, or to provide by other means, the materials needed for his function.

Outside displays, he is additionally responsible for providing basic healthcare for all injuries, cuts, contusions and wounds that are not dangerous and do not require the intervention of a real doctor or hospital stay. He presents all health problems, exclusions from certain activities, and a list of such persons in the form of a report in the **Praetorivm** to the Centvrio or **Optio**.

Staff meetings

Medicvs reports in the morning and evening to the Centvrio / Optio on the health condition of the “fallen” or “wounded” soldiers and gives recommendations concerning their level of activity for the following days, according to his current and best professional knowledge, together with predictions regarding their further ability to participate in displays and in the life of the Legion. Additionally, he may provide a list of activities that are inadvisable for a given person with their current injuries.

For discussion and development

External links

Cvstos Castrorvm

Profile description

Cvstos Castrorvm is the guardian of camp order, responsible for organising the construction of the castrvm, 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 Centvrio.

> !!! T O B E C O M P L E T E D !!!

Tasks and duties in the camp

Construction of the camp

Cvstos Castrorvm, after agreeing the camp plans with the **Centvrio** :

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 ***contvbernia*** 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 contvbernivm 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 — excvbia 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 Castrorvm reports to the **Centvrio** 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

External links

Cornicen

Profile description

Cornicen – a military trumpeter responsible for transmitting sound signals by means of a curved horn called the **cornu**. He belonged to the auxiliary personnel of the legion and played an important role in command and in maintaining discipline on the battlefield and in the military camp.

The duties of the **cornicen** included signalling orders concerning the march, attack, retreat, change of formation, and daily camp activities. The sounds of the instrument made it possible to transmit commands quickly over long distances, especially amid the noise of battle.

Cornicines were specially trained soldiers of considerable importance for efficient communication in the Roman legions. In iconography, they were often depicted with a large, semicircular horn resting on the shoulder.

Tasks and duties

For discussion and development

External links

Tvbicen

Optio Carceris

Profile description

Optio carceris was a non-commissioned officer responsible for supervising the military prison (*carcer*) and guarding prisoners.

The duties of the *optio carceris* included, among others, guarding detained soldiers and prisoners of war, organising guards at the prison, and carrying out orders connected with military discipline. This function reflected the extensive administration and strict disciplinary system of the Roman legions.

Tasks and duties

During a campaign, the Optio Carceris is directly subordinate to the **Centvrio** and supervises all aspects of the camp’s operation

Reporting

1. Optio carceris takes part in staff councils and briefings in the morning and/or evening, which customarily take place in the tent of the **centvrio**.

For discussion and development

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