

# Cornicularius

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## Profile description

**Cornicularius** - senior military and administrative official serving as the chief assistant to a legion commander, governor, or high-ranking officer. He belonged to the group of the most important staff non-commissioned officers (**principales**) and was responsible for organising the work of the office and supervising administrative personnel.

The duties of the **cornicularius** included maintaining military documentation, controlling orders and reports, supervising scribes, and coordinating the administrative affairs of the unit. This function was of great importance in the daily operation of the Roman army, whose efficiency was based on an extensive military bureaucracy.

The position was often entrusted to experienced soldiers with strong organisational and writing skills. **Cornicularii** could serve both under legion commanders and in provincial administration, where they acted as trusted military officials.

## For discussion and development

## External links

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