Magister Latinae

Profile description

Magister Latinae is a soldier responsible for training legionaries in the Latin language.

(historical information on pay, clothing, etc.)

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Tasks and duties in the camp

Magister Latinae “smuggles” the Latin language into the camp life of the legion in various ways, so that the soldiers learn the necessary words and phrases not only during formal Latin lessons, but also through a range of games and activities.

Training boards

In the **popina** there are wooden boards with basic Latin words, arranged thematically (food, etc.). In their free time, soldiers can use them to learn the necessary vocabulary and improve their knowledge. They form the basis for questioning before every meal (more on this below).

Information signs in the camp

Signs are distributed throughout the camp, describing the tents (praetorivm, popina, lvpanarivm...) as well as marking the tents belonging to each contvbernivm (con Vagini, con Holi...). This makes it easier to move around the castrvm and helps people find the appropriate tent as quickly as possible.

In addition, the main camp artery (via praetoria) is marked, as are the entrances to the castrvm from outside, so that passing civilians remain alert and know what lies ahead of them.

Games and activities

Latin lessons

Magister Latinae, together with the **Centvrio**, conducts camp Latin lessons. During them, the soldiers learn the basics of the language as well as vocabulary used on a daily basis in the camp. The basics of declension and the fundamentals of verb conjugation are explained. The lyrics of marching songs are studied together, so that the soldiers know what they are singing and how they should sing it.

Testing knowledge

Magister Latinae questions every legionary on their knowledge of Latin before each meal. Depending on the level of knowledge, these may be questions about basic words (water, sword, cup...) or more complex expressions or sentences. If the person questioned gives an incorrect answer or gives no answer at all, he returns to the end of the queue to take the test again. The time spent waiting in the queue is suggested for revising knowledge from the boards ;)

Reporting

Magister Latinae submits a report ...

For discussion and development

1. Whether Magister Latinae submits reports to the praetorivm; if so, what he should report
2. What games and activities can be introduced in order to improve the soldiers' knowledge of Latin more effectively (I suggest the song "head, shoulders, knees and toes" in Latin — Venator)
3. As with Cvstos Castrorvm, this is a function created for the needs of the group, so it is not possible to describe its historical importance, equipment, pay, etc.

External links

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