

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 [Centurio](#) 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 [centurio](#).

For discussion and development

External links

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