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in this book sara phang explores the ideals and realities of roman military discipline which regulated the behavior of soldiers in

combat and their punishment as well as economic aspects of their service including compensation and other benefits work and consumption this thematically organized study analyzes these aspects of discipline using both literary and documentary sources phang emphasizes social and cultural conflicts in the roman army contrary to the impression that roman emperors bought their soldiers and indulged them discipline restrained such behavior and legitimized and stabilized the imperial power phang argues that emperors and aristocratic commanders gained prestige from imposing discipline while displaying leadership in person and a willingness to compromise with a restive soldiery

written by a leading authority on roman military history this fascinating volume spans over a thousand years as it offers a memorable picture of one of the world s most noted fighting forces paying special attention to the life of the common soldier southern here illuminates the roman army s history culture and organization providing fascinating details on topics such as military music holidays strategy the construction of roman fortresses and forts the most common battle formations and the many tools of war from spears bows and arrows swords and slingshots to the large catapulta which fired giant arrows and bolts and the ballista which hurled huge stones perhaps most interesting are the details southern provides about everyday life in the roman army everything from the soldiers pay they were paid three times per year but money was deducted for such items as food clothing weapons the burial club the pension scheme and so on to their often brutal life if whole units turned and ran about one tenth of the men concerned were chosen by lot and clubbed to death and the rest were put on barley rations instead of wheat moreover soldiers who lost weapons or their shields would fight savagely to get them back or would die in the process rather than suffer the shame that attached to throwing weapons away or running from the battle attractively illustrated this book offers a fascinating look at the life of the roman soldier drawing on everything from rome s rich historical and archaeological record to soldier s personal correspondence to depictions of military subjects in literature and art

this volume demonstrates the development of roman military bureaucracy during the middle republic expanding on recent research to examine these administrative systems that made possible rome s expansion in this period bringing together literary works epigraphy archaeology topography and demography the study reveals a complex and well structured bureaucratic system developing in parallel with the army during the middle republic propelled in no small part by the stresses of the hannibalic war not only the contents of documents but the physical objects individuals and spaces are discussed to re create the administrative

processes in maximum detail exploring the mid republican origins of roman military administration provides an invaluable resource for students and scholars of rome s military and administrative history as well as anyone working on the republican period

please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from wikipedia or other free sources online pages 43 chapters roman infantry tactics structural history of the roman military list of roman legions laeti triarii hastati list of roman army unit types principes velites leves accensi immunes discens excerpt roman infantry tactics refers to the theoretical and historical deployment formation and maneuvers of the roman infantry from the start of the roman republic to the fall of the western roman empire the article first presents a short overview of roman training roman performance against different types of enemies is then analyzed finally a summation of what made the roman tactics and strategy militarily effective through their long history is given below as is a discussion of how and why this effectiveness eventually disappeared the focus below is primarily on roman tactics the how of their approach to battle and how it stacked up against a variety of opponents over time it does not attempt detailed coverage of things like army structure or equipment various battles are summarized to illustrate roman methods with links to detailed articles on individual encounters for in depth background on the historical structure of the infantry relevant to this article see structure of the roman military for a history of rome s military campaigns see campaign history of the roman military for detail on equipment daily life and specific legions see roman legion and roman military personal equipment roman military tactics and strategy evolved from that typical of a small tribal host seeking local hegemony to massive operations encompassing a world empire this advance was affected by changing trends in roman political social and economic life and that of the larger mediterranean world but it was also undergirded by a distinctive roman way of war this approach included a tendency towards standardization

a survey of the various forms of armour worn by the roman soldier from 112 bc to 192 ad featuring a wealth of illustrations and plates from the latin warriors on the palatine hill in the age of romulus to the last defenders of constantinople in 1453 ad the weaponry of the roman army was constantly evolving through glory and defeat the roman warrior adapted to the changing face of warfare due to the immense size of the roman empire which reached from the british isles to the arabian gulf the equipment of the roman soldier varied greatly from region to region through the use of materials such as leather linen and felt the army

was able to adjust its equipment to these varied climates arms and armour of the imperial roman soldier sheds new light on the many different types of armour used by the roman soldier and combines written and artistic sources with the analysis of old and new archaeological finds with a huge wealth of plates and illustrations which include ancient paintings mosaics sculptures and coin depictions this book gives the reader an unparalleled visual record of this fascinating period of military history this book the first of three volumes examines the period from marius to commodus volume ii will cover the period from commodus to justinian and volume iii will look at the period from romulus to marius an impressive achievement a testament to an enormous scholarly effort and it is a significant contribution to the understanding of the roman army bryn mawr classical review without doubt this is the definitive study of clothing armour and weaponry worn by roman soldiers during the golden age of their conquests d amato has brought together a remarkable collection of archaeological photographs gathered over decades to illustrate every aspect of this military evolution a treasure trove of facts and illustrations that is essential reading for any roman military enthusiast tim newark military illustrated magazine

this volume addresses the fundamental importance of the army warfare and military service to the development of both the roman republic and wider italic society in the second half of the first millennium bc it brings together emerging and established scholars in the area of roman military studies to engage with subjects such as the relationship between warfare and economic and demographic regimes the interplay of war aristocratic politics and state formation and the complex role the military played in the integration of italy the book demonstrates the centrality of war to rome s internal and external relationships during the republic as well as to the romans sense of identity and history it also illustrates the changing scholarly view of warfare as a social and cultural construct in antiquity and how much work remains to be done in what is often thought of as a traditional area of research romans at war will be of interest to students and scholars of the roman army and ancient warfare and of roman society more broadly

this companion provides an extensive account of the roman army exploring its role in roman politics and society as well as the reasons for its effectiveness as a fighting force an extensive account of the roman army from its beginnings to its transformation in the later roman empire examines the army as a military machine its recruitment training organization tactics and weaponry explores the relationship of the army to roman politics economics and society more broadly considers the geography and climate

of the lands in which the romans fought each chapter is written by a leading expert in a particular subfield and takes account of the latest scholarly and archaeological research in that area

follows the military lives of three soldiers across the roman world providing interesting historical insight into the roman military from the late republic to the end of antiquity in the west this book introduces readers to three historical roman soldiers titus pullo from the late republic aurelius polion from the high imperial era and flavius aemilianus from late antiquity the three men inspire the themes and chronological organization of the text drawing on a wide and diverse body of evidence the author charts their lives from enlistment to death or retirement allowing students to envision the life of a roman soldier who is on duty or experiencing adventures across the roman world an introduction to the roman military from marius 100 bce to theodosius ii 450 ce starts with a historical overview before introducing readers to the roman soldier it covers such things as the military hierarchy soldierly origins recruitment and training and the soldier s appearance and identity the next section looks at the roman military during war its environment strategies campaigns and enemies their existence during times of peace follows that and focuses on how soldiers celebrated victory mourned defeat and readjusted to civilian life after a war the book also features a timeline for readers to follow as well as two glossaries one filled with roman military terms and the other with important names and events authentically captures the experiences of roman soldiers educates undergraduate or graduate students on roman military history describes roman soldiers based on legal epigraphic and archaeological evidence emphasizes the human side of the roman military moves through three roman historical periods the late republic high imperial and late antiquity an introduction to the roman military is an engaging choice as a text for specific courses on the roman military or army it is also suitable for more general courses covering ancient warfare in addition to university students researchers and history enthusiasts will have the opportunity to follow the military lives of three roman soldiers with this unique book

the roman imperial army represented one of the main factors in the exercise of political control by the emperors the effective political management of the army was essential for maintaining the safety and well being of the empire as a whole this book analyses the means by which emperors controlled their soldiers and sustained their allegiance from the battle of actium in 31 bc to the demise of the severan dynasty in ad 235 recent discoveries have revolutionized our understanding of the roman army this study provides an up to date synthesis of a range of evidence from archaeological epigraphic literary and numismatic sources on

the relationship between the emperor and his soldiers it demonstrates that this relationship was of an intensely personal nature he was not only the commander in chief but also their patron and benefactor even after their discharge from military service yet the management of the army was more complex than this emperor soldier relationship suggests an effective army requires an adequate military hierarchy to impose discipline and command the troops on a daily basis this was of particular relevance for the imperial army which was mainly dispersed along the frontiers of the empire effectively in a series of separate armies the emperor needed to ensure the loyalty of his officers by building mutually beneficial relationships with them in this way the imperial army became a complex network of interlocking ties of loyalty which protected the emperor from military subversion

also known as *de re militari* on military matters this is the only handbook of roman warfare to survive to modern times written when the power of the roman empire was already waning it was intended to educate a new emperor on the capabilities of the roman legions vegetius touches on all military matters including the selection and training of recruits the importance of logistics and supply how to develop leadership qualities the maintenance of army discipline the use of arms and armor and various battlefield tactics it is also the source of many military and political maxims still used to this day including he who aspires to peace should prepare for war and few men are born brave many become so through training and force of discipline copied and recopied countless times it was required military reading until the advent of gunpowder and has been carried into battle by kings and generals

this sixth volume of the network impact of empire offers a comprehensive reading on the economic political religious and cultural impact of roman military forces on the regions that were dominated by the roman empire

two rare and invaluable references on the roman army in a single volume this useful and concise book concerning the roman military machine contains two invaluable works on the subject the first work principally features monotone illustrations of the development of the roman soldier and his equipment throughout the centuries of the roman empire by the anglo french artist sir am d e forestier 1854 1930 who specialised in the portrayal of historical figures and scenes forestier s drawings are particularly useful to the modern student of the subject since his research references were taken directly from source material and were executed before the influence of modern illustrator s interpretations of the ancient world forestier s contribution is supported in

this volume with an academic view of every aspect of the roman way of waging war by sir henry stuart jones 1867 1939 fellow of trinity college oxford and camden professor of ancient history this is a thorough appraisal and is particularly useful in its descriptions and diagrams of variations of roman military encampments this second work is supported by line drawings and photographs of monuments which also offer useful source material to students of the period leonaur editions are newly typeset and are not facsimiles each title is available in softcover and hardback with dustjacket

this classic work of scholarship scrutinizes all aspects of roman military forces throughout the roman empire in europe north africa and the near and middle east graham webster describes the roman army s composition frontier systems camps and forts activities in the field including battle tactics signaling and medical services and peacetime duties as well as the army s overall influence in the empire first published in 1969 the work is corrected and expanded in this third edition which includes new information from excavations and the finding of contemporary scholars hugh elton provides an introduction surveying scholarship on the roman army since the last edition of 1985

this authoritative short volume introduces readers to the roman army its structure tactics duties and development one of the most successful fighting forces that the world has seen the roman army was inherited by the emperor augustus who re organized it and established its legions in military bases many of which survived to the end of the empire he and subsequent emperors used it as a formidable tool for expansion soon however the army became fossilized on its frontiers and changed from a mobile fighting force to a primarily defensive body written by a leading authority on the roman army and the frontiers it defended and expanded this is an invaluable book for students at school and university level as well as a handy guide for general readers with an interest in military history the rise and development and fall of the roman legions and the ancient world

in the first and second centuries a d roman soldiers were forbidden legitimate marriage during service nevertheless many soldiers formed de facto marriages this book examines the legal social and cultural aspects of the marriage prohibition and soldiers families the first section covers the marriage prohibition in roman literary and legal sources the second section treats social and legal aspects of the soldiers families including a survey of epitaphs the legal impact of the ban on families and alternatives to family formation the final section examines the marriage ban as military policy and its relation to roman culture this book will be

of interest to scholars of the roman army roman social history and family law students of gender and sexuality in the ancient world will also find it relevant

during the first century b c e a complex system of surveillance towers was established during rome s colonization of the central alentejo region of portugal these towers provided visual control over the landscape routes through it and hidden or isolated places as part of the roman colonization of the region as part of an archaeological analysis of the changing landscape of alentejo joey williams offers here a theory of surveillance in roman colonial encounters drawn from a catalog of watchtowers in the alentejo the artifacts and architecture from the tower known as caladinho and the geographic information systems analysis of each tower s vision through the consideration of these and other pieces of evidence williams places surveillance at the center of the colonial negotiation over territory resources and power in the westernmost province of the roman empire

this book explores the changing nature of power and identity from the iron age to the roman period in britain it provides fresh insights into the origins and nature of one of the lesser known but perhaps most significant late iron age oppida in britain bagendon in gloucestershire

this two volume publication explores the key factors determining the course and outcome of war in late antiquity volume 8 1 includes a detailed review of strategic and tactical issues and eight comprehensive bibliographic essays which provide an overview of the literature in volume 8 2 thematic papers examine strategy and intelligence fortifications and siege warfare weaponry and equipment literary sources and topography and civil war while papers focused on particular geographic regions home in on war and warfare in the west roman empire in the 4th and 5th centuries and the balkans and the eastern frontier in the 4th to 7th centuries ad contributors are susannah belcher neil christie ian colvin john conyard jon coulston jim crow florin curta hugh elton james howard johnston jordi galbany jordi guàrdia john haldon michel kazanski maria kouroumali michael kulikowski christopher lillington martin marta maragall oriol mercadal jordi nadal oriol olesti alexander sarantis conor whately michael whitby and john wilkes

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