

The Roman Army from Caesar to Trajan

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Contents:

Chronology (44BC - AD98)

Composition of the Army

Entry, Training & Campaign Routines

Arms & Armour

Colour Plates:

Legionary infantry, late Republic to AD100

Centurions, signifiers, cornicen, imaginifer, aquilifers

Auxiliary infantry

Early Imperial legate and tribune

Cavalry troopers

Comments:

Most of the book is concerned with armour and equipment; there is a lot of information on mail, plate, helmets and weapons. The interesting point to note is the range of armour with older types, even bronze, being worn alongside newer types, often for long periods, especially among the auxiliaries.

The other focus of the book is march routines, constructing marching forts and training. There is no history or campaign details.

Companion volume to The Roman Army from Hadrian to Constantine (MAA 93).

--Paul Le Long

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