The Roman Army
Professionalization of the Roman Army

- Length of service fixed at 16 to 20 years

- Military Treasury created in AD 6
  - Treasury fed by:
    - 5% estate tax on Roman citizens
    - 1% tax on sales at auction

- Pension of 12,000 sesterces for discharged legionaries
  - Equal to 13 years’ pay
Hadrian’s Wall
AD 122-128

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Banks East Turret 52A

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Roman Britain

Antonine Wall – 140s
Reconstruction of palisade along the Limes Germanicus
Century of 80 men

- Centurion
- Optio – second in command
- Signifer – standard bearer
- Tesserarius – in charge of watchword
- 76 other infantrymen
Tombstone of a Centurion
Colchester

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Marcus Favonius Facilis, son of Marcus, of the Pollian voting tribe, Centurion of the 20th Legion, lies buried here.
His freedmen Verecundus and Novicius his freedmen had this tombstone set up.

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Imperial Legion

- Legatus legionis – Commander of the Legion x 1
- Senior Military Tribune x 1
- Camp Prefect x 1
- Junior Military Tribunes x 5
- Primus Pilus Centurion x 1
- Centurions x 59 (ish)
- Legionaries x 4,800 (approx.)
Legionary pay

- Under Augustus: 225 denarii = 900 sest.
- Domitian: 300 denarii = 1,200 sest.
- By Septimius Severus: 600 denarii = 2,400 sest.
- Caracalla: 900 denarii = 3,600 sest.