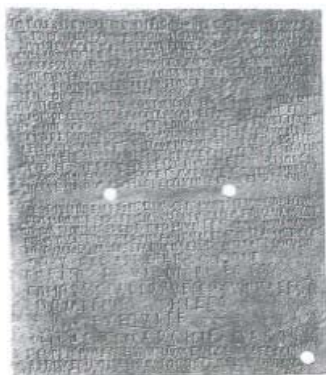
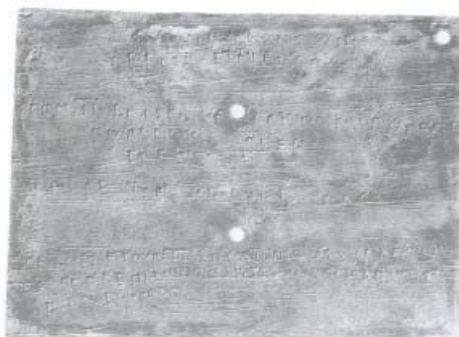
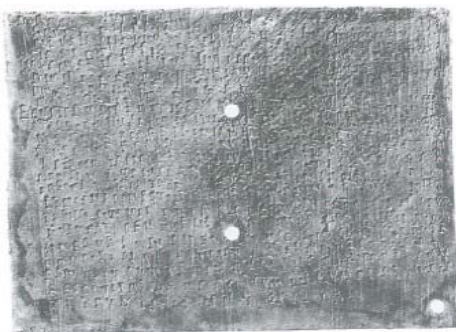


Within the capacity of my newly elected role of Auxiliary Representative, I should like to try to keep the unit abreast of any new finds and publications referring to our illustrious brethren of the Batavian Cohorts. For this first issue there are two previously unpublished discharge diplomas mentioning the Coh I Batavorvm in Britannia that have come to light in the latest edition of Roman Military Diplomas Vol. IV (Margaret Roxan and Paul Holder 2003). **RMD IV 293 and RMD IV 294.**

They are both of the same type as a previous find (**RMD III 184** from Thrace) issued under the emperor Marcus Aurelius and Commodus (Marcus had shared power with his son, Commodus, since 177) and all issued on the same date - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 178 AD. Both Diplomas refer to five cavalry Alae, and sixteen infantry cohorts under the command of the Legate Ulpio Marcello.

**RMD IV 293. Issued to a Dacian Cavalryman of Coh II Gallorum named Thiae son of Timarchi**

Imp(erator) Caesar divi Antonini filio divi Veri Parthici / maxim(i) frater divi Hadriani nepos divi Traiani / Parthici pronepos divi Nervae abnepos M(arcus) Aurelius / Antoninus Aug(ustus) German[i]cus Sarmatic(us) / pontif(ex) max(imus) trib(unicia) potest(ate) XXXII / imp(erator) VIII co(n)s(ul) p(ater) p(atriciae) et / Imp(erator) Caesar L(ucius) Aelius Aurelius Commodus Aug(ustus) Antonin(i) Aug(usti) f(ilius) divi Pii nepos divi Hadriani / pronepos divi Traiani Parthici abnepos divi Nervae / abnepos Germanicus Sarmaticus tribunic(ia) / potest(ate) III imp(erator) II co(n)s(ul) p(ater) / p(atriciae) / equitibus et peditibus qui militaverunt in alis V quae / appellantur Gallor(um) et Thrac(um) / Classian(a) et / Aug(usta) Vocontior(um) et I Pannonior(um) / Sabinian(a) et Sebosion(a) Gallor(um) et / Vetton(um) Hispano(rum) et / cohortibus XVI I / Aug(usta) Nerv(iana) et I Frisiavon(um) et / I Aelia Hispanor(um) et I fida Vardul(l)or(um) et / I Celtiber(orum) et III Lingon(um) et II / Hispanor(um) et I Thrac(um) et **I Batavor(um)** / et II Gallor(um) veter(ana) et II Thrac(um) / veter(ana) et II Lingon(um) et III Gallor(um) / et I Vangio(num) et VII Thrac(um) et I / Morino(rum) et sunt **in Br[ita]nnia** sub Ulpio Marcello / leg(ato) quin(is) et vicenis pluribusve stipendis emeritis / dimissis honesta missione / quorum nomina subscripta sunt civitatem Romanam qui / eorum non haberent dederunt et conubium cum / uxoribus quas tunc habuissent <t> cum est civitas iis / data aut cum iis quas postea duxissent dumtaxat / singulis / a(n)te d(iem) X Kal(endas) April(es) Ser(vio) Scipione Orfito D(ecimo) Velio Rufo / co(n)s(ulibus) / coh(ortis) II Gallor(um) veter(anae) cui praest / Domitius Hiero ex equite / Thiae Timarchi f(ilio) / Daco / descriptum et recognit(um) ex tabula aerea qu(a)e fixa est / Rom(ae) in mu(ro) pos(t) templum divi Aug(usti) ad / Minervam / C(ai) Belli Urbani / L(uci) Senti Chrysogoni / Ti(beri) Iuli Crescentis / L(uci) Pulli Marcionis / S(exti) Vibii Romani / C(ai) Publici Luperci / M(arci) Iuni Pii



**RMD IV 294. Issued to a Dacian cavalryman of Coh I Augustae Nervianae named Sisceo son of Aptasae**

Imp(erator) Cae(sar) divi Anton(ini) fil(ii) divi Veri Parthi(ci) / max(imi) frat(er) divi Hadrian(i) nepos divi Traiani / Parthici prone(pos) divi Nervae abne(pos) M(arcus) / Aureli(us) Antonin(us) Aug(ustus) Germ(anicus) / arm(aticus) pont(ifex) maxim(us) tr(ibunicia) / pot(estate) XXXIII imp(erator) VIII co(n)s(ul) III / p(ater) p(atriciae) et / imp(erator) Cae(sar) L(ucius) Ael(ius) Aureli(us) Commod(us) / Aug(ustus) Antoni(ni) Aug(usti) fil(ius) divi Pi(i) / nepos divi Hadrian(i) pro(nepos) divi Traiani / Parth(ici) adne(pos) divi Nervae adnepos / Germ(anicus) Sar(maticus) tri(bunicia) pot(estate) III / imp(erator) II co(n)s(ul) p(ater) p(atriciae) / equitib(us) et peditib(us) qui militaveru(n)t in al(is) V / quae appellantu(r) Gallo(rum) et Thrac(um) / Clas(s)ian(a) et Aug(usta) Vocontior(um) et I / Pannonior(um) Sabinian(a) et Sebosi(ana) / Gallor(um) et Vetton(um) Hispano(rum) et / cohortib(us) XVI I Aug(usta) Nerv(iana) et I / Frisiavo(num) et I Ael(ia) Hisp(anorum) et I fida / Vardul(l)o(rum) et I Celtib(erorum) et III / Lingo(num) et II Hisp(anorum) et I Thrac(um) et / **I (B)atavor(um)** et II Gallor(um) vet(erana) et / II Thra(cum) vet(erana) et II Lingo(num) / et IIII Gallo(rum) et I Vangi(onum) et VII / Thrac(um) et I Morino(rum) et sunt **in Britannia** / sub Ulpio Marcel(l)o leg(ato) VXX plurib(us)ve / stipen(dis) emeri< >is dimis(s)is honest(a) missione / quorum nomin(a) subscripta sunt civitatem Romanam / qui eoru(m) non habere(nt) dederunt et conubiu(m) cum / uxorib(us) quas tunc habuissen(t) cum est civita(tem) / iis data aut cum iis quas poste(a) duxissen(t) dumtaxat / singulis / a(n)te d(iem) X Kal(endas) Apr(iles) Ser(vio) Scipione Orfito D(ecimo) Velio Rufo / co(n)s(ulibus) / cohort(is) I Aug(ustae) Nerv(ianae) cui praest Annius / Victor ex equite Sisceo Aptasae fil(io) Daco / descript(um) et recognit(um) ex tabul(a) aer(ea) quae fixa est R<o>m(a)e in mur(o) pos(t) templ(um) divi / Aug(usti) ad Minervam



*The emperor Caesar M. Aurelius Antoninus Augustus, vanquisher of the Germans and Sarmatians, son of the deified Antoninus, brother of the deified Verus great vanquisher of the Parthians, grandson of the deified Hadrian, great-grandson of the deified Trajan vanquisher of the Parthians, great-great grandson of the deified Nerva, chief priest, in the thirty-third year of his tribunician power, nine times imperator, three times consul, father of his country and his co-emperor Caesar L. Aelius Aurelius Commodus Augustus, vanquisher of the Germans and the Sarmatians, son of Antoninus Augustus, grandson of the deified [Antoninus] Pius, great-grandson of the deified Hadrian, great-great-grandson of the deified Trajan, vanquisher of the Parthians, great-great-great-grandson of the deified Nerva, in the third year of his tribunician power, two times imperator, consul, father of his country grant Roman citizenship to the cavalrymen and infantrymen, who do not already possess it, that served in the five alae which are called (1) Gallorum et Thracum Classiana and (2) Augusta Vocontiorum and (3) I Pannoniorum Sabiniana and (4) Sebosi(ana) Gallorum and (5) Vettonum Hispanorum and the sixteen cohorts called (1) I Augusta Nerviana and (2) I Frisiavonum and (3) I Aelia Hispanorum and (4) I Fida Vardullorum and (5) I Celtiberorum and (6) III Lingonum and (7) II Hispanorum and (8) I Thracum and (9) I Batavorum and (10) II Gallorum Veterana and (11) II Thracum Veterana and (12) II Lingonum and (13) IIII Gallorum and (14) I Vangiorum and (15) VII Thracum and (16) I Morinorum and are in Britain under the governor Ulpius Marcellus; who have served twenty-five years and have been honorably discharged, whose names are written below; and conubium (legal Roman marriage) with the wives they had when citizenship was*

*granted to them, or with the wives whom they later marry, but only one wife each. On the 23rd day of March when Ser. Scipio Orfitus and D. Velius Rufus were consuls.*

*On behalf of cohort I Augustae Nervianae under the command of Annius Victor.*

*To the ex-cavalryman Sisceius, son of Aptasa of Dacia.*

*Copied and checked from the bronze tablet affixed in Rome upon the wall behind the temple of the deified Augustus near the shrine of Minerva*

**'Batavians - Stories of a lost people'** The Museum Het Valkhof in Nijmegen Holland have an exhibition running from Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>.

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