



# BATAVIAN HERALD



Firstly I would like to welcome to our ever-expanding ranks, our newest auxiliary member, Paul Browne. His first event was the Lunt show. Paul has joined the ranks of the Batavi and chosen the Batavian name of “Caballo”. This soldier’s tombstone was found at Virunum, modern Rosendorf In the province of Noricum. (Austria near to the border of Hungary)

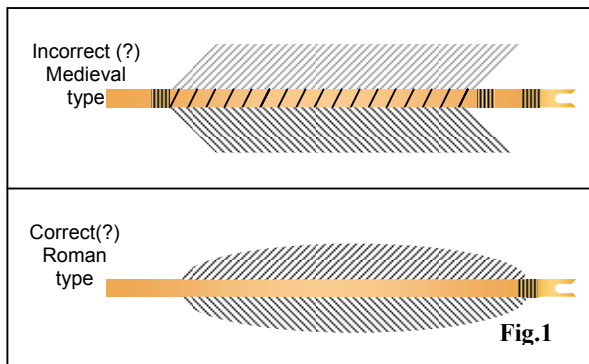
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*Caballo / Batavi f(ilio) / M(arcus) Ulp(ia) / Senecio / fratri*

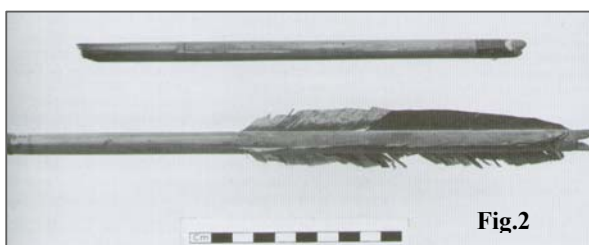
It states that Caballo was a Batavian, son of Marcus Ulpus. His father was probably made a Roman citizen during the reign of Trajan, (like Peronis) hence the adopted ‘Marcus Ulpus’.

Ok, debate time...

As one of the ‘Triumvirate’ of authenticity officers, and without trying to be too contentious, I’d like to get a debate moving with regard to the medieval type spiral-bound fletching we currently use on our “Roman” arrows. (See Fig 1).



Few complete examples of Roman arrows exist, but finds from Dura Europos seem to all indicate that spiral binding was **not** used. If the feathers survived, then (if it existed) it stands to reason that any binding would also survive. Also, raising another question, “Is the fletching shape that we display from a later period”? (See Figs.2 and 3).



So, a thought provoking spark to fire the imaginations of our bowmen. This could prove to be an emotive subject among the Hamians, due to cost implications, but hopefully it will give them all the opportunity to do their own research and supply any evidence to the contrary.

There are Society members out there who will have a much greater knowledge of archery equipment than myself, so let’s get digging, and let’s see if we (myself included!) *are* using the wrong arrow types.

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There is a very interesting article, definitely worth reading, written by Tim Edwards on the LEG II AVG site, detailing the evidence for the Roman auxiliary troops wearing Imperial Gallic type helmets. The article can be found here:

[http://www.legiavg.org.uk/articles/article\\_gallic\\_helmets.html](http://www.legiavg.org.uk/articles/article_gallic_helmets.html)

Those without internet access can get in touch with me, and I will post a copy off to you.

I have been working with a lady in the USA on a ceramic Terra Sigilata water canteen (an example found in Spain)

These are now available on her website. I shall be bringing it along to future events for members to see. It is lined with beeswax and totally waterproof.

<http://venetiancat.com/Price-List.html>

Peronis