#### The Roman Army

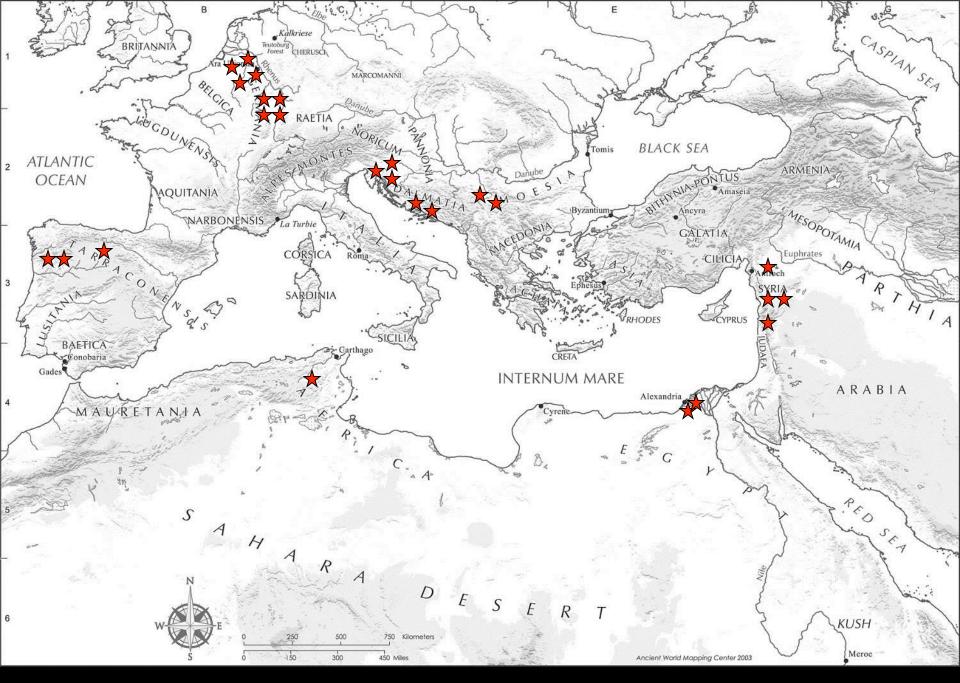
#### Professionalization of the Roman Army

• 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

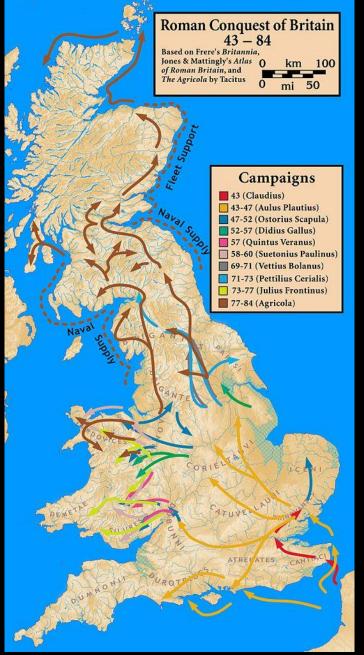
 Equal to 13 years' pay



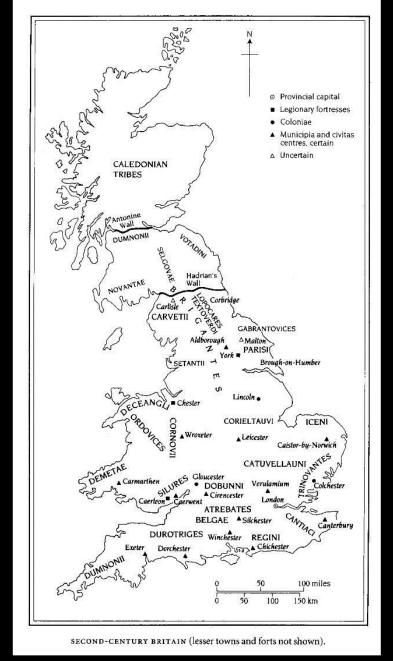
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#### Hadrian's Wall AD 122-128



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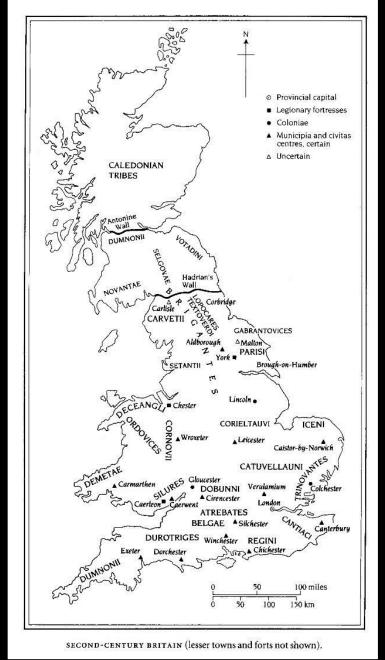
### Banks East Turret 52A



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# **Roman Britain**

Antonine Wall – 140s



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Reconstruction of palisade along the Limes Germanicus



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# 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

M FAVONI M F POL FACI LIS > LEG XX VERECVND VS ET NOVICIVS LIB POSV ERVNT H S E

Marcus Favonius Facilis, son of Marcus, of the Pollian voting tribe, Centurion of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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