

Elmo Apulo-Corinzio

Our new Bronze Elmo Apulo-Corinzio is finally ready. We spend many hours of working over this helmet just in order this helmet to look much better than it used to be.

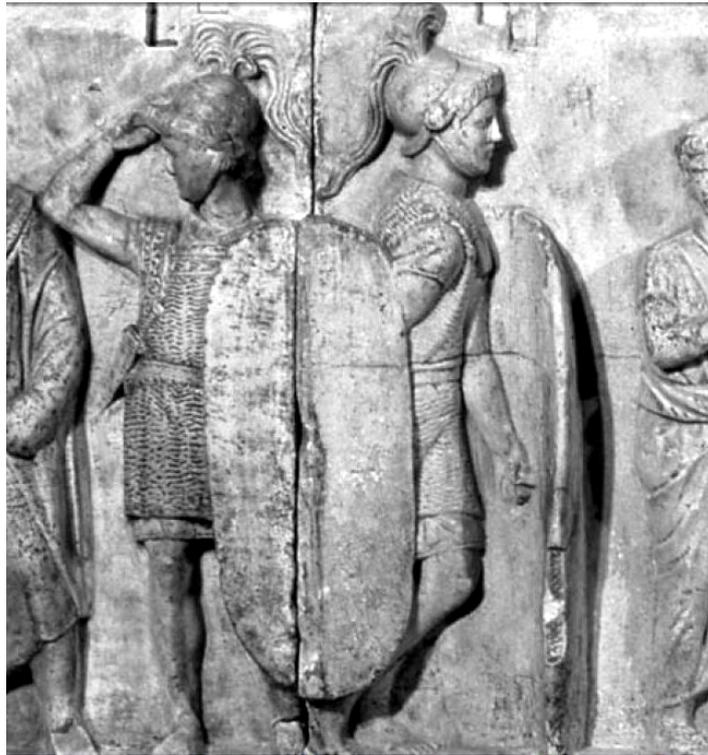


leather under helmet part is ready, but after these short period oxidations appears on the bronze metal surfaces. We decided to put it in the bag and keep it this way until the next reenactment event which may suite using this kind of helmet.



A text telling us that the Romans took old equipment –spoils from their houses and temples immediately after Cannae to help arming as soon as possible the new recruitments. It is possible a few of these Apulo-Corinthian helmets that were among these spoils of war.

Republican legionaries with such helmets depicted in Altar of Domitius Ahenobarbus.



It is good to know that we can rely on one more item in our re-enacting gear collection dedicated to the Battle of Actium 2 September 31 BC.

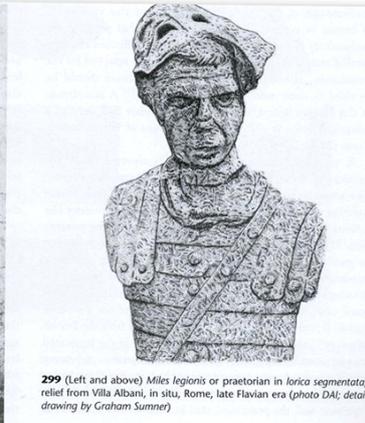


A warship from the Temple of Fortuna Primigenia at Praeneste, second half of the 1st century.

The massing of fighting marines (in this instance in full armour) for boarding action created issues with balance which could result in a vessel capsizing, as vividly described by the poet Lucan: 'While one vessel's throng, too aggressive, leans over the tilting side and leaves

unmanned the section free from enemy, by their massed weight the ship was overturned and covered sea and sailors with its hollow keel'

Our opinion is that we can only guess what actually the real situation was according the weapons and armor warriors used in Republican period.



299 (Left and above) Miles legionis or praetorian in lorica segmentata, relief from Villa Albani, in situ, Rome, late Flavian era (photo DAI; detail drawing by Graham Sumner)

Apart from the unusualness of such a find and the confirmation of the existence of armour of this type made of bronze or copper alloy, the find is a further proof of the authenticity of the pictorial representation in Roman art. This kind of armour, in bronze sheets, was mainly reserved for the guardsmen, although the specimen from Novae should be ascribed to some *miles* of the *Legio I Italica*.⁸⁵⁰ A guardsman of the Flavian period, in a Corinthian helmet and wearing a laminated *lorica*, is visible in the collections of Villa Albani in Rome (299).

The only thing we know is the name of the place this sculpture has been found
Sculpture of Praetorian from Villa Albani!

High-rang roman officer (Praetorian Guard) in roman army serves since late Flavian era!
This briefly done pencil-sketch is just a humble attempt to visualize my concept how this noble warrior could look like in colors!



THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE
1, 2 & 3: Praetorian Guards, 1st-2nd centuries AD

Unfortunately there is no reenactment in Bulgaria and in all our Balkan region dedicated to Roman Republican historian period so until we have the chance to be part of some reenactment event we share some beautiful illustrations of republican Roman army officers.

