

Dacia and Pannonia Inferior in the events of 107/108 A.D.

(Summary)

Between 107-108 A.D. the Sarmatians attacked the Roman Dacian border. The causes were of political, military, economical, but also of strategic nature. The informations regarding these events can be found in the writings of Cassius Dio and in SHA, Vita Hadriani, 3, 9. Together with the epigraphic sources (the inscription from Banatska Palanka and the stamped brick from Vršac), they give us a general image of these events. These issues have been debated by C. Patsch, R. Syme, L. Balla, Coriolan Opreanu.

The Iazyges attacks were directed towards the West of Dacia, where the barbarians had certain territorial demands. The counterattack of Hadrianus came from the troops from Dacia and Pannonia Inferior, but didn't represent a long-term solution for the problems in this part of the Empire, a fact that was demonstrated during the future Roman-Iazyges conflicts between 117-118 A.D. and the great diplomatic and defensive actions of the Emperor Hadrianus.