

# The Participation of the Auxiliary Units from Germania Inferior to Trajan's

## Dacian Expeditions

(Summary)

Starting from the new evidences brought up by the discovery of the new military diplomas for the auxiliary units of the Germania Inferior province, dating from 20<sup>th</sup> of February 98 (RMD IV 216) and 13<sup>th</sup> of March 101 (Pferdehirt 2004, no. 9), we tried to establish how many auxiliary units from this province were involved in the Dacian expeditions prepared by Trajan and when this involvement really took place.

The cohorts *II Brittonum / Britannorum milliaria c. R. p. f* and *I Vindelicorum milliaria c. R. p. f.* were dislocated shortly after the year 98, since they found themselves on the military diploma for Moesia Superior from 8<sup>th</sup> of May 100 (CIL XVI 46) and thereafter on the diplomas for the newly created Dacia province (RMD III 148; CIL XVI 57 = IDR I 2; CIL XVI 163 = IDR I 3; RMD IV 226).

The cohorts *I Hispanorum p. f.*, *III Lusitanorum p. f.*, *I Pannoniorum veterana* and *I Thracum c. R. p. f.* were still in Germania Inferior, being moved from there after the beginning of the first *expedition Dacica* (25<sup>th</sup> of March 101). The cohorts *I Hispanorum p. f.* and *I Pannoniorum veterana* appeared on the constitution for the auxiliary units from Moesia Superior dated between the first and the second expedition (CIL XVI 54; Pferdehirt 2004, no. 13) and after the making of the new province of Dacia they were enlisted between the auxiliary units from there (CIL XVI 57 = IDR I 2; CIL XVI 163 = IDR I 3; RMD III 148; RMD IV 226.). The cohorts *III Lusitanorum p. f.* and *I Thracum c. R. p. f.* were dislocated on the territory of Pannonia, being attested thereafter on the territory of the newly created Pannonia Inferior province (CIL XVI 164). These two units were dislocated on the Pannonian limes in order to replace other units which were moved on the Dacian battle scene (the so called „knock-on effect“).

We are able to find the same explanation for the presence of the *ala I Batavorum milliaria c. R. p. f.* in Pannonia Superior, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 112 (RMD IV 223), which replaced the *ala I Flavia Augusta Britannica milliaria* at *Vindobona*, after the latter unit was moved down in order to take part to the Dacian expeditions.

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<sup>52</sup> Holder 1999, p. 249-250.

<sup>53</sup> Pferdehirt 2004, nr. 9.

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In the final part of our short paper, we drew once again attention on the presence of the *pia fidelis* title attached to some units (Holder 1999). It is very clear now, that all auxiliary units, which stationed in Germania Inferior in the year 89, bared on the military diplomas of other provinces the name *pia fidelis*, meanwhile the whole *exercitus* of Germania Inferior was *pia fidelis* as it appeared on several military diplomas.