

KING & COUNTRY'S

Romans & Barbarians



THE ROMAN ARMY

BY THE MIDDLE of the 1st CENTURY AD there were approximately 30 Legions in the Roman Army. These were made up of infantry and auxiliaries such as archers and cavalry. All of these soldiers, each with their own particular fighting skills, came together to form a Legion with its own unique name, number and symbol. The Legion KING & COUNTRY has chosen to represent in miniature is one of Rome's finest... The Legio XX Valeria Victrix The Twentieth Victorious Valeria Legion.

This Legion, first raised in **Hispania** (modern-day Spain) served there before moving to **Gaul** and then onto **Germania** before being one of the four Legions chosen to invade and pacify the distant island of **Britannia** in the year 43 AD.

As you will see our Roman soldiers are dressed in the 'classic' style of the *Imperial Era* complete with the *Lorica Segmentata* body armour and 'Gallic' type steel helmet.

Virtually every soldier carries the 'Pompeii' pattern infantry sword and the shorter fighting dagger. In addition, some others carry the 'Pilum' throwing spear.

LIFE IN THE LEGION

Legions were posted throughout the Empire and were self-sufficient, each with their own commanders and ranking officers, ordinary soldiers and specialists such as doctors and engineers.



In peacetime the soldiers trained and were put to work building forts, such as the one shown here, and constructing roads and bridges throughout the Empire. The Legions also acted as the local government in the regions where they were stationed.

Within the Legion itself it was divided into different units and ranks each with a specific set of tasks. This meant that troops could be efficiently organized and controlled with orders being executed quickly and efficiently.

Every soldier knew his place and his duties and, importantly, what was expected of him.



RF007(G)

The Complete Roman Fort

GREY STONE VERSION

The Complete Fort includes : RF001 "Roman Fort Front Gate Tower" x 1pc, RF002 "Roman Fort Rear Gate Section" x 1pc, RF003 "Roman Fort Straight Wall Section" x 2pcs, RF004 "Roman Fort Corner Wall Section" x 4pcs, RF005 "Roman Fort Barracks Block" x 1pc, RF006 "Roman Fort Stairs Section" x 1pc

CHAIN OF COMMAND

In command of each Legion was the **Legatus** or *Legate*. Supporting him were six senior officers known as **Tribunes**, usually all of these men came from rich and aristocratic Roman families.

After these six came the **Praefectus Castorum** or 'Second-in-Command', not always of noble birth but usually a long-serving professional soldier with many years of tough military experience behind him.

Under him was the '**Primus Pilus**' or 'First Spear', the **Chief Centurion** and the man who really ran the Legion... He knew everything and everyone – their strengths, their weaknesses and how to get the best out of all them!

Under his command and following his orders were the regular '**Centurions**', normally men of humble birth who had risen through the ranks on account of their bravery, fighting skills and proven leadership qualities.

Each Centurion had a deputy called an '**Optio**' who ensured that all instructions

full Roman citizens under the age of 45. They enlisted for a minimum of 25 years of service many beginning in their late teens or early 20's. The final 5 years of their enlistment were usually spent on veteran lighter duties as opposed to active campaigning.

Throughout his military career the Legionary was first and foremost a soldier although he would often be used to keep the peace and protect important civil facilities where Roman law prevailed.

In addition Legionaries were often utilized as a source of labour and expertise to build roads, canals and bridges some of which still exist to this day.

LEGION FORMATIONS

The size and strength of a typical Legion varied throughout the



1st Century AD which our soldiers depict.

It was as follows:

Total strength was approximately 5,000 men comprising 10 'Cohorts' made up of 6 'Centuries', each containing 80 men.

Every century was then subdivided into 10 'Conturbeniums' or 8-man squads. These 8 Legionaries would cook, eat, sleep and share a tent together while on campaign or a barrack room if garrisoning a fort.

were carried out and when necessary, punishment inflicted for infractions or dereliction of duty. Many Optios went on to become Centurions themselves later in their military careers.

Finally at the bottom of the 'Chain of Command' was the **Legionary** himself... Legionaries had, at this period, to be

ROM001

The Legate



ROM002

The Tribune



ROM003

The Primus Pilus



ROM004

The Centurion



ROM005

The Optio



ROM006

The Aquilifer



ROM007

Roman Signifer



ROM008

The Vexillum Bearer



ROM009

Roman Cornicen



ROM010

*Legionary
on Guard*



Standing Legionary w/Marius Mule

ROM011



ROM012

*Marching
Legionary*



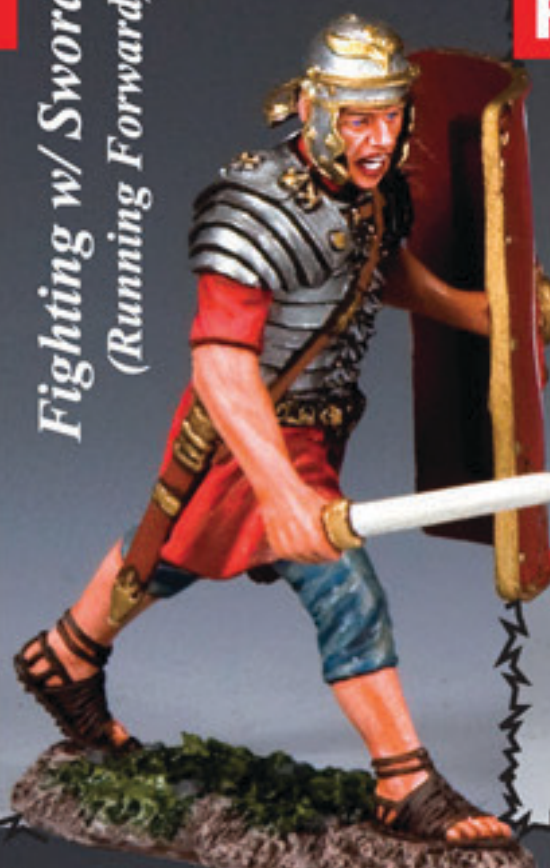
ROM013

*The Marching Legionary
w/ Marius Mule*



ROM014

*Fighting w/ Sword
(Running Forward)*



ROM015

*Fighting
w/Sword
(Advancing)*



ROM016

*Fighting w/Sword
(About to Strike)*



*Fighting w/Sword
(Thrusting)*



ROM018

*Fighting w/Sword
(Kneeling)*



ROM019

*Hamian Archer
(Prepare to Fire)*



ROM020

*Hamian Archer
(Letting Fly)*



ROM021

*Hamian Archer
(Reaching for an Arrow)*



ROM022

*Hamian Archer
(Kneeling to Fire)*



ROM025

*Hamian Archer
(Taking Aim)*



ROM026

*Hamian Officer
(Shouting Orders)*



ROM027

*Marching on
Guard Duty*



ROM023

Roman Soldier Throwing Pilum



ROM024

*Roman Soldier Kneeling
w/ Pilum*



ROM029

Defending A comrade



ROM032

Standing Roman Officer



ROM030

*The Fallen
Soldier*



ROM031

*Throwing
Pilum*



The Complete Roman Fort

SAND STONE VERSION

The complete 10 piece Roman 'Mile Fort' in the sand stone colours.



The typical Roman 'Mile Fort' was a rectangular fortification placed at intervals of about one mile apart along frontier border walls most notably, **Hadrian's Wall** in Roman Britain. Most had a garrison of between 20-30 soldiers.

THE HAMLIAN ARCHERS

One of the most famous auxiliary units in the Roman Army was the 500 strong cohort of archers recruited from Hamian tribesmen from northern Syria.



ROMAN ARMOUR

The most recognizable style of personal armour worn by the Roman Legions of this period was the 'Lorica Segmentata', consisting of metal strips fastened together by internal leather straps. Most of K&C's Roman rank and file soldiers wear this style of armour... The notable exception being Centurions, Signifiers, Aquilifers and a few others.



ENEMIES OF ROME



RnB007

CARADOC
Chief of the Britons

RnB001

*'Those Who Are
About To Die'*

RnB002

Battle Trophies

RnB003

The Farewell

RnB004

*Guarding
the Prisoner*

RnB005

*The Mounted
Scout*

RnB006

*Vercingetorix,
Chief of the Gauls*

RnB007

RnB008

*'Short Back
& Sides'*

RnB009X

*Roman
Legioness*



RnB010

Fighting Chieftain



RnB011

Fighting Warrior



RnB012

*Charging
Warrior*



RnB013

'No Mercy'



RnB014

*Mounted Chieftain
w/The Draco Standard*



RnB015

Carnyx Horn Player



RnB016

*Throwing
Spear*



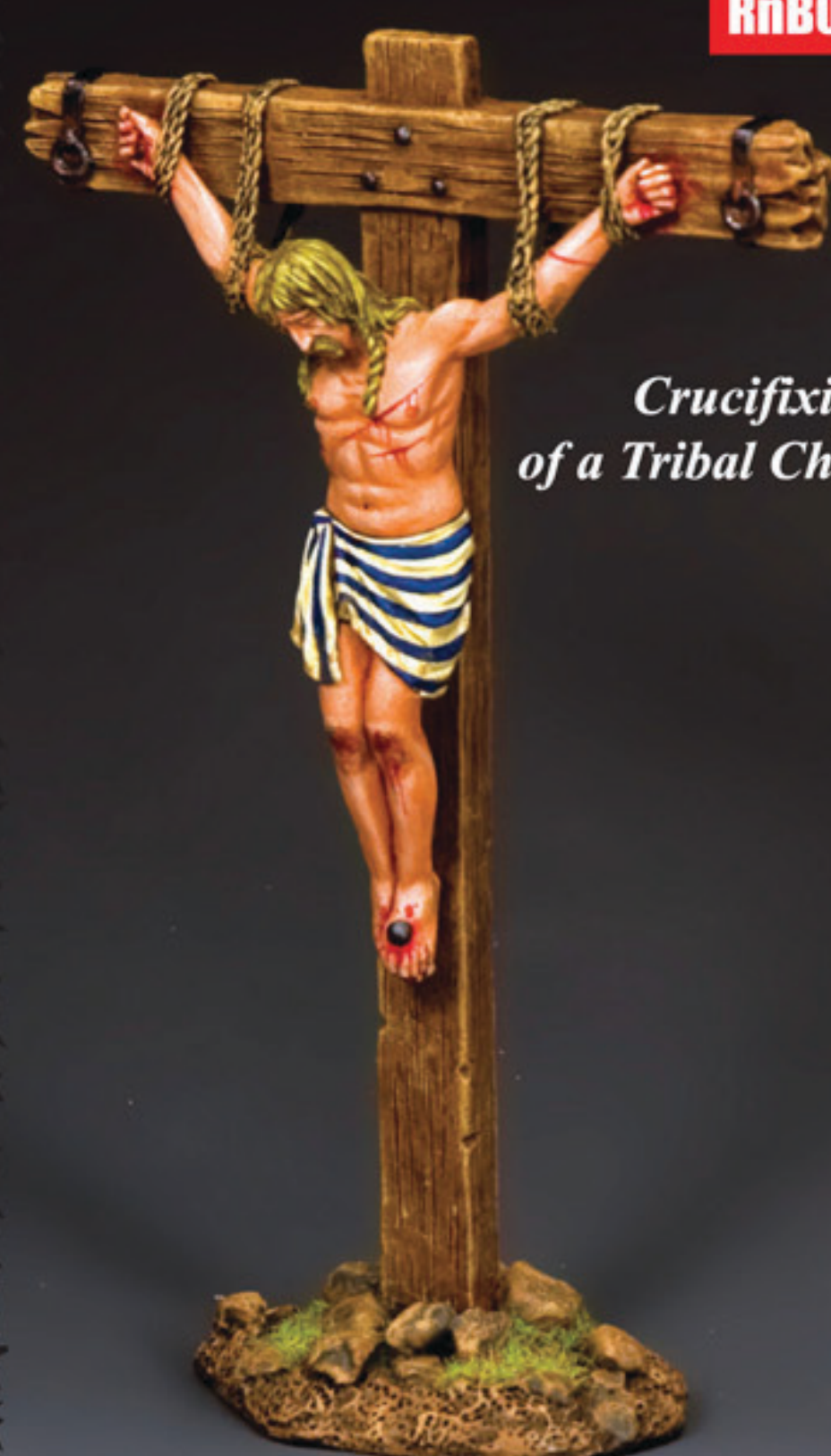
RnB017

*Advancing
Warrior*



RnB018

*Crucifixion
of a Tribal Chief*



RnB019

'Scourging The Prisoner'



RnB020

Prisoner & Centurion set



RnB021

'Life or Death...?'



The Kneeling Gaul Set

RnB022



RnB023

The Sitting Centurion



RnB024 *'A Head for a Head!'*
#1



RnB025

'A Head for a Head!'
#2



RnB026



Optio w/ Sword & Helmet

RnB028

*Boadicea,
Queen of the Iceni*



RnB027*Shouting Centurion w/ Sword***RnB030***"Victory!"***RnB032***Celtic Spearman***RnB038***Celtic Axeman***RnB036***Gallic War Chief***RnB037***Attacking Gaul***RnB040***'Death to the Romans!'***RnB029***'The Fighting Boadicea'*

Battling Against Rome

Nearly 20 years after the Emperor Claudius ordered the invasion of Britain in 43 AD, the north-western half of the island remained free.

In those dangerous parts were many tribes of fighting Celts and Britons.



Elsewhere in the island province the hill tribes of Wales also rose in rebellion urged on by the strange and travelling leaders and followers of the Druidic cult.



Rebels Against Rome



Rome Against Rebels



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