

What jobs could soldiers do within the Auxiliary Unit?

These jobs are known to have existed in auxiliary units as they are recorded in inscriptions or in surviving documents. Exactly what each job entailed is not always clear.

Tiro = new recruit

Miles = rank and file soldier

Immunis = a rank and file soldier excused fatigues because of special duties

Principalis = category of those officers below the rank of centurion or decurion, who were paid either one and a half or two times the rate of a rank and file soldier

Latin title	Job	Comments
Staff in the office of the commanding officer		
Cornicularius	Chief clerk of unit	Double pay
Actarius	Clerk	Below the cornicularius in rank
Librarius	Clerk/copyist	
Beneficiarius	Officer seconded by a superior officer for special duties	Often lives outside the fort

Unit standard bearers		
Decurio	Decurion, in charge of cavalry turma	Paid at least five times as much as a rank and file soldier; paid more than an infantry centurion
Centurio	Centurion, in charge of infantry century	Paid at least five times as much as a rank and file soldier
Signifer	Standard bearer and book-keeper	Double pay; one for each century and turma; usually had at least 15 years' service
Optio	Second-in-command to centurion	Double pay; sometimes called 'duplicarius' [= double]
Duplicarius	Second-in-command to decurion	The term is also used generally of any soldier paid twice the normal rate

Tesserarius	Officer officer below the rank of signifier and optio	Pay and a half; only in infantry. In charge of the daily password
Curator	Soldier responsible for provisioning (food and drink, fodder etc)	Pay and a half; only in turma (and possibly only in alae); perhaps same as a tesserarius
Armorum custos	Soldier in charge of arms and armour	One in each century and turma
Sesquiplicarius	Third-in-command in a turma	The term is also used generally of any soldier paid one and half normal rate

Religious staff

Aedituus or sacerdos	Priest or keeper of shrine	
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Hospital and medical staff

Medicus	Doctor, medical officer	A medicus ordinarius was probably the same rank as a centurion; may have been appointed from outside the army
Capsarius	Medic	
Veterinarius	Vet	For cavalry horses

Musical staff

Bucinator	Plays curved trumpet	One or two in a unit
Tubicen	Plays straight trumpet	

Buildings

Mensor	Surveyor	