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THE COMMANDERS OF THE ROMAN *LEGIO V MACEDONICA* WHO SERVED ON THE LOWER DANUBE DURING THE TIME OF PRINCIPATE

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The article presents commanders of the *legio V Macedonica* who served during the Principate on the Lower Danube. Biogrammes of almost twenty legion commanders contain such information as: sources, bibliography, *cursus honorum*, origin and remarks. In the conclusion it was indicated that there are similarities with the legates of other Lower Danube legions.

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There is nothing sure about the foundation of the *legio V Macedonica*, i.e. we do not know the exact date, place and its circumstances. In all probability this military unit was formed in the Caesar's days, or in the beginning of Augustus' rule. The first epigraphical source, which testifies the existence of *legio V Macedonica* dates from 15-14 B.C. – there is the inscription from Berytus (Syria), concerning the veterans of this unit. First the legio quartered in Macedonia and then was transferred to Moesia. The exact date of this regroupment has not been fixed so far. There are suggestions to accept the first decade A.D. as well as much later times.

The next epigraphical source (and the first from Moesia) is from 33 – 34 A.D. – it concerns the building of a road between legions *V Macedonica* and *IV Scythica*. The *legio V Macedonica* was settled in Oescus in Moesia (modern Gigen in Northern Bulgaria), where it stayed until 62 A.D. In this year this

unit was transferred to Armenia, which was engaged in a long war on the East of the Roman Empire. The *legio V Macedonica* returned to Moesia in 71 A.D. During the Trajan's Dacian Wars the *legio V Macedonica* had been regrouped to Troesmis (modern Iglita in Rumania), where it stayed until 167 A.D. Afterwards it stationed in Potaissa in the neighbouring Province of Dacia (modern Turda in Rumania). The *legio V Macedonica* was transferred back to Oescus – the reason was the evacuation of Dacia by Aurelian in 271 A.D. This unit stayed at Oescus until the 6th century, when (in 586 A.D.) the town was destroyed by the Avars. That was, in short, the history of this military unit.

We will describe the commanders of the *legio V Macedonica* in the chronological order with emphasis on the following questions: sources, literature, *cursus honorum* and origin.

1. Lucius Martius Macer

- I. Sources: CIL XI 1835 = D.969; AE 1944/70; V. Besevliev, *Epigraphische Beiträge*, Sofia 1952, p. 47/75 = Danov, *Die Thraker auf dem Ostbalkan*, in: ANRW II/7.1, p. 160. Cassius Dio 60,24,1; Suetonius Claudius 25,9; Tacitus *Hist.* II 71, II 23.35.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ II, p. 350/M 258; F. Miltner RE XIV/2, 2023-4/2; Lully, p. 47/550; Stein, *Moesien*, pp. 23-25; Ritterling, *Fasti*, p. 143; Stout, p. 8/16; Groag, *Achaia*, p. 32; DeLaet, p. 124/681; Schneider, p. 64/214 and p. 115/415; Stech, p. 46/337; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Moesia*, pp. 3-4; Devijver, pp. 566-7/M 36; M. Torelli, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 289; PIR² V/2, 1983, p. 217/343; Eck, *Statthalter*, p. 250/3; Houston, p. 440-1/378; B. W. Jones, p. 142/635; Thomasson 1984, p. 123/15, 191/12.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *tribunus militum legionis secundae* (probably *angusticlavus*),
 - *IV vir viarum curandarum*,
 - *quaestor*,
 - *aedilis curulis*,
 - *legatus Tiberi Claudi Caesaris Augusti pro praetore provinciae Moesiae* (Devijver: *et eodem tempore legatus*) *legionis IV Scythicae et legionis V Macedonicae* - about 41-43 A.D.,
 - *proconsul provinciae Achaiae citra sortem*.
- IV. Origin: Italy, *Arretium regio VII* (modern Arezzo). His son, L. Martius Macer, was the *salius Palatinus* and *consul designatus* 69.
- V. Remarks: Lucius Martius Macer began his career as the equestrian military tribune of the *legio II Augusta*. He served in Moesia as the praetorian legate under the command of Publius Memmius Regulus.

Afterwards he obtained the proconsulate of Achaia, avoiding the traditional drawing (*citra sortem*).

2. Sextus Vettulenus Cerialis

- I. Sources: CIL VIII 12536 = D.988; CIL XVI 22; AE 1955/123, 1957/307, 1968/7; IGR I 863; Epigr. Stud. 5, 1968, 177 Ios.bell.3,7,32-34, 4,9,9, 6,2,5, 6,4,3, 7,6,1.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, pp. 415-6/351; Eck, RE Suppl. XIV, 841/1; Lully, pp. 60-1/658; Stout, p. 18/24; Stech, p. 14/88; Stein, *Moesien*, p. 33; Degrassi, p. 22; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Moesia*, p. 6; Wachtel, p. 47/25; Nicols, *Vespasian*, p. 103; Eck, *Senatoren*, p. 115 f.; Eck, Chiron 1982, p. 287 f.; Syme, *Tacitus*, pp. 595, 789-790; Syme, *Missing Persons II*, Historia 8, 1959, 207; M. Torelli, in: Epigrafia, 1982, II, pp. 194-5; DeLaet, p. 206/1582; B. W. Jones, p. 120/302; Houston, p. 263-6/151; Thomasson 1984, p. 75/78, 125/25; Franke, p. 111-3/55; Dąbrowa, p. 27 f./5.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* (he obtained *dona militaria*),
 - *legatus legionis X Fretensis et legatus Augusti pro praetore Iudaeae* (probably 70 – 71 A.D.),
 - *consul suffectus*,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Moesiae* (about 75-78).
- IV. Origin: Raete in Sabinum (modern Rieti in Italy). In Syme's opinion this family had senatorial ancestors in the late Republic. His brother, Caius Vettulenus Civica Cerealis, obtained not only suffect consulate, but also proconsulate of Asia. The son of our senator is known as the *consul ordinarius* (106 A.D.). Afterwards the family was related to the imperial house of Antonines.
- V. Remarks: He was one of the earliest supporters of the Flavian imperial house. He actively participated in the Jewish War and, in the end of his career, probably obtained the proconsulate of Africa (ca 85 A.D.). In Syme's opinion (*Roman Papers I*, 325 f.) he held the post of *curator operum publicorum* in 73 A.D. and presumably was the governor of Dalmatia. By all probability he was promoted to the rank of patricians by Vespasian.

3. Quintus Pomponius Rufus

- I. Sources: His *cursus honorum* is presented in CIL VIII 13 = D.1014 and IRT 337 = AE 1948/3. Moreover: IRT 353 = AE 1948/2; CIL XVI 38; CIL XVI 44 = D.2000; CIL XVI 45 = D.1999; AE 1962/160, 164; Situla 19, 1978, p. 141/942.

- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, p. 79/561; R. Hanslik RE XXI, 1952, 2347/68; RE Suppl. XIV, 1974, 442/68 W. Eck; Lully, p. 83/794; Stout, pp. 43-4/60; Stech, pp. 59-60/675; Balil, *Emerita*, p. 26; Jagenteufel, *Dalmatia*, pp. 48-51; Garzetti, *Nerva*, p. 152/126; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, pp. 39, 44; Syme, *The Lower Danube under Trajan*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 126; Syme, *Governors of Dalmatia*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 194 f.; Syme, *Governors of Moesia*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 216; Syme, *Tacitus*, p. 51 f.; Stein, *Moesien*, pp. 59-61; Eck, *Senatoren*, p. 143 f.; Eck, Chiron 1982, p. 320 f.; Thomasson, SPQR, pp. 62-3; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Moesia inf.* pp. 13-14; Schumacher, p. 12/A 27, p. 229 f.; Wilkes, *Dalmatia*, p. 85 and 445/15; Alföldy, *Fasti Hispanienses*, pp. 21 f. (71-74); Nicols, *Vespasian*, p. 150; Vidman, *Fasti Ostienses*, p. 45 f.; Thomasson, *Statthalter*, vol. I, p. 42 and vol. II, pp. 55-7; Devijver, p. 665/P 81; Roux, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 459/18; B. W. Jones, p. 116-240; Houston, p. 473-478/423; Franke, p. 104-109/53; Devijver, *Supplementum*, p. 1688-9/81.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
- *praefectus orae maritimae Hispaniae citerioris Galliae Narbonensis bello quod imp. Galba pro re publica gessit* (68 A.D.),
 - *adlectus inter praetorios* - 73/4 A.D.,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae*,
 - *legatus pro praetore Hispaniae* (Alföldy, Eck: *iuridicus*),
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Dalmatiae* (ca. 92-94 A.D.),
 - *consul suffectus* - IX.95,
 - *curator operum publicorum* (ca. 95-98),
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Moesiae inferioris* (ca. 98-100 A.D.),
 - *proconsul provinciae Africae* - 109/110 or 110/111 A.D.,
 - *pontifex*,
 - *sodalis Flavialis*.
- IV. Origin: There are two different opinions on this question: Italy - Lully, Schumacher, Spain - Syme, Thomasson, Alföldy, Roux. In Roux' opinion the father of our senator was "*Sex. Pomponius praetorii viri pater, Hispaniae citerioris princeps*" (Plin.*N.h.* 32, 120). Not only Quintus but also his younger brother Caius reached the proconsulate of Africa.
- V. Remarks: Quintus Pomponius Rufus distinguished himself at the beginning of career as the commander of the troops which defended the coasts of Hispania Citerior and Gallia Narbonensis. Afterwards his promotion was delayed. He was described as a capable but violent man (Plin.*Ep.* IV 9,3 - '*vir paratus et vehemens*').

4. Caius Salvius Liberalis Nonius Bassus

- I. Sources: His *cursus honorum* is presented by the inscription from Picenum (CIL IX 5533 = D. 1011 = McCrum, p. 84/311). Moreover: CIL VI 2056.2057.2060.2064.2065.2074; Suetonius Vesp. 13; Plinius *Ep.* II, 11,17, III 9,33.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, pp. 166-7/105; Groag RE I A, 1920, 2026/15; Lully, p. 68/709; Waddington, vol. I, pp. 170-1/112; Stech, p. 18/111; Stein, *Ritterstand*, pp. 281, 372; Garzetti, *Nerva*, p. 156/137; Aichinger, pp. 619-620/15; Weerd, p. 94; Syme, *Tacitus*, pp. 668-9; Syme, JRS 68, 1978, 18; Syme, *Arval Brethren*, pp. 25-6 f.; Eck, *Senatoren*, p. 104 f.; Eck, *Präsenz*, p. 286/13; Eck, Chiron 1982, p. 307 f.; Frere, *Britannia*, p. 193; Vidman, *Fasti Ostienses*, pp. 44, 80; Degrassi, *Fasti*, p. 225; Birley, *Law in Roman Britain*, in: ANRW II/13, pp. 620-1; L. Gasperini - G. Paci, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 233; Houston, p. 233-5/130; W. C. McDermott, *Flavius Silva and Salvius Liberalis*, CW. 66, 1973, p. 335-351; H. Petersen, *The legionary command of Salvius Liberalis*, CPh 57, 1962, p. 32-33; B. W. Jones, p. 117/254; Thomasson 1984, p. 182/15.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *adlectus inter tribunicios et inter praetorios ab divo Vespasiano et divo Tito* - 73/4 A.D.,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae*,
 - *legatus iuridicus in Britannia* (perhaps 81-83/4 A.D.),
 - *proconsul provinciae Macedoniae* (Eck, Vidman: 83/4, Syme: 84/5 A.D.),
 - *consul suffectus* (Eck, Vidman, Syme: 85, Aichinger-86, Degrassi-87),
 - *frater Arvalis* (Syme, *Arval Brethren*: the last time in 101 A.D.).
- IV. Origin: *Urbus Salvia in Picenum* (Italy). His son (C. Salvius Vitellianus) served under his command as the *tribunus legionis V Macedonicae* and *legatus provinciae Macedoniae*. A close relative to him was certainly partician L. Flavius Silva Nonius Bassus (cos. ord. 81).
- V. Remarks: Caius Salvius Liberalis Nonius Bassus was a wealthy person, attorney (Suet. Vesp. 13) and orator. He began his career in the equestrian order; after promotion to the *ordo senatorius* he served as the first *iuridicus* in Britain. He did not want to draw lots for the proconsulate of Asia. In Syme's opinion he was afraid that the Emperor would not agree for this election (R. Syme, *Arval*, p. 36).

5. Quintus Roscius Coelius Murena Silius Decianus Vibullius Pius Iulius Eurycles Herculanus Pompeius Falco

- I. Sources: The *cursus honorum* of this senator is presented by the inscriptions from Bodrum (CIL III 12117) and Tarracina (CIL X 6321 = D.1035). Moreover: CIL III 7537.12470.7163.7433, VI 31752, VIII 7066, XIV 2692.4539, XVI 69; D.8820; AE 1936/14, 1957/336, 1962/145, 1972/577 = Knibbe *ÖJh* 1978-71, p. 30/6.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, pp. 134-55/68; Wolf RE XXI, 2270 sq./76; Weerd, p. 94; Stech, pp. 68-9/850; Lully, p. 96/880; Waddington, vol. I, pp. 202-4/133; Stein, *Moesien*, pp. 64-5; Lambrechts¹, p. 44/107; Stout, pp. 45-6/66; Garzetti, *Nerva*, pp. 154-5/134; Magie, vol. II, pp. 1583, 1599; Halfmann, p. 211; Halfmann, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 647. Atkinson JRS XII, 1922, pp. 61, 65/17. A. R. Birley, *Marcus Aurelius*, p. 73 f; A. R. Birley, *Epigr. Stud.* 4, 1967, p. 69/18; E. Birley, *Epigr. Stud.* 8, p. 71 f; A. R. Birley, *The Origin and Career of Q. Pompeius Falco*, *Acta Arch.* 1977, pp. 360-367; Eck, *Senatoren*, p. 160 f; Eck, *Chiron* 1982, p. 338 f; Eck, *Chiron* 1983, p. 148 f; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, p. 45 f; Frere, *Britannia*, p. 126; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Moesia inf.* p. 155; Schumacher, p. 71/C 15; Syme, *The Lower Danube under Trajan*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 126; Syme, *Tacitus*, p. 222 f; Syme, *Legates of Moesia*, *Dacia* XII 196, p. 339; Syme, *Arval Brethren*, pp. 48-9; Knibbe, *ÖJh.* 1968-71, pp. 29-30/6; Vidman, *Fasti Ostienses*, pp. 47, 103; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 324 f; Degrassi, *Fasti*, p. 32; Franke p. 116-123/57; Dąbrowa, p. 36-8/12; Rémy, p. 293-239; Thomasson 1984, p. 70/16, 132/73, 224/112, 279/17, 324/22; B. W. Jones, p. 115/230.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
- *X vir stlitibus iudicandis*,
 - *tribunus militum legionis X Fretensis* (only A. Birley, *Epigr. Stud.* 4, perhaps: *X Gemina*).
 - *quaestor*,
 - *tribunus plebis*,
 - *praetor inter cives et peregrinos*,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae, donis militaribus donatus* (101-2),
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Lyciae et Pomphylliae* (103-5),
 - *legatus legionis X Fretensis et legatus Iudaeae* (105-108),
 - *consul suffectus* - IX 108 A.D.,
 - *curator viae Traianae*,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Moesiae inferioris* (116-8),
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Britanniae* (118-122),
 - *proconsul provinciae Asiae* - 123/4 A.D.,
 - *XV vir sacris faciundis*.
- IV. Origin: Presumably his family descended from the East, perhaps from Mytilene (Schumacher) or Hierapolis (E. Birley, A. R. Birley, Jones

JRS 1970, 103). There are two opinions on possible ancestors of the senator:

- 1) nomen Pompeius indicates the gaining of Roman citizenship from Pompeius Magnus in 60-ties B.C. (A. R. Birley),
- 2) the founder of family could be the historian Theophanes from Mytilene (Schumacher).

The long nomenclature of our senator says about the relations with senatorial aristocracy: C. Iulius Eurycles Herculanus L. Vibullius Pius was the last member of the royal house of Sparta, M. Roscius Coelius and L. Silius Decianus were the *consules suffecti* (in 81 and 94 respectively). The son of our senator gained the patrician dignity and was the *consul ordinarius* (149 A.D.). His grandson (cos. ord. 169) had 38 names!

- V. Remarks: Q. Pompeius Falco governed the two Imperial praetorian Provinces (Lycia-Pamphylia and Iudea) which had been unprecedented. But then he had to wait long for the consular legatship, he did not get the command in the Parthian War. He began the building of the Hadrian Wall as the governor of Britannia. Q. Pompeius Falco, born ca. 70, was still alive in 140, when Antonius Pius with young Marcus Aurelius paid a visit to him (Fronto ad M. Caes. 2,6).

6. Titus Calestrius Tiro Orbis Speratus

- I. Sources: CIL XVI 81. 169; AE 1965/320 = 1966/485 = 1967/523, 1972/651.

- II. Bibliography: Groag, PIR² II, p. 44/223; Eck, RE Suppl. XIV, 84-55/4; Alföldy, *Festi*, p. 165 f; Thomasson, SPQR, pp. 27-8; Eck, *Senatoren*, p. 168 f; Eck, Chiron 1982, p. 351 f; Syme, *Legates of Cilicia under Trajan*, in: *Roman Papers*, pp. 779-785; Magie, vol. II, p. 1599; Pflaum, in: *Corolla E. Swoboda*, p. 189/4; L. Gasperini-G. Paci, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 238; Franke, p. 123-6/58; Rémy, p. 90-2/68; Thomasson 1984, p. 193/25, 290/7; Pflaum, *Narbonnaise*, p. 61-2/4; P. Culham, *Calestrius the Curator*, ZPE 59, 1985, p. 177-181.

III. *Cursus honorum*:

- *tribunus militum laticlavus VI Ferratae*,
- *quaestor provinciae Ponti et Bithyniae*,
- *legatus proconsulis pro praetore provinciae Galliae Narbonensis*,
- *tribunus plebis*,
- *praetor*,
- *curator viarum Valeriae Tiburtinae et...nae* (AE 1965:320 – Labicanae),
- *legatus Augusti legionis V Macedonicae*,
- *proconsul provinciae Achaiae* (Eck: 111/2 A.D.),

- *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Ciliciae* (ca. 113-116 A.D.),
- *consul suffectus* – XI. 122 A.D.

- IV. Origin: Italy, presumably Picenum *Legatus legionis V Macedonicae* was probably the son of Titus Calestrius Tiro – the friend of Plinius. Calestrius Tiro – *legatus Lyciae et Pamphyliae* 136-8, was – by all probability – the son of consul 122 A.D.
- V. Remarks: In Syme's opinion this senator held the proconsulate between the governorship of Cilicia and the consulate.

7. Plotius Iulianus

- I. Sources: CIL III 6178.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, p. 54/386. RE XII/2, 1582. Lambrechts¹, p. 55/169.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – 134 A.D.
- IV. Origin: Perhaps his relative was Lucius Plotius Sabinus – the *tribunus militum legionis I Minerviae* in Lower Germany during the reign of Antoninus Pius.

8. Cominius Secundus

- I. Sources: CIL XVI 99 = D.9056, CIL XVI 179.180; AE 1972/547 = 1975/756.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ I, p. 435/C 1019; PIR² II, p. 302/1271; Groag, RE IV/1, 610/22; Lully, p. 113/989; Lambrechts¹, p. 98/517; Syme, *Legates of Moesia*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 219; Syme, *Governors of Pannonia inf.*, Historia 1965, pp. 345, 360; Fitz, AAntASH, XI, 1963, p. 264/XII; Dobó, pp. 57-8/39; Hüttl, vol. II, p. 145; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 250 f; Eck, RE Suppl. XVI, 1974, 106/22; Thomasson 1984, p. 113/12.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – 141-144 A.D.,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore Pannoniae inferioris* – 147-150 A.D.
- IV. Origin: In the older and groundless opinions he was the descendant of an Italian Cominius Proculus – *proconsul provinciae Cypri* 42/3 A.D. Some scholars indicate L. Cominius Secundus, who was aedile at Tusculum. We know the equestrian Cominii also from the other parts of the Roman Empire (Concordia and Mantua from Italy and the Gallia Narbonensis).
- V. Remarks: We do not know if Cominius Secundus held the consulate. Perhaps he died before it or held the consulate in the years: 150 – 151, because the Fastes for these years are still incomplete.

9. Marcus Sedatius Severianus Iulius Acer Metilius Nepos Rufinus Ti. Rutilianus Censor

- I. Sources: The *cursus honorum* of this senator is in two inscriptions from Sarmizegetusa, where he was a *patronus* (AE 1913/55 = D.9487 and AE 1933/249). Moreover: CIL III 1575.1562=D.3896, CIL II 2008, XIV 246.247.248.250=D. 6174, CIL XV 7527; IGR III 113; Cassius Dio 71, 2,1.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, pp. 189-190/231; RE II A/1, 1006/1; Lully, p. 112/973; Lambrechts¹, p. 92/477; Hüttl, vol. II, p. 70 f; Syme, *Governors of Dacia*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 170 f; Syme, *Governors of Pannonia inf.*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 241; Stein, *Dazien*, pp. 24-6; Thomasson, *Laterculi*, Dacia sup. p. 38; Thomasson, SPQR, p. 72; A. R. Birley, *Marcus Aurelius*, p. 161; A. R. Birley, *Duration*, p. 49/6; Vidman, *Fasti Ostienses*, p. 51; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 163 f; Burnand, in: *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 424; Magie, vol. II, p. 1593; Rémy, p. 219-222/172; Thomasson 1984, p. 150/10, 270/29; G. Nicolini, *La découverte à Poitiers d'une dédicace à M. Sedatius Severianus*, BSAF 1980-1, p. 99-103.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *quaestor provinciae Siciliae*,
 - *tribunus plebis*,
 - *praetor*,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* - perhaps 144 - 147 A.D.,
 - *curator viae Flaminiae*,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Daciae superiore*,
 - *consul suffectus* - VII. 153 A.D.,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Cappadociae*.
- IV. Origin: Probably Gallia (Burnand - Aquitania).
- V. Remarks: During the Parthian War he was invested by Wologozes' cavalry and committed a suicide. In the year of his death Marcus Sedatius Severianus was probably in his late forties.

10. Quintus Caecilius Redditus

- I. Sources: AE 1957/266.
- II. Bibliography: Eck RE Suppl. XIV, 1974, 79/104a; Pflaum, *Carrières*, p. 968; Devijver, p. 198; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 299.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* - ca 156-157 A.D.
- IV. Origin: Presumably he descended from the Western part of the Empire. We know exactly the *cursus honorum* of his father, who was the member

of an equestrian order. During his long career he obtained the post of procurator Noricum in about 122 A.D.

- V. Remarks: Quintus Caecilius Redditus was the commander of the *legio V Macedonica*, when the governor of the province was Quintus Fuficius Cornutus.

11. Aellius Optatus

- I. Sources: AE 1960/337.
- II. Bibliography: Eck RE Suppl. XIV, 1974, 1/96a; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 299.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
– *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – probably 156-159 A.D.
- IV. Origin: His origin and family relations are unknown.
- V. Remarks: He was *legatus legionis* in ca 156-159, when the governor of Moesia Inferior was Lucius Iulius Statilius Severus.

12. Publius Vigellius Raius Plarius Saturninus Atilius Braduanus Caucidius Tertullus

- I. Sources: CIL III 775 = 6183 = D.1116; AE 1934/108, 1966/470; Tertull. Ad Scap. 3.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, pp. 433-4/434; Stiglitz RE VIII A, 1958, 2569-70/3; Lully, p. 121/1044; Lambrechts¹, 134/790; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, p. 48; Degraasi, *Fasti*, p. 48; Stein, *Moesien*, p. 79; Stout, pp. 56-7/85; Hüttl, vol. II, p. 127; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Moesia inf.*, p. 22; Thomasson, *Statthalter*, vol. II, p. 87; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 180, 365-7 (Appendix 5); Grosso, *Commodo*, p. 594 f; Doruțiu-Boilă, *Dacia* 16, 1972, 143; Rémy, p. 311/260; Thomasson 1984, p. 282/36, 384/103.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
– *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* (probably 159-162 A.D.),
– *legatus Lyciae et Pamphyliae*,
– *consul suffectus*,
– *proconsul provinciae Africae* – 180/1 A.D.
- IV. Origin: In older opinions he descended from Italy or Africa, but in Alföldy's opinion he was born in the East; perhaps in Greece. Probably he had no consular ancestors, but he was related to the wife of Herodes Atticus.
- V. Remarks: Many scholars thought that he was the governor of Lower Moesia during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. But G. Alföldy recognized him as the *legatus legionis V Macedonicae*. This opinion was based on the nomenclature in the inscription from Troesmis (*legatus Augusti*, not

legatus Augusti pro praetore). We do not know Vigellius' career after the consulate. When he was the proconsul of Africa he sentenced six Christians to death.

13. Publius Martius Verus

- I. Sources: CIL III 6169.7505, VI 2004, XI 1924, VI 2979, XII 2390; Cassius Dio 71, 25; SHA v. Avid. Cassi 9, vit. Veri 7.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ II, pp. 350-1/M 261; W. Kroll RE XIV/2, 2024-5/6; Weerd, p. 94; Lambrechts¹, p. 127/751; Hüttl, vol. II, p. 127; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, p. 74; Fitz, AAntASH IX, 1961, p. 169; A. Birley, *Septimius Severus*, p. 66; A. Birley, *Marcus Aurelius*, p. 176 f; Parain, *Marek Aureliusz*, pp. 195, 234; Magie, vol. II, p. 1594; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 180 f; Burnand, *Epigrafia*, II, 1982, p. 423; PIR² V/2, 1983, p. 219-220/348; Thomasson 1984, p. 270-1/34, 313/61; Leunissen 352; K. P. Johne, *Die Publii Martii, eine prosopographische Studie*, Klio 61, 1979, p. 469-475; Rémy, p. 226-7/175.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – ca 161/2 – 166 A.D.,
 - *consul suffectus* 166 (perhaps in absentia),
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Cappadociae*,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Syriae*,
 - *consul II ordinarius* – 179 A.D.
- IV. Origin: Southern Gaul, probably Toulousa (modern Toulouse in France). Undoubtedly his son was the patrician Publius Martius Sergius Saturninus.
- V. Remarks: As the *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* he served first in Lower Moesia and next he fought in the Parthian War. In Alföldy's opinion he was consul in absentia in March 166. Then he fought with the rebellion of Avidius Cassius. In January 179 he came to Rome, after 15 years spent in the East, to become *consul ordinarius*.

14. Marcus Valerius Maximianus

- I. Sources: The complete *cursus honorum* is in the inscription from Diana Veteranorum (AE 1956, 124). Moreover we know a lot of inscription, first of all from Africa – CIL VIII 4600 = Dobó, *Inscriptiones*, pp. 76-7/465, VIII 2621 = D. 3024, VIII 2698 = 18247.2749.4234.4212.2777; AE 1934/40, 1935/45, 1920/16, 1915/28, 1933/70, 1955/79; CRAI 1954, 273. CIL III 1222 is from Apulum and CIL III 13439 = D.9122 from Leugaricio (modern Trentin in Czecha).

- II. Bibliography: PIR¹ III, p. 361/79; Lambertz, RE VIII A, 1955, 86-90 N° 236; Lambrechts¹, p. 166/1108; Lambrechts², p. 42/458; Stein, *Dazien*, pp. 55-6, 95; Stein, *Ritterstand*, p. 317; Saxer, pp. 37-40/68; E. Birley, *Alae and Cohortes Milliariae*, p. 58/4; A. Birley, *Marcus Aurelius*, s. 190 f; A. Birley, *Septimius Severus*, p. 66; Devijver, pp. 820-2/V 23; Fitz, AAntASH IX, 1961, p. 167; Thomasson, *Laterculi, Tres Daciae*, p. 44; Thomasson, SPQR, pp. 78-80; Thomasson, *Statthalter*, vol. I, p. 95 and vol. II, pp. 190-2; Pflaum, *Carrieres*, pp. 476-494/181 bis and p. 982 f; Alföldy, *Legionslegaten*, p. 79; Alföldy, *Konsulat*, p. 296 f; Alföldy, *Situla* 14/15, 1974, pp. 199-215; Grosso, *Commodus*, pp. 433, 603; Syme, *Emperors and Biography*, s. 180; Syme, *Roman Senators from Dalmatia*, in: *Danubian Papers*, p. 121; Barbieri, pp. 149-150/708 and p. 182/873; Degrassi, *Fasti* p. 51; Eck 1980, p. 289/9; J. Dobiasz, LF V 1957, pp. 179-196; Šašel, *Epigrafia* II, 1982, pp. 567-8; Devijver, *Supplementum*, p. 1754/23; Thomasson 1984, p. 155/23, 401/49.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
- *pontifex coloniae Poetovionensium, equo publico*,
 - *praefectus cohortis I Thracum* - ca. 158 A.D.,
 - *tribunus cohortis I Hamiorum civium Romanorum* (Syria or Cappadocia),
 - *praepositus orae gentium Ponti Polemoniani, donis donato bello Parthico* - ca. 160/166 A.D.,
 - *allectus ab Imperatore Marco Antonino Augusto et missus in procintu Germanicae expeditionis ad deducenda per Danuvium quae in annonam Pannoniae utriusque exercituum denavigarent* - probably 169,
 - *praepositus vexillationum classium praetoriarum Misenatis item Ravenatis item classis Britannicae item equitum Afrorum et Maurorum electorum ad curam explorationis Pannonicae* ca. 170-1,
 - *praefectus alae I Aravacorum* - Arrabona in Pannonia sup. 171-2 A.D.,
 - *praefectus alae contariorum, donis donatus bello Germanico Sarmatico* - in Pannonia sup. ca. 172-175 A.D.,
 - *praepositus equitibus gentium Marcomannorum, Naristarum, Quadorum ad vindictam orientalis motus pergentium* (C) - 175 A.D.,
 - *procurator Moesiae inferioris et praepositus vexillationibus et ad detrahendam Briseorum latronum manum in confinio Macedonicae et Thraciae ab imp. missus* - 176-177 A.D.,
 - *procurator Moesiae superioris*,
 - *procurator provinciae Daciae Porolissensis* (CC),
 - *in amplissimum ordinem inter praetorios allectus*,
 - *legatus legionis I Adiutricis* - probably 179 A.D.,
 - *legatus legionis II Adiutricis*,

- *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – 180 A.D.,
- *legatus legionis I Italicae*,
- *legatus legionis XIII Geminae* – *dona militaria*,
- *legatus legionis III Augustae*,
- *consul*.

IV. Origin: Poetovio in Upper Pannonia (modern Ptuj in Yugoslavia). His father was Marcus Valerius Maximianus, municipal official in Poetovio (*quinquennalis sacerdotalis* – AE 1956, 124).

V. Remarks: Marcus Valerius Maximianus was the first senator from Pannonia. In Syme's opinion he was "the great military hero" (*Danubian Papers*, p. 121). During his long career (158-184) he had almost 20 military positions and he gained 3 times the *dona militaria*. He did not hold any civilian posts – even the consulate he took in absence. The greater part of his *cursus honorum* was in the equestrian order. He gained the support of Publius Helvius Pertinax in the promotion to the senatorial order. Geza Alföldy discovered that in the years 170-179 these two officials were practically inseparable.

15. Tiberius Claudius Claudianus

I. Sources: CIL III 905.1773.3745; VIII 5349 = AE 1977/858, VIII 7977 = D.1146, VIII 10616, VIII 7978 = D.1147, III 3387; AE 1971/333, 1973/437 bis.

II. Bibliography: PIR¹ I, p. 363/C 673; PIR² II, 190/834; Groag RE III/1, 2695/109; Lully, p. 247/1472; Weerd, p. 94; Filow, pp. 77, 79; Lambrechts², p. 21/117; Sintenis, p. 12/22; Degraasi, *Fasti*, p. 56; Fitz, AAntASH IX, 1961, p. 168; Fitz, AAntASH XI, 1963, p. 283/XXVI; A. Birley, *Septimius Severus*, pp. 170, 340; Dobo, pp. 74-6/53 and p. 117/96; Alföldy, *Legionslegaten*, p. 79; Alföldy, *Septimius Severus*, p. 139; I. Piso, *La carrière de Ti. Claudius Claudianus*, pp. 167-176; Schumacher, pp. 126-7/D 41; Grosso, p. 515; Reidinger, pp. 100-2/XVII; Saxer, p. 46/81; Stein, *Dazien*, pp. 91-2; Stein, *Ritterstand*, p. 391; Syme, *Emperors and Biography*, pp. 140-1; Barbieri, p. 39/147 and pp. 540, 590; Barnes, *Historia* 1967, pp. 99-100; Devijver, *Supplementum*, p. 1500-2/133 bis; Thomasson 1984, p. 106-7/48, 115/26.

III. *Cursus honorum*:

- *praefectus cohortis I Bracaraugustorum*,
- *praetor tutelarius candidatus Augusti*,
- *legatus legionis V Macedonicae* – 195 A.D.,
- *legatus legionis XIII Geminae*,
- *praepositus vexillationum Daciiscarum*,

- *legatus Augustorum pro praetore provinciae Pannoniae inferioris*,
 - *consul suffectus* – 199 or 200 A.D.,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Pannoniae superioris*,
 - *sacerdos Laurentium Lavinatium*,
 - *sacerdos VII vir epulonum*.
- IV. Origin: Northern Africa – Rusicade or Cirta. His daughter (Claudia Gallitta) married an equestrian Quintus Asturnius Lappianus.
- V. Remarks: Tiberius Claudius Claudianus was admitted to the *ordo senatorius* just after the imperial proclamation of Septimius Severus. The very difficult to explain is the term *consul provinc. et exerc. Pann. Infer. et Super.* (CIL VIII 7978 = D. 1147). Perhaps it means the legatship of legio I Adiutrix (Fitz, Alföldy, Dobó, Piso) or it only indicates the governorship of these provinces (Barbieri). This problem is still unsolved.

16. Domitius Antigonus

- I. Sources: CIL III 14429; IG XIV 888 = IGR I 407; AE 1964/180, 1965/242 = 1966/262; Cassius Dio 77, 8, 1-2.
- II. Bibliography: PIR² I, p. 137/736; PIR² III, p. 48/149; Stout, p. 72/117; Stein, *Moesien*, p. 97; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, p. 31; Thomsson, *Laterculi, Moesia inf.*, p. 29; Degrassi, *Fasti*, pp. 65, 112; Stein, *Ritterstand*, pp. 235, 396; Devijver, pp. 326-7/D 16; Barbieri, p. 17/33 and p. 207/1017; Lambrechts², p. 48/547 and p. 15/25; Alföldy, *Legionslegaten*, p. 53/65; Thomasson 1984, p. 143/129; Dietz, p. 138-140/31; Leunissen, p. 183 f.; Pflaum, *Carrières supplément*, p. 64-66/249a.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
- *tribunus militum*,
 - *praefectus alae*,
 - *procurator Augusti*?
 - *procurator Augusti ferrariarum* – Gallia,
 - *adlectus in senatum inter praetorios ab Imp. Caracalla*,
 - *curator rei publicae Tudertionorum* – ca. 217 A.D.,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae Antoniniana* – ca. 218 A.D. in Dacia,
 - *legatus legionis XXII Primigeniae pia fidelis Antoniniana* – ca. 220 A.D. Mogontiacum, Germania Superior (modern Mainz),
 - *consul suffectus* – ca. 225 A.D.,
 - *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Moesiae inferioris* – 235-6.
- IV. Origin: Macedonia.
- V. Remarks: He owed the promotion to the senatorial order only to "the strange humour of Caracalla" (Stein, *Ritterstand*, 235).

17. L. Flavius Aper

- I. Sources: CIL III 15156; AE 1936/53.54.55.56.57.
- II. Bibliography: PIR² III, p. 135/F 207; Stein RE VI/2, 2531/34; PLRE, p. 81/3, pp. 1091, 1125; Lambrechts², p. 98; Dobo, pp. 101-2/75; Saxer, p. 57/106; Parisius, p. 48; Fitz, AAntASH, XI, 1963, p. 305/XLVIII; Sotgiu, *Aureliano*, ANRW II/2, p. 1059; Thomasson 1984, p. 119/52.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *praepositus legionum V Macedonicae et XIII Geminae* (between 260-268),
 - *praeses provinciae Pannoniae inferioris* – ca. 270 A.D.,
 - *praefectus praetorio* – before 284 A.D.,
- IV. Origin: unknown.

18. Anonymus – CIL XI 4647

- I. Sources: CIL XI 4647.
- II. Bibliography: Weerd, p. 95; Klein, *Die Verwaltungsbeamten von Sicilien und Sardinien*, Bonn 1878, p. 126/120; Stein, *Dazien*, p. 92; Corbier, pp. 434-6/XXIX.; B. W. Jones, p. 137-8/568; Pflaum, *Narbonnaise*, p. 340; Rémy, p. 120/88.
- III. *Cursus honorum*:
 - *legatus provinciae Galliae Narbonensis*,
 - *legatus legionis V Macedonicae*,
 - *proconsul provinciae Siciliae*,
 - *praefectus aerari militaris*.
- IV. Origin: Probably Tuder, regio VI (modern Todi in Italy).
- V. Remarks: His *cursus honorum* can be dated probably to the second half of II century A.D.

? Decimus Clodius Albinus

- I. Sources: CIL II 4114.1129.2015, III 3706.3733.4037.5910, VI 1450, VIII 1549=D.415, VIII 2786.7062, Suppl. 17762, XI 6053, XIII 1753.1754.1673, XIV 6 = D.414.
- II. Bibliography: PIR¹, I, pp. 421-3/C 937; PIR², II, pp. 280-3/1186; Wotawa RE IV/1, 67-76/17; Lambrechts¹, p. 156/1042a; Barbieri, p. 46/182, p. 481; Atkinson, JRS XII, 1922, pp. 68-9/31; Fitz, *Laufbahn*, p. 58; Grosso, *Commodus*, p. 683 f; Frere, *Britannia*, p. 166; Stein, *Ritterstand*, p. 235; A. Birley, *Septimius Severus*, p. 70; Magie, vol. II, p. 1592; A. Birley, *Governors of Britain*, pp. 77-8/35;

A. Birley, *Fasti of Roman Britain*, pp. 146-9; Alföldy, *Septimius Severus*, p. 140.

III. *Cursus honorum*:

- *military service (perhaps trib. leg. IV Fl. et I Ad. – vita 6,2),*
- *quaesturae gratia illi facta est (SHA v. Albinus 6,6),*
- *aedilis non amplius quam decem diebus,*
- *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Bithyniae – 175 A.D.,*
- *praetor – after 17.III.180 A.D.,*
- *command over unknown Dacian legion (probably V Macedonica),*
- *consul suffectus – ca. 187 A.D.,*
- *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Germaniae inferioris,*
- *legatus Augusti pro praetore provinciae Britanniae – 191/2-197 A.D.,*
- *Caesar – 193 A.D.,*
- *consul II ordinarius – 194 A.D.,*
- *Augustus – 195-197 A.D.*

IV. Origin: Hadrumentum (Africa). He descended perhaps from the senatorial family.

V. Remarks: He died on 19.02.197 during the battle of Lugudunum (modern Lyon in France).

CONCLUSION

The average period of a command of the legion during the Principate was between 2,5 and 3 years. So in the Principate epoch operated probably at about 90-100 *legati legionum V Macedonicae*. We have information of about 18-19 commanders, i.e. 16-21% of those presumably existing. It is less than in the case of *legionis I Italicae* (20-30%), but more than in the case of *VII Claudia* (12-14%).¹ This figure however corresponds to the percentage of the testified commanders of the Lower Danube legions (Moesia Inferior, Superior, Pannonia Inferior, Superior, Dacia) – 18-24%.² We know the similar number from the Roman Britannia: 16-19%.³ Less information is preserved about the commanders of the Rhine's legions (15%) or the Eastern legions (11-13%).⁴ Similarly as in the case of the *legio VII Claudia* or the Rhine's legions we know the commanders of *legionis V Macedonicae* from the times of civil

¹ J. Hatlas, *Legati legionis I Italicae. Zestawienie prozopograficzne*, Balcanica Posnaniensia V, Poznań 1990, s. 191-225 (in Polish), M. Żyromski, *Dowódcy legionu siódmego kłaudyjskiego w okresie Pryncypatu*, Balcanica Posnaniensia VII, Poznań 1995, s. 000-000 (in Polish).

² M. Żyromski, *Legaci legionów dolnodunajskich Cesarstwa Rzymskiego. Kilka uwag wstępnych*, Balcanica Posnaniensia V, Poznań 1990, s. 183-190 (in Polish).

³ A. Birley, *The Fasti of Roman Britain*, Oxford 1981, p. 407.

⁴ Alföldy, *Die Legionslegaten*.

wars of 69 and 193 A.D. We know especially well however the commanders of this unit who operated in the middle of the 2nd century A.D. (134-166: 7 legati).

Among the known commanders of the *V Macedonica* the origin in geographical aspect is testified for 15 senators. From among them 5 i.e. 33% (including the Anonymus) descended from Italy. It is a smaller proportion than in the case of *legio VII Claudia* (45%) or among the commanders of the Lower Danube legions were (43%). From among the people who originated from Roman provinces more senators descended from the Western part of the Empire – 7 (Africa 2, Gaul 2, Pannonia 1, Spain 1?, West 1) than from the Eastern one – 3. The origin in social aspect is known only for 10 individuals – among them as many as 6 (?) began their official career in the equestrian order (not counting L. Flavius Aper, who was the commander of *V Macedonica* as *eques*). For the greater majority of persons we know complete (or at least almost complete) *cursus honorum*. Only three senators (Aellius Optatus, Q. Caecilius Redditus, Plotius Iulianus) are confirmed to be only the *legati legionis V Macedonicae*. Similarly as in the case of *legio VII Claudia* nobody held the most prestigious offices in the beginning of his career (*III vir monetalis*, *quaestor Augusti*). We know only two XX-viri (L. Martius Macer: *IV vir viarum curandarum*, Q. Roscius Coelius: *X vir stlitibus iudicandis*), two quaestores (T. Calestrius Tiro: *quaestor Ponti et Bithyniae*, M. Sedatius Severianus: *quaestor Siciliae*), and three *tribuni militum legionis laticlavii* (L. Martius Macer: *II Augusta*, Q. Roscius Coelius: *X Fretensis*, T. Calestrius Tiro: *VI Ferratae*).

The bulk of persons who began their career in the equestrian order were introduced to the group of praetores (Q. Pomponius Rufus, C. Salvius Liberalis, M. Valerius Maximianus, Domitius Antigonus), which confirms their high social position. Some of them commanded, before the consulate a legion once more (Sex. Vettulenus Cerialis: *X Fretensis*, Q. Roscius Coelius: *X Fretensis*, M. Valerius Maximianus: *I and II Adiutrix*, *I Italica*, *XIII Gemina*, *III Augusta*, Ti. Claudius Claudianus: *XIII Gemina*, Domitius Antigonus: *XXII Primigenia*).

In the case of *legio VII Claudia* we know only 3 such persons. So the senators in question were intensively exploited in military operations – as we see from the investigations made by G. Alföldy and A. Birley,⁵ on senators who served twice as the *legati legionum*. Almost every (except L. Martius Macer) senatorial commander of the *legio V Macedonica* with preserved *cursus honorum* reached the consulate, but nobody was the *consul ordinarius*! (similarly as in the case of *VII Claudia*). The command of the *legio V Macedonica* for many of them was not the only contact with the Lower

⁵ Alföldy, *Legionslegaten*, Birley, *The Fasti*.

Danube provinces (Sex. Vettulenus Cerialis: *legatus Moesiae*, Q. Pomponius Rufus: *legatus Moesiae inferioris*, Q. Roscius Coelius: *legatus Moesiae inferioris*, Cominius Secundus: *legatus Pannoniae inferioris*, M. Sedatius Severianus: *legatus Daciae superiore*, M. Valerius Maximianus: *legate of some legions*, Ti. Claudius Claudianus: *legate of XIII Gemina, Pannonia Inferior and Superior*, Domitius Antigonus: *legatus Moesiae inferior*, L. Flavius Aper: *praeses Pannoniae inferioris*). So they served in the already known area – especially in Moesia. It can prove the existence of the specialization in the administration, at least in such an important region of the Roman Empire.

After the consulate they performed the governorship of many provinces, except above-mentioned Lower Danube provinces, i.e. Dalmatia (Q. Pomponius Rufus), Britannia (Q. Roscius Coelius), Syria (P. Martius Verus), Cappadocia (M. Sedatius Severianus, P. Martius Verus). Some *legati legionis V Macedonicae* reached the highest positions in the Empire: *proconsules provinciae Africae* (Q. Pomponius Rufus, P. Vigellius Raius), *proconsul provinciae Asiae* (Q. Roscius Coelius), *consules iterum* (P. Martius Verus, D. Clodius Albinus). But in many cases the career was ended in the consulate (C. Salvius Liberalis), T. Calestrius Tiro, ?Cominius Secundus, M. Valerius Maximianus).

The prosopographical analysis can solve such problems as, for instance: laws of the official career, the significance of each office for the career. The presented source material is certainly too incomplete for the wider conclusions. But the fact that each third of the *legati legionis V Macedonicae* began his *cursus honorum* in the equestrian order shows that army was very important factor of promotion in the Roman Empire.

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