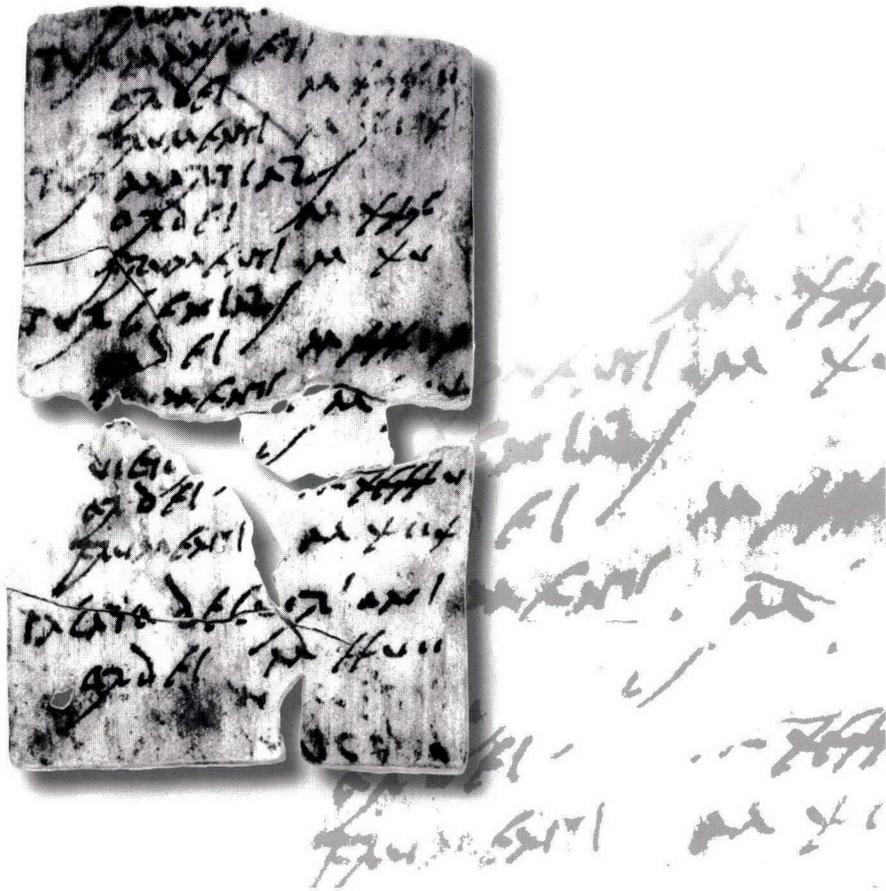


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Ink-written tablet, part of an account found at the fort of Carlisle in north-west England, detailing three days' rations of wheat and barley issued to the sixteen troops (*turmae*) of a Roman cavalry regiment before c. 105 (see p. 251). Each troop was named after its troop-commander, and numbered some thirty men and horses, although actual strengths must have varied. The fragments read: 'Troop of Mansuetus, 42 bushels of barley; 18 bushels of wheat. Troop of Martialis, 30 bushels of barley; 15 bushels of wheat. Troop of Genialis, 39 bushels of barley; 18 bushels of wheat. Troop of Victor, 45 bushels of barley, 18 bushels of wheat. To the troop-commander Pacatus, 27 bushels of barley.' The wheat was eaten by the men, the barley by their horses.

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