

The Legionary Fortress

1. How large was a fortified camp?

About 50 to 60 acres, 1/3 the size of Pompeii.

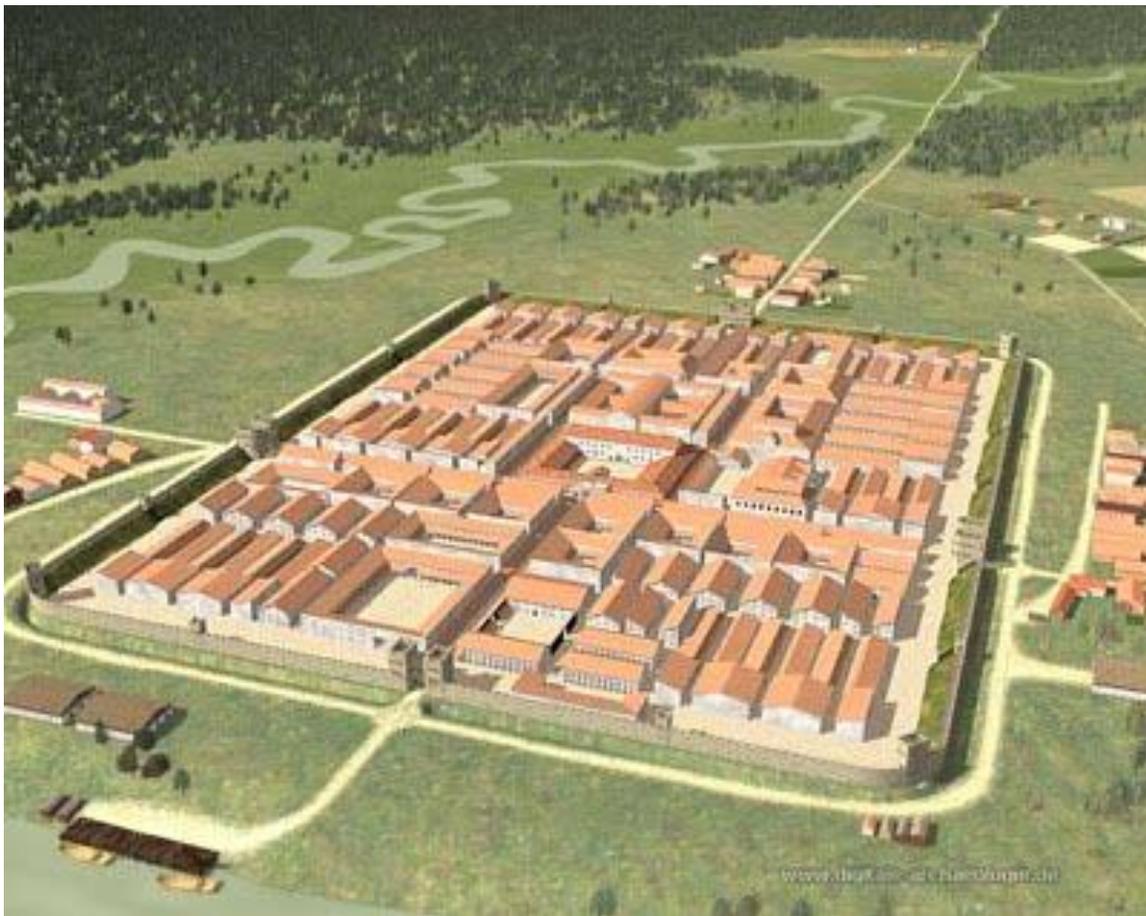
2. Identify these central buildings in the Roman camp.

principia - headquarters

praetorium - commander's living quarters

valetudinarium - the hospital

horrea - granaries



3. What were the three main streets in the camp?

via praetoria - from the main gate to the entrance of the principia

via principalis - spanned the entire width of the camp intersecting the "via praetoria" in front of the principia

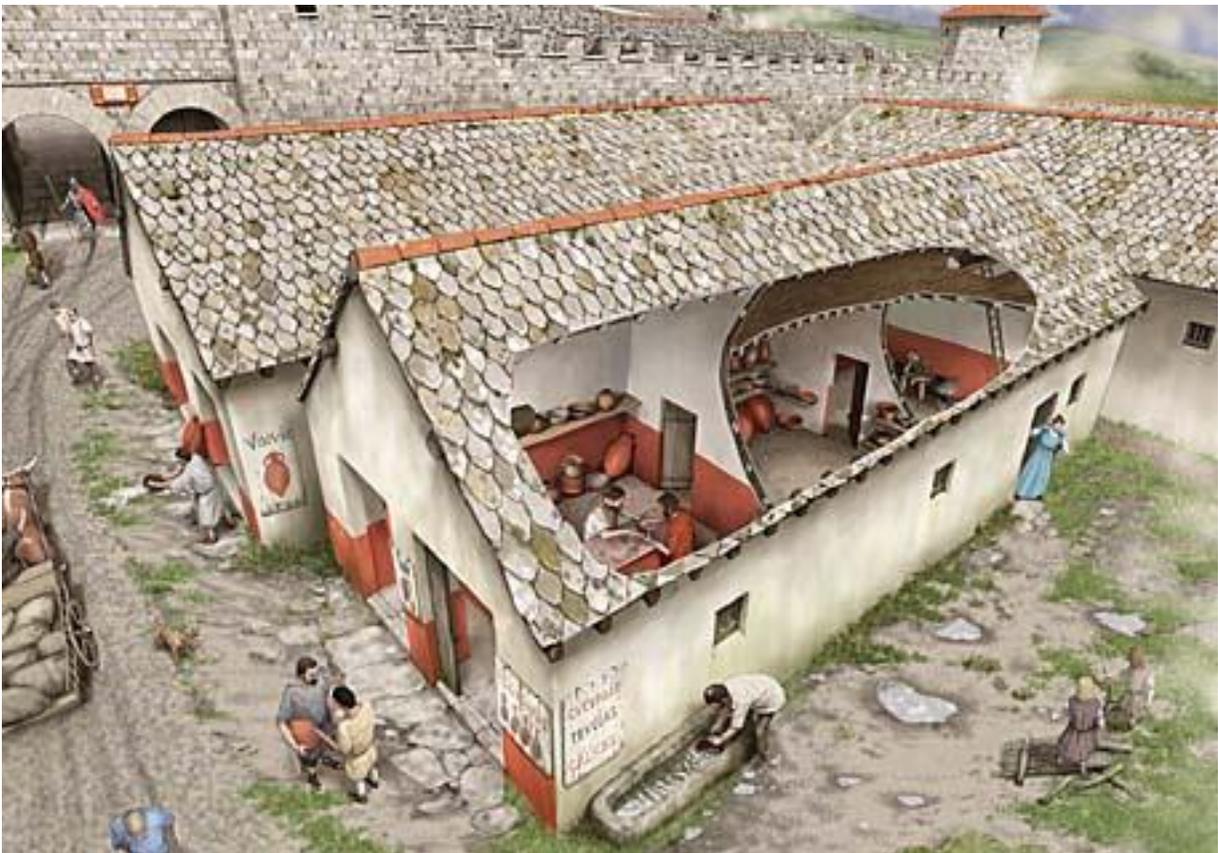
via quintana - passed behind the principia, also spanning the entire width of the camp

4. What surrounded the perimeter of the camp?

The camp was surrounded by a ditch, a rampart of earth called a "vallum" and battlements with towers at the corner and on the sides at intervals. Each side had a fortified gateway.

5. What would you see on entering the "principia"?

The "basilica" or great hall room where the commander would speak to his officers or interview any visitors to the camp.



6. What is the “sacellum”?

The most sacred place in the camp where the “aquila” (the standard of the legion) was kept.

7. What was an “ aquilifer”?

The soldier assigned to carry the “aquila”. He was always a member of the 1st cohort.

8. Describe the “praetorium”?

The “praetorium” (the commander’s living quarters) was a luxurious house with all the comforts expected by a Roman senator and his family. (central heating, garden, private baths, etc)

9. How many men could be housed in the barracks?

5,000 to 6,000

10. What was a "contubernium"?

A section of the barracks which could house 8 soldiers.



11. What luxuries were afforded to the soldiers?

There were baths for bathing and social activities as well as an amphitheatre for training and entertainment.

12. What was a " vici"?

The settlements which grew up around military camps, first starting out as trading posts and then attracting women who often married soldiers although such marriages were forbidden and eventually tuning into small towns.

*****This is not all you need to know. Re-read the reading.*****