



The Immersium

ROMAN BATTLE FORMATIONS

STRUCTURE. DISCIPLINE. VICTORY.

The Roman army did not rely on strength alone. It relied on organisation, discipline and the ability to adapt. Each formation has a purpose. Each role matters. Every decision counts.

1. TESTUDO

(TURTLE FORMATION)



A fully shielded formation. Shields interlocked on all sides and overhead to protect against missiles.

LATIN ORDERS

- **Ad testudinem formate!**
(ad tes-TOO-di-nem for-MAH-teh) Form the testudo!
- **Constringite ordines!**
(con-STRING-i-te or-DIN-ess) Close ranks!
- **Scuta frontem!**
(SKOO-ta fron-tem) Shields forward!
- **Super capita!**
(SOO-per CAP-ta) Over the head!
- **Firmate!**
(fir-MAH-teh) Hold steady!

2. CUNEUS

(WEDGE)



A wedge-shaped attack formation used to break enemy lines at a single point.

LATIN ORDERS

- **In cuneum formate!**
Form wedge! (in KOO-neh-um for-MAH-teh)
- **Ducem sequimini!**
Follow the leader! (DOO-kem sek-WIM-i-nee)
- **Ad punctum!**
(to thē' pūnt!) (ad PUNK-tum)
- **Impellite!**
Push forward! (im-PEL-li-teh)

3. ORBIS

(CIRCLE)



A circular defensive formation that defends in all directions.

LATIN ORDERS

- **In orbem formate!**
Form a circle! (in OR-bem for-MAH-teh)
- **Circumdate!**
(keer-koom-DAH-teh) Surround! Close inn!
- **Omnes partes defendite!**
(OM-ness PAR-tess de-fen-DEE-teh) Defend all sides!
- **State!**
Hold position! (STAH-teh)

4. TRIPLEX ACIES

(THREE LINES)



Three lines of troops: Hastati, Principes, Triarii. Depth creates strength and reserves.

LATIN ORDERS

- **Triplicem aciem formate!**
(TRIP-li-kem AH-kee-em for-MAH-teh) Form three lines!
- **Prima acies procedite!**
(PREE-ma AH-kee-es pro-KEH-di-teh) First line forward!
- **Secunda parata!**
(seh-KOON-da pa-RAH-ta) Second line ready!
- **Tertia sustinete!**
(TER-ti-a soo-STIN-eh-teh) Third line hold!

5. AGMEN QUADRATUM

(MARCHING SQUARE)



A hollow square formation with shields on all sides. Used when marching or under threat.

LATIN ORDERS

- **In agmen quadratum!**
(in AG-men kwa-DRAH-tum) Form the square!
- **Latera defendite!**
(LAH-teh-ra de-fen-DEE-teh) Defend the sides!
- **Procedite lente!**
(pro-KEH-di-teh LEN-teh) Advance slowly!
- **Nullae lacunae!**
(NOOL-lie la-KOO-nie) No gaps!

6. COHORT

(BASIC BATTLE LINE)



The standard battle unit of the legion. Flexible, adaptable, and effective.

LATIN ORDERS

- **Cohortem formate!**
(korn the cohort!) (ko-HOR-tem for-MAH-teh)
- **Constringite ordines!**
(con-STRING-i-te or-DIN-ess) Close ranks!
- **Parati!**
Ready! (pa-RAH-ti)
- **Procedite!**
Advance! (pro-KEH-di-teh)

CORE COMMANDS – USE OFTEN

- **Silentium!**
(see-LEN-tee-um) Silence!
- **Attendite!**
(at-TEN-di-teh) Attention!
- **State!**
(STAH-teh) Stop / Hold!
- **Iterum!**
(IT-er-um) Again!
- **Celerius!**
(ke-LAIR-ee-us) Faster!
- **Firmius!**
(FIR-mee-us) Stronger / Tighter!
- **Procedite!**
(pro-KEH-di-teh) Advance!
- **Retro!**
(REH-tro) Fall back!

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