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Roman citizen soldier

Go to content [Chapter titles are listed below.] Few military forces in history have captured our imagination and interest as much as the Roman army. Rome’s meteoric rise from a relatively unknown city-state in Central Italy to the absolute ruler of the Mediterranean world has fascinated generations of historians since the time of Polybius, who has experienced the expansion of Rome personally. The killing for the Republic tells the history of The Soldiers of Rome from the beginning of Rome in the monarchical period to the civil wars of the first i.Hr century, explaining how these citizen soldiers shaped Rome for better or worse. The author generally emphasizes very well how the citizens-soldiers allowed the Republic to reach its peak in the middle of the second century i.Hr. following the great victories over the Hellenistic kingdoms, but also how, shortly afterwards, the same citizen-soldiers were at the center of the progressive decline of Republican values. Before examining the essence of the book, I believe that the prologue, dedicated to the long-term impact enjoyed by Rome and its citizens soldiers in modern republics, especially in the United States, deserves special mention. The author (pp. 5-9) compares Rome with other classical city-states, republics and empires that were all influential to the Founding Fathers of the United States. Finally, it was the Roman Republic that had the most profound impact; was considered a model of virtue, mixed government and freedom, which was ultimately destroyed by a combination of corruption and militarism. Rome’s agrarian republicanism, contrary to its contemporaries, succeeded in creating a unique race in the figure of its champion-citizen soldiers, and its mixed constitution played a key role in making Rome a crucial source of inspiration for American republicanism. The author points out (p.9) how the Roman constitution, unlike others, was most influential for the American constitution (e.g. a bicameral legislature, property qualifications, congressional war authorization, age requirements for tenure, term limits, etc.). According to the prologue, Killing for the Republic is divided into four parts, nine chapters and an epilogue. Part 1, including Chapters 1 and 2, describes ancient Republican citizens. First, it provides a definition for citizen-soldiers, the difference with soldier-citizens (pp. 24-25) and incompatibilities between the two. It then explores the lives and priorities of Rome’s soldiers, such as agriculture, agriculture and the important balance and/or the tension between agricultural and military life for The Soldiers of Rome. The author, very correctly, points out (p. 40) that Rome was fundamentally in a constant state of war, because there was no difference time of war and peace time is understood today. [1] This has developed into a since the middle of the 3rd century i.Hr., when Roman expansion was no longer limited to peninsular Italy. This pattern is particularly evident during the second century i.Hr.: while Italy, for the most part, was at peace, the overseas provinces experienced constant violence (Spain being the first example). The next section examines the concept of the republic and how the Romans experienced their republicanism, providing a framework of the historical context in which the Romanian citizens-soldiers lived. In particular, it explores how the case of the Roman Republic, managed by the elite nobility and defended by small-citizen farmers, was unique in comparison to its contemporaries and how it evolved over time. The section also summarizes (pp. 60-64) the different approaches taken by modern historians to study the republican chronology. The author points out, in particular, Harriet Flower’s well-known concept of republics, which, contrary to more traditional approaches, implies a more complex and discontinuous understanding of periods within the Republic. The rest of the book, Parts 2-4, provides a detailed account of the Wars of Rome from its origins to the chaotic period of the civil wars of the first i.Hr. More specifically, Part 2 examines the period from the royal era to the first two centuries of the republican experience in which Rome had to fight for its own survival in the competitive environment of Central Italy. The next part (3) focuses on the Italian and Mediterranean expansion of Rome, providing detailed accounts of three key battles: the Battle of Sentinum during the Second Samnite War (295 i.Hr.), the siege of the New Carthage during the Second Punic War (209 i.Hr.) and the Battle of Pydna during the Second Macedonian War (168 i.Hr.). As for the Battle of Pydna and its aftermath (pp. 193-194), perhaps the author could have further emphasised the importance of this victory by highlighting the political ramifications for the Republic and its foreign policy, i.e. Rome becoming the superpower of the Mediterranean. After all, according to the sources, the famous episode on The Day of Eleusis would not have been possible without Paullus’ victory in Pydna. [2] Part 4 explores the role of the national soldiers in the rise of Rome and the decline of Republican values, and how they gradually turned into soldier-citizens, who played a key role in rome’s violent transformation from the Republic to the Principality, described particularly well in the section dedicated to the Battle of Philippi in Chapter 9. Indeed, of central importance this process are two of the most crucial battles of the civil war that followed the assassination of Julius Caesar: Caesar: (43 i.Hr.) and Philippi (42 i.Hr.). Examining the environment of Rome’s 2nd-century i.Hr., the author could have discussed the economic strategies of the families in more detail. According to Rosenstein, families were not entirely dependent on the work of men of military age: women, minors, extended families and extended ownership of slaves are all aspects to be taken into account when examining the economy of soldier citizens and, consequently, their relationship with military service. [3] Also, in the case of citizens of the lower classes, whose ownership qualification was between 1,500 and 4,000 donkeys, we look at fairly small plots of land (approximately 2 to 4 jule) that did not require a lot of work or workers, and therefore were not entirely dependent on men of military age. [4] This is also related to the figure of Spurius Ligustinus, for which the author offers (pp. 207-208) a very short and traditional portrait, without mentioning an important scholarship on the subject – for example, Perotti 1974, Cadiou 2002. In my opinion, the figure of Ligustinus is actually more important than previously thought, and this section of Part 4 would have benefited from a deeper examination. The description of Ligustinus’ career, after all, represents an important step in the evolution of the soldiers of Rome. While the author is correct to suggest that the speech may be a embellishment (p. 208), he is incorrect in saying that at the time of his speech, Ligustinus was still living on that iugerum of land with his family, as this would have been impossible. Ligustinus’s claim of living in one land is most certainly the result of Livy’s rhetorical embellishment. Contrary to what the author suggests (p. 211), while Ligustinus was quite poor, he probably owned more than one iugerum, because otherwise it would have prevented him from joining the army in 200 i.Hr. Most likely, he was able to improve his and his family’s condition through military service. His speech reveals a model that was quite common among Roman citizens at the time in terms of their military service: a frequent rotation between military and civilian life. [5] This allowed Roman citizens to reduce the burden of military service and underscores the role of military service as an alternative profession already until the middle of the 2nd century i.Hr. [6] This does not mean that the army has already been professionalized, but it is certainly possible to see the seeds of this condition during this period. Finally, such a model most likely played an important role in the marriage of Roman men and paternity strategies. [7] In general, it is obvious that the author possesses solid knowledge of relevant source and about the essential scholarship of the Roman army, while perhaps the book could have benefited from a deeper interaction with more for parts 2-4, in particular. These sections are very descriptive and, although discussions on battles are very clear, more critical discussions on key topics, such as Gracchan reforms and more detailed economic analysis, could have strengthened these sections. In conclusion, the book explores very well the process of transforming (or, we might argue, degeneration) the soldier-citizens of Rome into soldier-citizens in the late republican period, a process that would be completed by the creation of a permanent army of professional soldiers by Augustus. Killing for the Republic provides a good, solid introduction to the armies of the Roman Republic and its soldiers supported by an accessible and very captivating style. I would definitely recommend to general readers and students interested in the armies of the Roman Republic, and more specifically about the role that citizen-soldiers played in shaping the history of Rome. List of Preface chapters. Why care about the long-dead Fighting Farmers? Prologue. Roman and American Republics Part 1. Farmers, citizens and soldiers Chapter 1. Soldier’s Farm Chapter 2. Republic of Citizens Part 2. Making of citizens-soldiers of Rome Chapter 3. Origins: The Royal Armies of the Roman Hills Chapter 4. Proving Ground: Surviving in Central Italy Part 3. The triumph of the citizens-soldiers of Rome Chapter 5. Breakout: Competition and Discipline at Sentinum Chapter 6. Biggest Trial: Beat Your Better at New Carthage Chapter 7. Triumph: Phalanx Killers at Pydna Part 4. Death of the soldiers of Rome Chapter 8. Questionable legitimacy: The Battle of the Ideal State man at Mutina Chapter 9. Suicide finish: The last stand of the citizen-soldier at Filipi Epilog. 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