

Legionary - A foot soldier. Only Roman citizens could be legionaries.



Cavalry soldier - A soldier who fought on horseback.



Auxiliary - A non-citizen who fought in the army. Each legion had its own groups of auxiliaries.

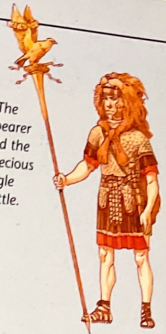


Cornicen - A horn-blower who sent signals during battles.

Signifer - A standard-bearer who carried the emblem of a century.



Aquilifer - The standard-bearer who carried the legion's precious golden eagle during battle.



THE UNSTOPPABLE TORTOISE

During the Empire, groups of soldiers advanced in a cunning formation called the *testudo*, or tortoise. The soldiers locked their shields together to form a solid barrier over their heads and around the edges of the group. This protected them from spears and arrows, and allowed the soldiers to get close to the enemy while remaining safe.

Men dressed as Roman soldiers, in the *testudo* formation

