Auxiliary Soldier

The word auxiliary comes from the Latin word ‘auxilia’ which means help. This is what the auxiliary troops provided to the legions. They delivered extra men as well as extra skill sets such as Cavalry or Archers.

Auxiliary regiments were made up of soldiers from the Roman Empire who were not Roman citizens. They would receive their citizenship at the end of their time in the army.

Vindolanda fort and Magna fort at the Roman Army Museum would have mainly been lived in by auxiliary units. At Vindolanda we have troops from Batavia (modern Netherlands) and Gaul (modern France) as well as other places and at Magna we know there were archers from Syria stationed there!

Colour in this auxiliary and design your own shield.