

“A Secret Plan, Dispatch, & Forced March!”

Acts 23:22-35

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“What Was The Responsibility Of A **Roman Commissioned Officer / Official** Regarding **Roman Citizens Of The Empire** Accused Of Any Wrong Doing?”

A

They Must Protect & Safely Deliver, All Citizens To An Official Roman Court / Authority

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“What Was The Responsibility Of A **Roman Commissioned Officer / Official** Regarding **Proper Military Protocol In Delivering Roman Citizens Of The Empire To The Authorities?**”

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They Must Use Official Roman Dispatch / Order To The Government Authority

Assigning An **Adequately Sized Military Force** To Provide For Protection Of **Citizens & Troops**
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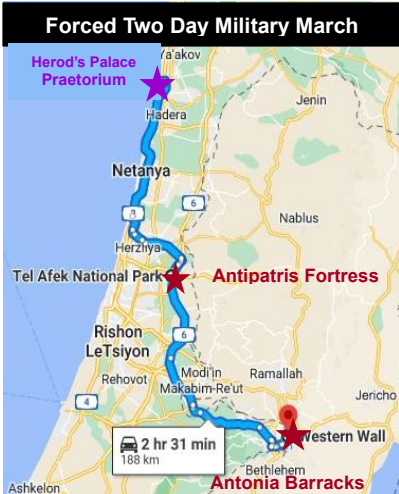
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“What Was The Responsibility Of A Roman Non-Commissioned Officer / Soldier Regarding Proper Military Protocol In Delivering Roman Citizens Of The Empire To The Authorities?”

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They Must Use Proper Military Drill, Maneuver, & Tactics In Order To Provide For The Protection Of Citizen & Troops In Bringing The Dispatch / Order To Its Completion Then the Soldiers, as They were Commanded, took Paul and brought Him by night to Antipatris (Fortress). The next day They (400 Infantry) left the Horsemen (70) to go on with Him, and returned (back) to the Barracks (Antonia Fortress). When They (Cavalry) came to Caesarea (Philippi) and had delivered the Letter (Official Dispatch) to the Governor (Felix), They also presented Paul to Him.

Acts 23:31-33



Map & Fortress Antipatris – VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRCGG7U4vro>

Caesarea Maritima



- 1. Herod's Palace / Praetorium
- 2. Theater
- 3. Stadium
- 4. Harbor
- 5. Temple
- 6. Military Barracks

Herod's Praetorium & Seaside Villa – VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46DJN-JYtN8>
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OPORD: Official Dispatch / Order

Two Day Protracted Forced Military March

1. Situation

A. At Least 40 Foreign Jewish Conspirators Attempting To Murder Charge In Your Care

B. 2x Days of 30 Mile Forced Road Marches - Split Forces On Day 2

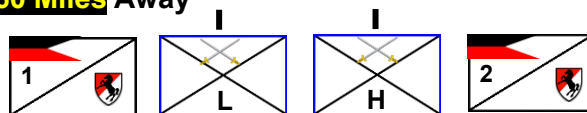
Day 1 – Forced Night March - 30 Miles

Day 2 – Forced Day Road March 30 Miles In 2x Directions - Split Forces

2. Mission

Deliver Charge In Your Care To **Government Authority** Some **60 Miles** Away
In A Forced **Two-Day March** Using The Following **Units**:

- A. **Two Hundred Soldiers**: 1# Company of Light Infantry
- B. **Two Hundred Spearmen**: 1# Company of Heavy Infantry
- C. **Seventy Horsemen**: 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry



3. Execution – Day 1

- A. Forced Night March Of **All Combined Troops** From **Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem**
To An Overnight Encampment At **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**

3. Execution – Day 2

Split Combined Forces For **2x Simultaneous Movements** in **2x Directions**

- A. Return Of **200 Light & 200 Heavy Infantry**: 2# Companies To **Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem**
- B. Continued Forced Day Road March Of **Seventy Horsemen**: 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry
From **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin** To **Herod's Praetorium, Caesarea Philippi**

3. Execution – Day 3

- A. **Seventy Horsemen**: 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry – **Rest & Refit Day**
- B. Await Return **OPORD** or **FRAGO** From: **Governing Authority**

3. Execution – Days 4-5

Detached: 1x PLT SGT & 2x SSG: 2x Light Cavalry PLT Leaders & **70 Horsemen**

- C. **2x Day** Return Trip Via Overnight At **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**
To Final Destination **Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem**

4. Sustainment – Day 1

- 1 – Day Procurement of Separate Rats MRE's For **Combined Force** On Forced Night March
1 – Day BIVWAC, DEFAC, & LOG – **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**

4. Sustainment – Day 2

- 1 – Day of Procurement of Separate Rats MRE's For Return Forced Day March

- A. **Two Hundred Soldiers**: 1# Company of Light Infantry
- B. **Two Hundred Spearmen**: 1# Company of Heavy Infantry
To **Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem**

4. Sustainment – Day 2

- 1 – Day of Procurement of Separate Rats MRE's For Continued Forced Day March

- A. **Seventy Horsemen**: 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry To **Herod's Praetorium, Caesarea Philippi**
1 – Day BIVWAC, DEFAC, & LOG: **Maritima Fortress / Barracks, Caesarea Philippi**

4. Sustainment – Day 3

- A. **Seventy Horsemen**: 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry
Await LOG Procurement – **Rest & Refit Day**
Await Return **OPORD** or **FRAGO** By The **Governing Authority**

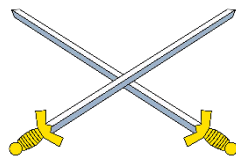
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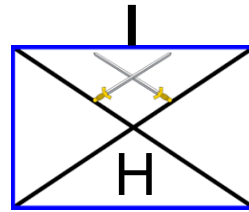
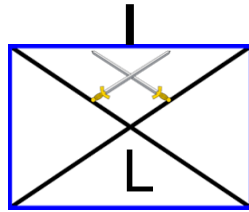
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- 1 – Day Procurement Separate Rats MRE's From **Maritima Fortress / Barracks, Caesarea Philippi**
For March To **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**

- 1 – Day BIVWAC, DEFAC, & LOG – **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**

- 1 – Day Procurement Separate Rats MRE's From **Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin**
For March To **Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem**





5. Command & Control (Day 1 – Day 2)

A. Detached: Movement To *Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin*

1. Senior NCO: 1st SGT / Senior Centurion “TOP”

2. 2nd NCO: MST SGT / Junior Centurion “MASTER”

3. Company: 1x PLT SGT - 4x SSG PLT Leaders *Light Infantry*

4. Company: 1x PLT SGT - 4x SSG PLT Leaders *Heavy Infantry*

5. Command & Control (Day 1 – Day 5)

A. Detached: Movement To *Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin*

5. Attached Support: 1x PLT SGT: 1x SSG Light Cavalry 1st PLT & 1x SSG Light Cavalry 2nd PLT

Command & Control – Day 1

A. Detached Combined Force: Forced Night Movement To *Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin*

Attach To Fortress Commander: CSM / Most Senior Centurion For BIVWAC, DEFAC, & LOG

Command & Control – Day 2

A. Detached: Return Day Forced Movement Back To *Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem*

1. Senior NCO: 1st SGT / Senior Centurion “TOP”

2. 2nd NCO: MST SGT / Junior Centurion “MASTER”

3. Company: 1x PLT SGT - 4x SSG Squad Leaders *Light Infantry*

4. Company: 1x PLT SGT - 4x SSG Squad Leaders *Heavy Infantry*

Command & Control – Day 2

B. Detached: Forced Day Movement of 1x PLT SGT & 2x SSG PLT Leaders

& *Seventy Horsemen:* 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry To *Herod's Praetorium, Caesarea Philippi*

Report 1) Governor / Procurator – Marcus Antonia Felix

2) Garrison Commander: Senior CO / TRIBUNE - *Maritima Fortress / Barracks, Caesarea Philippi*

Command & Control – Day 3

A. Detached: Rest & Refit Day: 1x PLT SGT & 2x SSG: 2x Light Cavalry PLT Leaders

& *Seventy Horsemen:* 2# Platoons of Light Cavalry

B. Await OPORD or FRAGO From Governing Authority

Command & Control (Days 4-5)

Detached: 1x PLT SGT & 2x SSG: 2x Light Cavalry PLT Leaders & *70 Horsemen*

C. 2x Day Return Trip Via Overnight At *Antipatris Fortress, Rosh Haayin*

To Final Destination *Antonia (Fortress) Barracks, Jerusalem*

Completion of Military Orders & AAR

Evaluate Success of Mission In 2# Movements

AAR: After Action Review

Final 2-Part Report Presented To Commander

Paul's Temporary Fate

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**“Let Us The True People Of Our God,
The True Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Our Lord,
Be Ready To Follow His Plan, His Ways, & His Will,
For Ourselves, Our Families, & His Church,
Till He Comes Again In Glory To Take Us Home,
To Be With Him Forever In His Kingdom!”**