



Type: Tombstone
 Findspot: Housesteads fort,
 Hadrian's Wall
 Chronology: 2nd – 3rd Century
 AD
 Actual location: Great North
 Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne
 Reference:

<https://collectionssearchtwmuseums.org.uk/#details=ecatalogue.26>

Reference: Coulston, J.C. and
 Philips, E.J. 1988. *Corpus
 Signorum Imperii Romani. Great
 Britain. Volume I. Fascicule 6.*
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 4.

Weblink: <http://www.romanarmy.net/images/Pages/Military/hamians.htm>

This tombstone, from Housesteads, represents an archer, holding a composite bow in his left hand and wearing distinctive military equipment, including a quiver, knife, cloak and pointed or crested headgear. The figure has been identified as an auxiliary soldier serving with a unit of Syrian archers (cohors I Hamiorum) in Britain. Auxiliaries were non-citizen troops recruited from throughout the Roman Empire. After 25 years of service auxiliaries were granted full Roman citizenship. Service as an auxiliary was an important way for provincial men to eventually become Roman citizens.

MY RESEARCH

What do the terms of service for an auxiliary soldier tell us about Roman attitudes to citizenship?