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### NOTES

Each entry in the collection consists of:

**Title line:** entry number; description of entry; date (usually the date of dedication or issue).

**The text:** coin legends are transcribed as well as translated. For other texts originally in Latin, the original text can be found either on *RIB* online, https://romaninscriptionsofbritain.org/ or in the Epigraphic Database Clauss / Slaby (EDCS) http://db.edcs.eu/epigr/epi.php?s. In translation, a few terms, which do not translate easily, are left in the Latin and defined in the text notes or Glossary.

**Publication details:** publication reference; findspot, with Latin name where known; nature of the inscription, when and where found; present (or intended) location.

**Notes:** brief comments on the significance of the inscription, drawing attention to recent work and, where appropriate, to alternative readings and interpretations. Full details of the publications to which reference is made appear in the Bibliography.

**Illustrations:** line drawings have been provided of a representative sample of the texts, designed to show a building inscription, a tombstone, an altar, an example of ligatured letters etc. *RIB* (book) volumes I to III contain line-drawings of all entries and photos of many; *RIB* online includes line-drawings of most inscriptions recorded in volume I. EDCS includes many illustrations, indicated here by an asterisk after the EDCS number.

Other sources of illustrations: pictures of most the objects from the British Museum can be found at http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/collection\_online/search. aspx. Most other museums have websites with illustrations of their collections. The Vindolanda Tablets can be viewed on line on the website maintained by the Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents at Oxford University: http://www.vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk/.



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### ABBREVIATIONS

AE Année Épigraphique.

Bloomberg WT R. S. O. Tomlin, Roman London's First Voices: Writing tablets

from the Bloomberg Excavations, 2010–14 (2016). London.

BM British Museum, London

BMC Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum, ed. H.

Mattingly (1923–62). London.

CIL Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, eds T. Mommsen et al. (1866

cont.). Berlin.

CSIR Corpus Signorum Imperii Roman. Vol I, Britain. Oxford. EDCS Epigrafik-Datenbank Clauss-Slaby http://db.edcs.eu/epigr/

edcs id.php

Hobbs R. Hobbs, British Iron Age Coins in the British Museum

(British Museum Press London, 1996)

ILS H. Dessau (ed.), Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae (1892–1916).

Berlin.

JRS The Journal of Roman Studies.

LACTOR 11 Yvette Rathbone and D.W. Rathbone, Literary Sources for

Roman Britain. LACTOR 11. (4th edition, 2012).

RIB The Roman Inscriptions of Britain.

*Vol. I: Inscriptions on Stone*, eds R.G. Collingwood and R.P.Wright (1965). Oxford. *RIB (number) add.* refers to the new edition (1995) with Addenda and Corrigenda by R.S.O. Tomlin. *Vol. II: Instrumentum Domesticum, fascs 1–8*, eds S.S. Frere and

R.S.O. Tomlin (1990–1995).

Vol III: Inscriptions on stone found or notified between 1 January 1955 and 31 December 2006, eds R.S.O. Tomlin, R.P. Wright

and M.C.W. Hassall (2009).

RIC Roman Imperial Coinage, eds H. Mattingly, E.A. Sydenham et

al. (1923 cont.). London.

RMD III M.M. Roxan, Roman Military Diplomas 1985–1993. Institute

of Archaeology Occasional Publication No. 14 (1994). London.

(Nos 136-201).

RMD IV M.M. Roxan and P. Holder, Roman Military Diplomas 1994–

2002. Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies Supplement

no. 82 (2003). London. (Nos 202-322).

SHA Scriptores Historiae Augustae.

Tab. Vindol. I A.K.Bowman and J.D. Thomas, Vindolanda: the Latin Writing

Tablets. Britannia Monograph No. 4 (1983). London. (Nos

1-117).

Tab. Vindol. II A.K. Bowman and J.D. Thomas, The Vindolanda Writing

Tablets (Tabulae Vindolandenses) II (1994). London. (Nos

118-573).

Tab. Vindol. III A.K. Bowman and J.D. Thomas, The Vindolanda Writing

Tablets (Tabulae Vindolandenses) III (2003). London. (Nos

574-853).



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A.K. Bowman and J.D. Thomas, *The Vindolanda Writing Tablets* (Tabulae Vindolandenses) IV, part 1 (2010). *Britannia* 41 (2010), 187–224. Cambridge University Press. (Nos 854–869). (Tabulae Vindolandenses) IV, part 2 (2011). *Britannia* 42 (2011), 113–144. Cambridge University Press. (Nos 870–889).



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### PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This, the fifth edition of LACTOR 4, *Inscriptions of Roman Britain*, is the latest in a long line of volumes which date back to 1969 under the title *Some Inscriptions of Roman Britain*. It is in large part based on the third and fourth editions produced in 1995 and 2005 by Valerie Maxfield and Brian Dobson, but incorporates nearly a hundred new entries, particularly benefiting from the rich finds excavated in London at the Bloomberg site, which, to quote Charlotte Higgins about another Roman site, 'is perhaps Britain's most recent example of the capacity of the sleeping earth to throw up anomalies, puzzles that disrupt the sense of what should be found.'

The production of this edition has allowed for the proper incorporation of material from Vindolanda which appeared before in a separate section, 'Writing Tablets', and in an 'Addendum'. In addition, the decision was taken at the start of the editorial process to dispense with the Latin texts in this volume, partly for reasons of space and partly to bring it into line with other volumes in the LACTOR series, but also because any reader wishing to access the original inscriptional material now has ready access to it via the internet. Thus this fifth edition retains the traditional printed format, but makes full use of electronic resources which are freely available, of which these have been referred to most frequently:

- The British Museum website https://www.britishmuseum.org/research/collection\_online/search.aspx;
- Roman Inscriptions of Britain online, at https://romaninscriptionsofbritain. org/ (this covers volume one of RIB and inscriptions published in Britannia since 1995)
- The Epigraphik-Datenbank Clauss-Slaby, at http://manfredclauss.de/gb/index.html.
- The Vindolanda tablets can be viewed at http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk/. .

This collection of inscriptions has profited, during the production of its five editions, from the advice and expertise of a large number of people, to all of whom we are most grateful. The list of their names reads like a litany of Romano-British scholarship.

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Charlotte Higgins, *Under Another Sky* (Vintage, London, 2014), pp. 17–18.



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from correspondents, and Professor J.C. Mann contributed the Note on Religion which prefaces section J on 'Religion' in the present edition. For the third edition of 1995, Professor Colin Haselgrove provided a piece on British coinage (which has been revised for the fifth edition) and Mr P.J. Casey added a piece on Roman coinage. The map and line-drawings included in the third edition were done by Sue Rouillard, from the Archaeology Drawing Office, Exeter University, updated for the fourth edition by Mike Rouillard and by Melvin Cooley for the fifth edition. Thanks are due also to Dr Roger Tomlin for permitting reproduction of the drawings which appear as Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. The fourth edition was the production of Valerie Maxfield and Brian Dobson, whose work in the entries they included stands almost entirely unchanged. They quite properly acknowledged the kind help of Professor David Breeze, Dr Roger Tomlin and Mr Robin Birley, and of Professors Haselgrove and Crawford for their updated material on coinage. As editor of this fifth edition, I re-echo that debt and must add my thanks to Brian Dobson and Valerie Maxfield for providing such a superb piece of work which it has been my pleasure to use for many years as a teacher and writer of exams, and in whose footsteps it is an honour and privilege to have trodden in producing the present volume. As editors of this fourth edition they were also pleased to express their gratitude to series editor, Melvin Cooley, for assistance at numerous points; I re-echo that expression of thanks too, and must also now include Terry Edwards; both (and particularly the latter) have done meticulous editorial work on the text.

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M.G.L. Cooley LACTOR Chairman and General Editor, March 2017