

## BRICKS AND TILES FROM RATIARIA AND ITS URBAN TERRITORY

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From today's North-Western Bulgaria (particularly in the region of Vidin) originates ceramic building material with stamps. The material is displayed in **Table I**. In the left half are represented the stamps, which are: imperial (workshops around *Ratiaria*); military (of legions); military (of auxilia); provincial officinae; stamps of private manufacturers and stamps, undeciphered so far. In the right half are mentioned the places of origin.

**Table II** shows the Late-Roman stamps from the province of *Dacia Ripensis*.

The paper discusses stamps, discovered in recent years that are new in content.

Very important are the stamps on bricks with inscription DD NN AVC RAT from the village of Granichak, locality Anishte. Some buildings are being studied there - perhaps a part of a domain or less probably - from a road station. More than thirty stamps have been found in one of the rooms, along with coins from the 4<sup>th</sup> c. AD. Presumably from that time are the two Emperors.

From *Ratiaria* on the ground can be seen fragments of stamps with inscription IMP..., undoubtedly from an imperial brick field.

The other interesting stamp is the left side of a brick with inscription LVO, found in *Ratiaria*. It is the first of this type to be found. There are two possibilities - either the three names of a private manufacturer are mentioned or it is a late-antique stamp meaning *L(egionis) V O(eci) ?*.

In Emperor Galerius' residence at *Felix Romuliana* (Gamzigrad in Serbia, south-west of *Ratiaria*) have been found stamps with inscription LEG V M OES = *LEG(ionis) V M(acedonicae) OES(co, ci)*.

The only stamp in *Ratiaria* for the time being with the names Q CITTieni has been found; it is undoubtedly product of a private manufacturer.

Another one, fragmented as well, bears the acronym I.O.T., and the inscription on a third one is G. O. I.

A stamp that has been found in *Ratiaria* is known from previously discovered ones - L COELING.

From the road station *Combustica* (near the village of Kladorub, Vidin region) are found fragmented stamps of Legio VII Claudia. Only the right side has been discovered ...*P(iae) F(idelis)*. From this site also originates the private stamp - FABI SABINI.

The stamp found in *Ratiaria* years ago is of very low quality. The proposed reading *LEG(ionis) IIII F(laviae) f(elicis)* is wrong.

Stamps have been found (left part only) of [L]EG VII CL..., known from previously discovered materials.