

THE ROMAN CASTRUM OF APULUM

SUMMARY

The building of a sport-hall in the yard of Romano-Catholic Theological Institute was preceded by a rescue excavation in this area. The place is located on the Pacii street, nr. 4, in the north-west part of the medieval fortress, not very far from the ancient west wall of the Roman castrum.

After the excavation of the levels belonging to the Late Middle Age (houses with pottery characteristic to the XVIIth-XVIIIth century), it was reached the Roman level, dating from the IInd-IIIrd century B.D.

Two walls were found, at 4,85 m. one from another, which belong to a room, maybe part of the huts, placed not far from the west side of the castrum. The walls were still 0,70m.

high, made from pebble stones and mortar, being probably contemporary with the stone phase of the castrum. Later, there were rebuildings of the camp, the camp, this conclusion being supported by the bricks with stamp of the XIII Gemina legion and a coin emitted by Marcus Aurelius in the memory of Antoninus Pius (*RIC*, III, 436).

The excavation is the first one in this part of the castrum (still occupied by houses from the XVIIth-XIXth century), which was incorporated by the Vauban fortress of Alba Iulia in the XVIIIth century.

EXPLANATION OF FIGURES

Pl.I. The plan of the "contubernium".

Pl.II. Roman bricks with stamps.

Pl.III. Bronze objects and the fragment of a glass beaker.

Pl. IV. Fragment of a collective inscription.