



Did Roman soldiers bring their families to Scotland?

The Roman army came to Scotland. The Roman name for Scotland was Caledonia. Did the soldiers bring their families?

SUMMARY

Only commanding officers brought their families to Caledonia, where they lived in the relative safety of the forts. There is little evidence of Roman women living in Scotland but more lived in the north of England. Other soldiers left their families at home. Letters sent to soldiers from their families provide evidence of this.

Check you know the keywords

Romans, soldiers, army, Scotland, Caledonia, family, history

Watch the video and answer the questions

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/5407.html>

1. Who could bring their family to Caledonia?
2. Where did they live?
3. What did Roman women leave in Scotland?
4. What sort of party was the invitation for?
5. What did the mother tell her son on Hadrian's Wall in her letter?



Check your answers

1. The Commanding Officer's family only.
2. In the fort
3. Shoes, jewellery
4. A birthday party.
5. She told him she had sent him some woollen underpants and socks (how embarrassing!)