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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NOVAE IN CNIVA'S CAMPAIGN (250–251 CE)

Abstract: Almost two decades ago, Professor Jerzy Kolendo published an article based primarily on the account of Jordanes and the contemporary results of archaeological research, addressing the role of Novae during the Gothic invasions of 250 and 251 CE. The present study refers to this important proposal while at the same time reassessing and developing it by approaching the problem from a broader geographical and archaeological perspective and through an analysis of the operational activities of both sides of the conflict. In addition, it takes into account new written sources relating to this campaign, above all the fragments of Dexippus, which were discovered and published only after J. Kolendo's article had been published.

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