

Map 7 Aremorica

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Introduction

The north-west of Gallia Lugdunensis has been investigated extensively over the past thirty years. Between them, aerial photography, rescue excavations and extensive ground-surveys have revealed thousands of Gallo-Roman sites, most of which are only recognizable as surface scatters of building materials and imported or native wares. This suggests that settlement densities were high in the most fertile parts of the area during the early Roman empire; by contrast, there was a sharp decline in the number of sites still occupied in the fourth and early fifth centuries A.D., for reasons so far not fully understood.

This dramatic expansion in our knowledge of the pattern of Roman settlement has demanded a strictly selective approach to the compilation of the map. In general, only sites named in the ancient sources are marked, together with a small number of key settlements, either fully excavated or known to have acted as administrative, commercial and religious centers for their vicinity. These include *civitas* capitals, various nucleated settlements (*vici*), road stations, rural sanctuary complexes, and a small number of well-excavated villas and Roman forts, the latter belonging to the defensive network developed in the late third and early fourth centuries A.D. Much detailed information is summarized by TIR Condate, TIR Lutetia, and the CAG series.

Few isolated rural sanctuaries—of the type so common in neighboring regions—have so far been identified here. Small shrines (*fana*), however, are far from rare in the countryside or in *vici*, but are not marked (cf. de Vesly 1909). *Vici*, discovered in growing numbers in recent years, certainly served as centers for rural communities; some appear to have specialized in the manufacturing of various commodities, such as pottery (Landerneau), and fish sauces and preserves (Douarnenez). The minor sites devoted to this fish-salting industry (mostly concentrated on the west coast of the *Osismii*) are omitted.

Recent surveys of imports have shown that a fair number of major Gallic settlements (*oppida*) had contacts with the Roman world prior to Caesar's conquest. Those offering evidence of significant Roman settlement—mostly in the form of late coastal refortification (as at Aletum and Ploulec'h)—are marked. There is, however, no evidence that Augustan or Tiberian urban foundations in the area correspond to a shift from nearby hilltop defended sites to undefended locations in valleys; rather, all the *civitas* capitals of Aremorica appear to have been new foundations at previously unoccupied sites.

The rural villa is one of the most commonest types of site in western Gaul. Though less dense on the ground than in Gallia Belgica, their sheer number—together with other small rural settlements so far unexplored—precludes any comprehensive mapping. Thus only a small selection of extensively excavated sites is shown, in order to confirm the presence of such characteristic settlement-types here; their plans have much in common with those analyzed by Agache and others in north-east Gaul.

ItAnt and TabPeut provide only a skeletal image of the road network; much can be added, however, from information gathered by TIR and CAG. A clearer image thus emerges, showing the interrelation of *civitas* capitals, minor nucleated settlements and rural sites in a fully exploited landscape.

Directory

All place names are in France unless otherwise noted

Abbreviations

CAG 14	F. Delacampagne, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 14. Le Calvados</i> , Paris, 1990
CAG 29	P. Galliou, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 29. Le Finistère</i> , Paris, 1989
CAG 35	A. Provost and G. Leroux, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 35. L'Ille-et-Vilaine</i> , Paris, 1990
CAG 50	J. Pilet-Lemière and D. Levalet, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 50. Manche</i> , Paris, 1989
CAG 53	J. Naveau, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 53. La Mayenne</i> , Paris, 1992
CAG 61	P. Bernouis, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 61. L'Orne</i> , Paris, 1999
CAG 76/1	I. Rogeret, <i>Carte archéologique de la Gaule 76/1. Seine-Maritime</i> , Paris, 1997
TIR Condate	Tabula Imperii Romani M 30, <i>Condate–Glevum–Londinium–Lutetia</i> , London, 1983
TIR Lutetia	Tabula Imperii Romani M 31, <i>Lutetia–Atuatuca–Ulpia Noviomagus</i> , Paris, 1975

Names

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name/ Location	Reference
E2	Abrincas = Ingena Alauna	RL	Valognes	CAG 50.570
D2	Aletum = Reginca			
A1	Andium? Ins. Antiouestaion/ Bolerion Akron		Jersey UKG UKG	TIR Condate 61 See Map 8
C3	Ar(e)morica	HRL		RE
F2	Aregenoua § Araegenue	RL L	Vieux	TIR Condate 102; CAG 14.284
D3	Aregenoua fl.		Arguenon	Ptol. 2.8.2
F3	<i>Argentan</i>	RL		TIR Condate 20
F2	Augustodurum § Baiocas	R?L	Bayeux	TIR Condate 24; CAG 14.43
F3	Aulerci	HRL		TIR Condate 21
E3	<i>Baguer-Pican</i>	R		CAG 35.86
F2	Baiocasses § Bodiocasses	HRL		TIR Condate 23
F2	<i>Baron-sur-Odon</i> Bolerion Akron = Antiouestaion Akron	H?RL		CAG 14.261
E1	<i>Brading</i>		UKG	See Map 8
E3	<i>Bréteil</i>	R		CAG 35.184
B2	Britannicum Mare			See Map 2
D1	<i>Bucknowle</i>		UKG	See Map 8
F2	<i>Caen</i>	RL		CAG 14.145
G2	Caracoticum	RL	Harfleur	TIR Lutetia 100; CAG 76/1.341
D3	<i>Caulnes</i>	RL		TIR Condate 35; Langouët 1988, 176-78
E3	<i>La</i> <i>Chapelle-des-Fougeretz</i>	RL		CAG 35.239
E3	<i>Chartres-de-Bretagne</i>	RL		CAG 35.346
E3	<i>Châtillon-sur-Seiche</i> Civitas Coriosolitum = Fanum Martis	RL		CAG 35.347
E3	<i>Combourg</i>	R		CAG 35.70
E3	Condate Redonum § Civitas Riedonum § R(i)edones	RL HRL	Rennes	TIR Condate 84; CAG 35.234
E2	Constantia = Cosedia Coriallum	RL	Cherbourg	TIR Condate 37; CAG 50.137

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name/ Location	Reference
E2	Cosedia/ Constantia	RL/ L	Coutances	TIR Condate 41; CAG 50.141
E2	'Crouciaconnum'	RL	Carentan	TIR Condate 34; CAG 50.115
F3	<i>Damblainville</i>	RL		TIR Condate 43
A2	Damnonion/ Okrinon Akron		UKG	See Map 8
D1	<i>Dewlish</i>		UKG	See Map 8
B3	<i>Douarnenez</i>	RL		CAG 29.69
B1	Dumnonii		UKG	See Map 8
D1	Durno(no)varia		UKG	See Map 8
D3	<i>Erquy</i>	R		Grenier 1960, 811-13
G3	<i>Exmes</i>	R		TIR Condate 50; CAG 61.157
D3	Fanum Martis/ Civitas Coriosoliturum § Coriosolitae	RL?/ RL HRL	Corseul	TIR Condate 41; Langouët 1988, 99-117 TIR Condate 40
E3	<i>Feins</i>	R		CAG 35.255
D1	<i>Frampton</i>		UKG	See Map 8
B3	Gesocribate/ Osismis § Osismii	RL/ L HRL	Brest	TIR Condate 31, 76-77; CAG 29.10
C1	<i>Holcombe</i>		UKG	See Map 8
E3	Herios fl.			See Map 14
C3	<i>Huelgoat</i>	H		CAG 29.90
D3	<i>Iffendic</i>	R		CAG 35.187
E3	Ingena/ Abrincas § Civitas Abrincatum § Legedia § Abrincatui	R/ L L L HRL	Avranches	TIR Condate 17, 22; CAG 50.1
C1	Isca		UKG	See Map 8
D1	<i>Jordon Hill</i>		UKG	See Map 8
F3	<i>Joué-du-Plain</i>	R		TIR Condate 61
B3	<i>Landerneau</i>	HR		CAG 29.97
C3	<i>Langonnet</i>	R		TIR Condate 63; Pape 1978, A 197-99
C3	<i>Lannion</i>	R		Pape 1978, A 16-17
D2	Lisia?/ Silia? Ins.		Guernsey UKG	TIR Condate 56
F3	<i>Loré</i>	RL		TIR Condate 67
A1	<i>Magor</i>		UKG	See Map 8
F3	Meduana? fl.			See Map 14
F2	<i>Mondeville</i>	RL		CAG 14.153
E3	<i>Montanel</i>	R		CAG 50.385
C3	<i>Morlaix</i>	RL?		CAG 29.136
F3	<i>Moulay</i>	HR		CAG 53.192
E1	<i>Newport</i>		UKG	See Map 8
G3	Noiodounon/ Nu Dionnum	R/ L	Sées	TIR Condate 93; CAG 61.464
F3	Noiodounon Diablintum	RL	Jublains	TIR Condate 62; CAG 53.22
G3	Noviomagus Lexoviorum Nu Dionnum = Noiodounon	RL	Lisieux	TIR Condate 65; CAG 14.368
D2	<i>The Nunnery</i>	L	Alderney UKG	TIR Condate 17-18

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name/ Location	Reference
G3	<i>Oisseau-Le-Petit</i> Okrinon Akron = Damnonion Akron	RL?		TIR Condate 76
F3	Olina fl.		Orne	TIR Condate 76
B3	Osismii Osismis = Gesocribate	HRL		TIR Condate 76-77
E3	<i>Pacé</i>	R		CAG 35.236
D2	<i>Le Pinnacle</i>	HR	UKG	TIR Condate 61 Jersey
C3	<i>Ploulec'h</i>	HRL		Cunliffe 1995
B3	<i>Pont-Croix</i>			See Map 14 Numbered Villas 1
E2	<i>Portbail</i>	RL		CAG 50.27
D3	Reginca/ Aletum	HRL	Alet en Saint-Malo	TIR Condate 48, 90; CAG 35.288
D2	Riduna Ins.		Alderney Is. UKG	TIR Condate 17-18
B3	<i>La Roche-Maurice</i>	RL		CAG 29.189
F2	<i>St-Aubin-sur-Mer</i>	RL		CAG 14.233
D3	<i>St-Brandan</i>	R		Richard 1970; TIR Condate 88
D3	<i>St-Briec</i>	R		Guennou 1981, 53-54
B3	<i>St-Frégant</i>	HRL		CAG 29.124
F3	<i>St-Gemmes-le-Robert</i>	L		CAG 53.105
E2	<i>St-Lô</i>	RL		TIR Condate 89
E3	<i>St-Méloir-des-Ondes</i>	R		CAG 35.44
D2	<i>St-Peter-Port</i>	HRL	UKG	Burns 1996
C1	<i>Seaton</i>		UKG	See Map 8
B3	Sena Ins. § Samnis Ins. Silia? Ins. = Lisia? Ins.		Sein	TIR Condate 60
E3	Sipia	RL	Visseiche / Seiche	CAG 35.126
D3	*Sulis	RL	Pontivy?	ItMiller 115
D3	<i>Taden</i>	R		TIR Condate 97; Langouët 1985
B1	Tamaros fl.		UKG	See Map 8
C3	Titos fl.		Trieux	Ptol. 2.8.2
E2	<i>Tourlaville</i>	R		CAG 50.593
A3	Uxantis Ins. § Axanthos Ins.		Ushant	TIR Condate 60
E1	Vectis Ins.		UKG	See Map 8
E2	Venelli § Unelli	HR		TIR Condate 100
F2	Viducasses	HRL		TIR Condate 102
B3	Vorganium	HRL	Kéribien-en-Plounéventer	CAG 29.109
C3	Vorgium	HRL	Carhaix	TIR Condate 34; CAG 29.18

Aqueducts

Grid	Location	Period	Reference
C3	Vorgium	R	CAG 29, 45
F2	S Augustodurum	RL	TIR Condate 61-62

Mine / Quarry

Grid	Location	Material	Reference
B1	NE Magor	Sn	See Map 8
D1	S Bucknowle	Shale	See Map 8

Roads

Itinerary	Period	Reference
Abrincas → N	RL	CAG 50
Aregenoua area	RL	CAG 14, 21-23
Condate Redonum area	RL	Rouanet-Liesenfelt 1980, 71-79; CAG 35, 32-33
Fanum Martis area	RL	Langouët 1988, 91-97
Morlaix → Fanum Martis	RL	Galliou 1983, 45-57
Noiodounon Diablintum area	RL	Ledru 1911; CAG 53, 27-31
Vorgium area	RL	Pape 1978, 52-62; CAG 29, 28-29

Unlocated Toponym

Name	Period	Probable Location	Reference
Saliokanos Limen	R	W coast of Finistère, possibly Porz-Liogan in Le Conquêt	Ptol. 2.8.2; Galliou 1995

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