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Title: The Military Edict of Anastasius I, from Perge (Pamphylia)

Abstract: The paper is composed of a study of an inscription found at Perge (Pamphylia) in southern Turkey. About 850 marble fragments of this inscription, which had been burnt and had exploded, were uncovered. The fragments have been stored in the Archaeological Museum of Antalya. All three slabs of this inscription concern a military edict of Anastasius I (AD 491–518). The divisions of the inscription are: The Greek translation of Anastasius’ decree (Ἐρμηνία τοῦ θίου σερμωνος); The Greek translation of the army-commander’s order (Ἐρμηνία τοῦ προστάγματος τοῦ ἐνδοξοτάτου στρατηλάτου); The Notitia – numbers of soldiers per title and the amounts of payments in annona - (Γνῶσις ἀνδρῶν καὶ ἀννωνῶν ὑποτεταγμένων τῷ θίῳ σερμών).

The main issues discussed in the inscription are: - The uncertainty concerning the ranks of longserving soldiers; - Military funds that were appropriated through abuse of existing regulations; - Younger and inexperienced soldiers obtained the higher ranks, because certain corrupt officials make a profit by corrupt solicitation or selling offices; - Longserving soldiers were not able to use the privileges of their promotions, grades and retirements. And they couldn’t get the money due to them and so they and their generation became poor.

Bio:
Fatih Onur is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ancient Languages and Cultures at Akdeniz University of Antalya where he has been a faculty member since 2009. He currently holds Senior Scholarship at RCAC for the research of Stadiasmus Patarensis, the monumental inscription of road list in Lycia. Fatih Onur completed his Ph.D. and his undergraduate studies at Akdeniz University. His research interests lie in the area of Historical Geography, Roman History, Late Antiquity and Roman Army, with a main focus on Greek epigraphy. In recent years, he has focused on the military edict of Anastasius and Historical Geography of Lycia, where he continued field surveys as a researcher in the Project of Lycian Road Network conducted by the department of Ancient Languages and Cultures at Akdeniz University. He also worked on John the Lydian (6th century AD) and translated first two books of his major work “De magistratibus” (in Greek) into Turkish. He continues to translate the third book of same work.

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