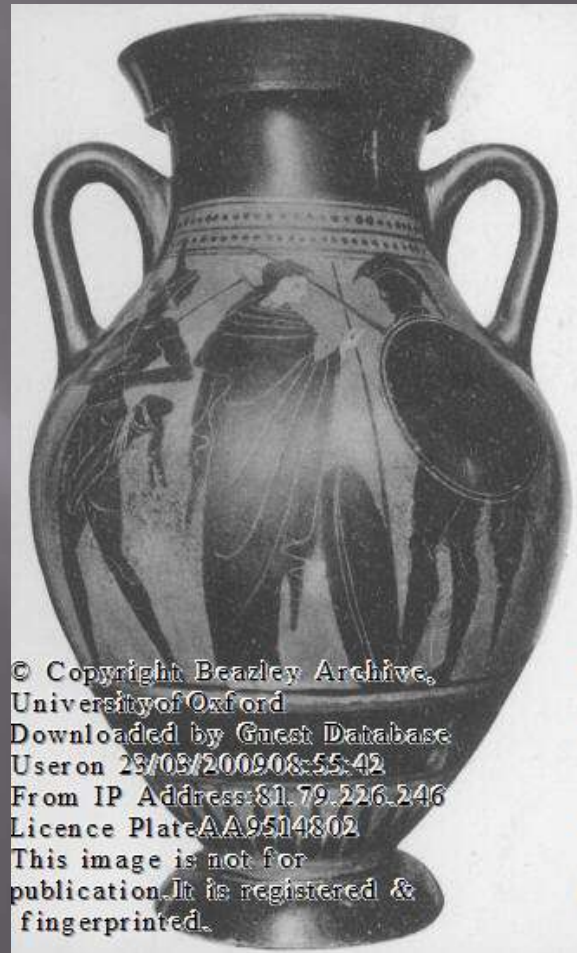


ARMIES AND NAVIES

Lecture 23: The Soldier in Society II

The Soldier as Everyday Man

- ▣ Since all citizens were soldiers of some sort or other, the sight of the soldier was common.
- ▣ Art depicted the soldier as a person, mainly in the separation of the departing soldier from his family.



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Fighting and Departing as part of an experience



A: FIGHT, WARRIORS, BETWEEN WARRIORS ON HORSEBACK

B: WARRIORS DEPARTING, WOMAN, DRAPED MAN, YOUTHS ON HORSEBACK



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C600-550 Athenian

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500-450BCE

Soldiers and Death

- ▣ **Decoration:** A1: FUNERARY, STATUE OF HORSEMAN, STELE, YOUTH IN CHLAMYS BOOTS AND PETASOS WITH HARE ON STICK, YOUTH IN CHITON, WOMEN
AB2: AMAZONOMACHY, WARRIORS AND AMAZONS
B1: WARRIOR DEPARTING (WARRIOR, OLD MAN, WOMEN, YOUTH IN CHLAMYS BOOTS WITH SPEAR)
- ▣ **5280, Berlin, Antikensammlung, 3209**

Enduring monuments



Marble funeral stele depicting a hoplite soldier, signed by Aristokles (500 BC), National Archaeological Museum, Athens

Loss

- ▣ It was at night that the Paralus arrived at Athens with tidings of the disaster, and a sound of wailing ran from Piraeus through the long walls to the city, one man passing on the news to another; and during that night no one slept, all mourning, not for the lost alone, but far more for their own selves, thinking that they would suffer such treatment as they had visited upon the Melians, colonists of the Lacedaemonians, after reducing them by siege, and upon the Histiaeans and Scionaeans and Toronaeans and Aeginetans and many other Greek peoples. [4] On the following day they convened an Assembly, at which it was resolved to block up all the harbours except one, to repair the walls, to station guards, and in all other respects to get the city ready for a siege. They busied themselves, accordingly, with these matters. Xenophon *Hellenika* 2.2.3-4

Honour and Death: The Spartan Viewpoint

- ▣ Damatria heard that her son had been a coward and unworthy of her, and when he arrived, she made away with him. This is the epigram referring to her:
- ▣ Sinner against our laws, Damatrius, slain by his mother,
- ▣ Was of the Spartan youth; she was of Sparta too.
- ▣ Plutarch *Sayings of Spartan women* 240f

The Spartan Viewpoint

- ▣ Another was burying her son, when a commonplace old woman came up to her and said, "Ah the bad luck of it, you puir woman." "No, by Heaven," said she, "but good luck; for I bore him that he might die for Sparta, dand this is the very thing that has come to pass for me.
- ▣ Plutarch *Sayings of Spartan Women* 241d

Questions?