**Legio XIV Gemina**

* Legio XIV Gemina ("The Twinned Fourteenth Legion") was first raised by Caesar in 57 BC during his raids into, and conquest of, Gaul.
* The name Gemina, meaning ‘twin’, identifies the Fourteenth as a legion formed by the amalgamation of two existing formations.
* Stationed in Moguntiacum, Germania Superior from AD 9, Legio XIV *Gemina Martia Victrix* was one of four legions used by Aulus Plautius and Claudius in the Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43.
* The first semi-permanent legionary fortress on British soil to house the Fourteenth was very likely in the Midlands at **Mancetter** Vexillation Fort.
* The fortress here was certainly occupied by AD46, and at this time was positioned at the edge of the newly fledged Roman province of Britannia.
* By AD 58 it had moved its base to **Wroxeter**.
* It took part in the defeat of **Boudicca** in 60 or 61.
* At the **Battle of Watling Street** the 14th defeated Boudicca's force of 230,000, according to Tacitus and Dio, with their meagre force of 10,000 Legionaries and Auxiliaries.
* The cognomen *Martia Victrix* (martial and victorious) was added following their service in the Pannonian War c. AD 9 and the defeat of Boudicca in AD 61.
* The emblem was the Capricorn, as with many of the legions levied by Caesar.
* ****In 67 AD the legion was sent to the Balkans in preparation for a campaign against the Parthians that Nero planned but which never materialised.