



This box-shaped flue tile is made from terracotta, and was used to carry hot air up the wall of a hot room in a Roman military bath-house. As the flue was made especially for this particular job, its maker was able to personalise it with the name of the legion who used the bath-house. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Legion was dedicated to the goddess *Fortuna Primigenia* ('Good luck from birth'), and also carried the titles *Pia* (devout) and *Fidelis* (faithful). The legion was stationed on the Rhine near Mainz in Germany. Many objects have survived which are marked with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Legion's name.

**The inscription reads:**

LEG XXII PR P F – '*Legion 22 Primigenia Pia Fidelis*'

**Compare:**

The tombstone of a soldier from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Legion Primagenia, in the Romano-Germanic Museum in Cologne:

<http://klassisk.ribekedralskole.dk/steder/koeln/grave/tuttius.jpg>

Roman coins issued to celebrate military victories of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Legion Primagenia:

<http://www.romancoins.info/Legionary-Coins-2.html>

**Details:**

Ashmolean Museum AN1939.120