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This Roman tombstone was found built into a stable wall at Conningarth Farm, half a mile due east of the fort at Old Carlisle. It is three feet one inch in breadth, and one foot nine inches high; the figure which has suffered considerably through weathering and "face-bedding" has been carved in bold relief, and is enclosed by a deeply cut semi-circular gable.

This is the second tombstone to be recorded here (see *Transactions*, N.S. xxvii, 118), which suggests perhaps, that this spot, half a mile from the eastern ramparts, and adjacent to the main road running towards Carlisle, may have been the burial ground of the fort.

At Old Carlisle, the "vicus" site, i.e. the field immediately to the east of the fort has yielded three coins:—a silver denarius of Commodus (Claudius?), a copper as of Trajan and a third which is indecipherable.

At Beckfoot the "dune" site has yielded a good example of a bronze brooch of the "cross-bow" type. The pin has been hinged at the centre of a knob-ended cross piece, and a bow is semi-circular with a slotted projection to take the point of the pin. This brooch is very similar to the Tullie House specimen found at Brough, Westmorland (*Transactions*, N.S. xix, a, *illustration* 8b), and Haverfield notes that the type is common on sites occupied in the third and fourth centuries.

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