LA DEFENSE DU HAURAN A L'EPOQUE ROMAINE TARDIVE: FORTINS ET CAMPS FACE AU DESERT

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Abstract: The eastern border of the province of Arabia, created in 106 AD. J. C., has never been clearly defined because of the extent of steppe and then desert that constitutes a large part of it. This did not prevent the authors of maps of the Eastern Roman Empire from drawing a fortified route, an imitation of the Rhine-Danubian limes, whose eastern part is limited to the tip of the Gulf of Aqaba On the Red Sea. On the one hand, it is known that the eastern boundary of the province was much wider (up to Hégra and Medain Saleh in Saudi Arabia today) and, on the other hand, no archaeological trace confirm the existence of a continuous fortified route, absurd in a desert region.

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