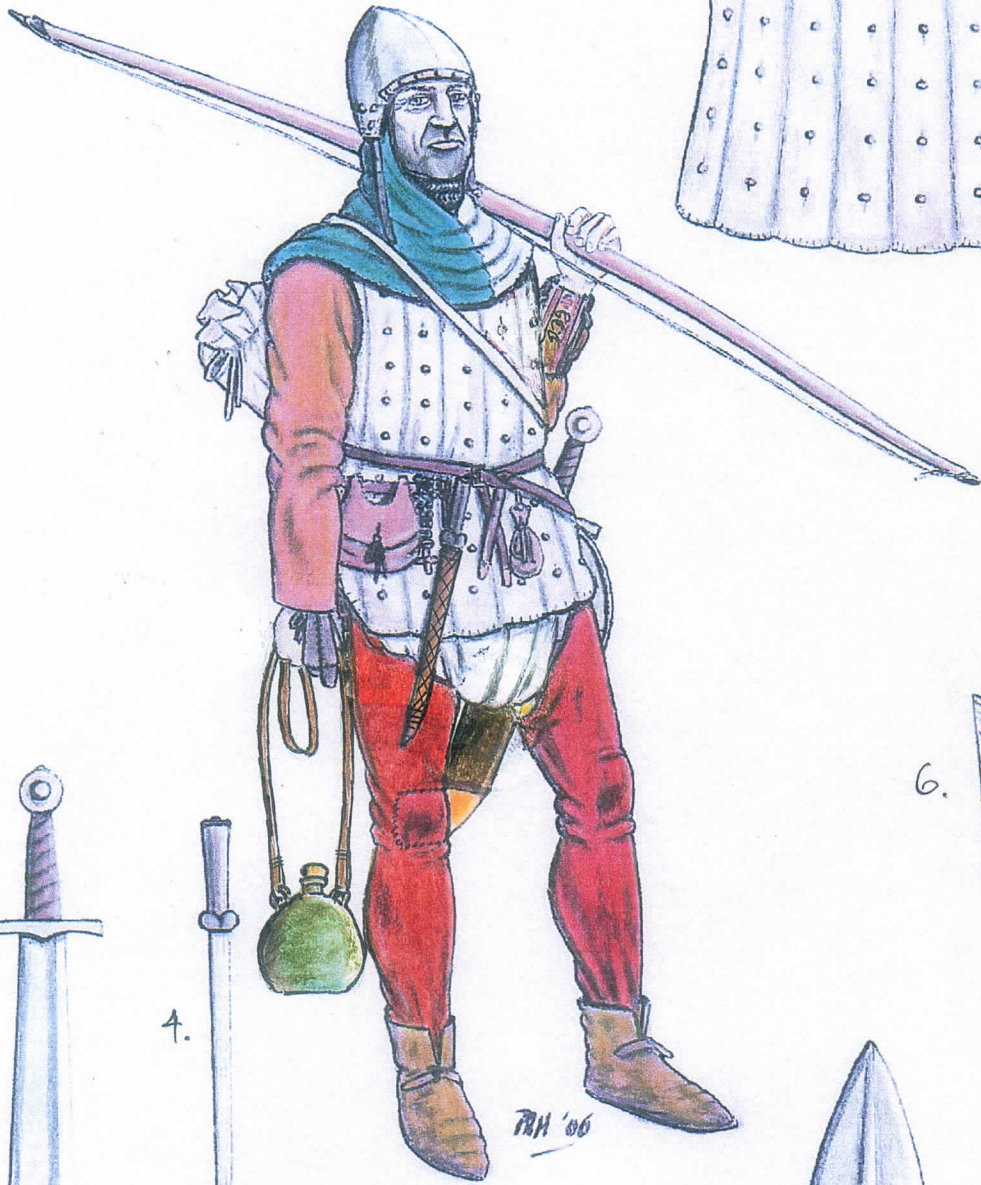
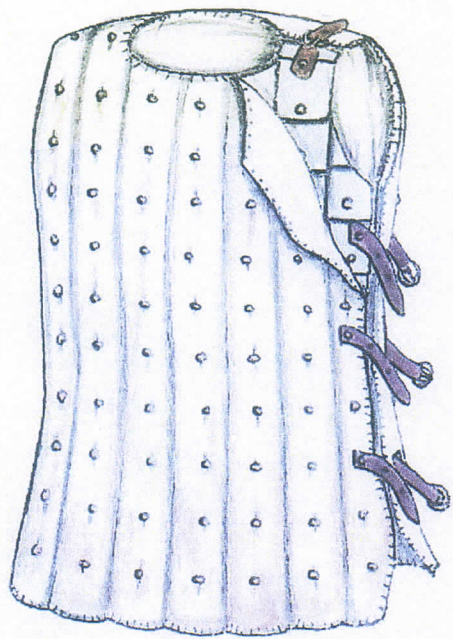
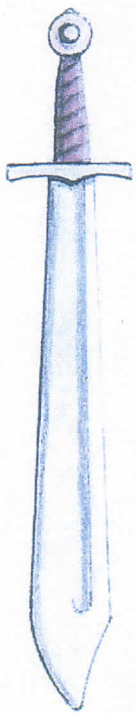


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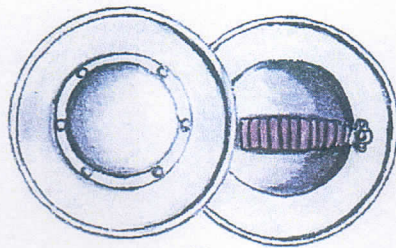
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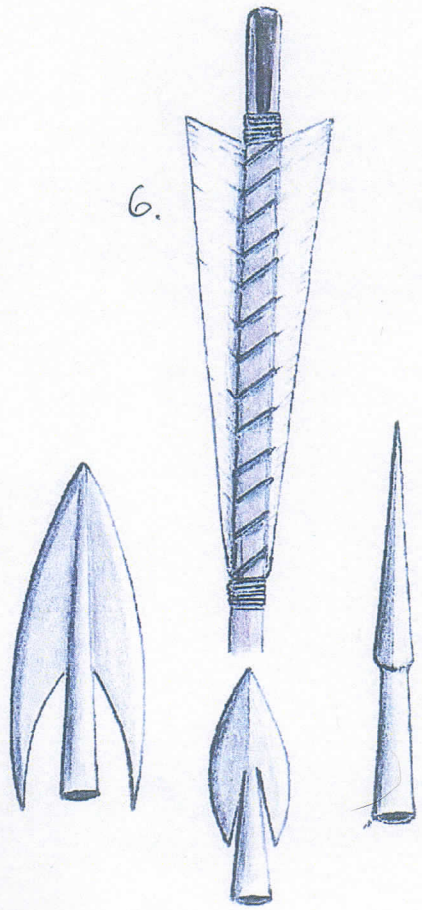
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English archer on campaign 1390 – 1425 with annotated equipment.

The Bowman appears on campaign, he wears no livery badge of an individual Lord, Knight or Captain, but his green and white hood identify him as one of the elite archers of Cheshire. He is fairly well equipped for his role in battle with a tight fitting bascinet helmet and a body defence of a 'Jack', in this instance reinforced with iron plates riveted through the fabric of the body armour.

He carries his yew bow and his arrows in a canvas arrow bag over his shoulder and is also armed with a fine knife, a heavy falchion type sword and a small iron shield called a buckler. This was used to parry blows and also as a weapon to punch in to the face of an opponent.

He wears a woollen doublet and hose, but his short boots may indicate that he is a foot archer. On his right hand he wears his shooting glove to protect his fingers from the bow string and on his opposite wrist is his leather bracer designed to protect his left arm from the bowstring when the arrow is released. From his belt hang a couple of purses with coins, comb, sewing kit, possibly a spare bowstring and dice for gambling and also a rosary to assist his prayers. He also carries a ceramic 'custrel', a drink flask.

Equipment

1. Bascinet helmet, showing padded interior
2. Jack of plates showing the iron plates within and the construction.
3. The Falchion, a heavy cleaver type of sword.
4. 'Bollock' or 'Kidney' dagger.
5. The buckler, a small iron shield used both for defence and attack.
6. Arrow details showing the fletchings (feathers) glued and bound to the shaft and the 'nock', the point where the string fits into the arrow and reinforced with a horn insert.

3 common arrow heads, a broad head for soft targets and hunting, an armour piercing bodkin head, in this case the longer point for piercing mail and the most common type found in England, a small barbed head used for war and the hunt, known as a 'Type 16'.