Late Dark Ages, 8th - 11th century A.D.

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| MOVEMENT | in light clothing | in chainmail (armour 4) and/or carrying a large shield | number of "slowing dice" | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| foot | 20 cm | 16 cm | one die (1 D6) | |
| cavalry | 40 cm | 40 cm | two dice (2 D6) | |
| mounted foot (on horseback) | 36 cm | 36 cm | two dice (2D6) | |

In difficult terrain the result of one die or two dice ("slowing

dice") is deduced from the movement (in cm).

In very difficult terrain the movement is halved and the result of one die or two dice is then deduced from it.

If the slowing die (on foot) rolls 6, or if the dice (mounted) both roll 6 in difficult terrain, or at least one 6 in very difficult terrain: blocked for the game turn.

Movement in shield wall and/or close ranks of spears (if trained to move in close order): 12 cm forward, 8 cm sideways or backward; cannot move in difficult terrains.

| TERRAIN | foot | cavalry | mounted foot | protect. from shooting | cannot be shot at, if | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| bushes or high crops | | <pre>difficult (movement - 2 dice) very difficult (half movement, - 2 dice)</pre> | | −1 at men on foot | if hidden (crouched immobile doing nothing) | |
| woods, forest | difficult (movement reduced | | | −1 if less than 10 cm | if 10 cm or more of forest width | |
| hard slope, earth bank | by one die cm) | difficult (movement – 2 dice) | very difficult ($\frac{1}{2}$ move, -2 dice) Δ * | -l at people on foot if appearing behind | if crouched behind earth bank | |

| SHOOTING | | armour 4 | 0 - 10 cm | 10 - 20 cm | 20 - 30 cm |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| javelin (limited supply) | can shoot in movement (on foot or mounted), no penalty for movement | | 6 ext. | | _ |
| or throwing mace | cavalry with javelin or throwing spear, moving in easy terrain | _ | 5 - 6 <i>ext</i> . | 6 ext. | _ |
| light crossbow can shoot in movement (on foot or mounted) with -1 modifier (no modifier if moving just before contact on foot) reloaded one turn immobile | | | 5 - 6 | 6 | 7 |
| stone throwing | thrown on foot (no movement penalty for moving) +1 at a group | -1 (8) (7 if good thrower) ext. | | _ | |

| | | armour 4 | 0 - 10 cm | 10 - 20 cm | 20 - 40 cm |
|-----------------------|---|----------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|
| bow (of feeble range) | on foot or mounted / can shoot while moving with -1 modifier | -1 | 5 - 6 | 6 | 7 ext. |
| sling | on foot and immobile; not protected by terrain or shield wall when shooting | -1 | 5 - 6 <i>ext</i> . | 6 ext. | 7 ext. |
| | must be on foot and immobile to shoot +1 at a group / may also throw heavy or incendiary missiles 20 cm max, prepared in one game turn immobile | | 6 ext. | 7 ext. | (8) ext. |

| | | armour 4 | 0 - 20 cm | 20 - 40 cm | 40 - 60 cm |
|----------------|--|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| bow (powerful) | can shoot moving (cavalry at any range, foot at 0-10 cm only) with -1 modifier | -1 | 5 - 6 | 6 | 7 ext. |

Mounted foot cannot shoot moving nor before contact, and suffers a -1 modifier if shooting immobile.

ext.: exterior, cannot shoot from window or arrow slit.

| SHOOTING MODIFIERS Modifiers caused by terrain or shield wall Shooting modifiers caused by terrain, shield wall, arrow slit, do not add up | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| target on foot who can be seen behind cover: wall, earthen bank, bushes, large opening in a wall, window, battlement, etc or target in a rather dense forest (just in its edge except mounted, or behind no more than 10 cm of forest) | | | – 1 d slingers shooting | | |
| or target in shield wall (except heavy missiles from a staff sling) | | | ne game turn) | | |
| or target on foot behind a very narrow opening or arrow slit in a very s | strong wall | | -2 | | |
| Modifiers caused by target | ed by terrain, shield wall, arrow slit, armour, furtive | e target, canno | t be worse than –2 | | |
| bow, sling, stone thrown, at target in chainmail or scale armour covering | the breast ("armour 4") | | – 1 | | |
| "furtive" target (moving target, hidden or in contact with friends of the shooter | at the beginning AND at the end of its movement) | | –1 | | |
| Modifier caused by shooter | • | | | | |
| bow shooting in movement (if allowed) light crossbow shooting and/or "furtive" shooter (= who only appears a short moment to shoot in movement to shoot | ng in movement (except just before contact, if on foot) ment) (does not add to a movement modifier above) | | - 1 | | |
| Bonus for shooting at a group with some weapons | | | | | |
| staff sling, or stone thrown at a group (if not protected in a house, redoubt, fortification) | | | +1 | | |
| MELEE MODIFIERS | | | | | |
| enemy in shield wall | | | – 1 | | |
| heavy two-handed axe wielded with both hands (or heavy two-handed tool, | see below) (not inside a building nor in close order) | +1 | heavy tool used with both hands: | | |
| improvised weapon, tool used as weapon, big wooden stick | and/or character class 2 | -1 | +1 - 1 = 0 | | |
| foot against opponent attacking across a linear obstacle (earthe | en bank, low wall, door, line of stakes, battlements, etc.) | | + 1 | | |
| character against a foe who is on higher ground (hard slope, earthen bank, stairs, battlements, etc.) | | | -1 | | |
| cavalry against foot, or against mounted foot (except in difficult or very difficult terrain for cavalry) | | | +1 | | |
| foot against cavalry (except in very difficult terrain for cavalry) or mounted foot against cavalry | | -1 | | | |
| cavalry "charging" (a charge needs a proper saddle, or stirrups; and is impossible in difficult or very difficult terrain) | | | +1 | | |
| foot (if trained to fight cavalry) immobile with spear against cavalry who | "charges" them directly | | + 1 | | |
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Result (die + modifiers) higher than class of opponent: hit (=killed). Equals class: opponent recoils. Smaller than class: missed.

If a fighter's armour (chainmail = "armour 4") is higher than their class, the result to hit must also be higher than this armour, if not they only recoil.

Natural 1 die roll: missed (ignore all modifiers). Double natural 6 = 7 Natural 8 (= triple natural 6) in Melee: hit (ignore all modifiers).

When two opponents simultaneously roll a "hit" result (or both a "recoil" result) only the higher class one kills their enemy (or forces enemy to recoil). If same class, the highest armour. If same class and armour, the highest natural die roll (rolled for this fight). If equal too, the highest total of modifiers.

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