

# Hollow Soldier

aka Hollow Royal Soldier

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## Description

*Now Hollowed, these were once Royal Soldiers of the Drangleic Kingdom. Their equipment was constructed by the royal blacksmith from high quality materials, but now it is falling apart. They continue defend the kingdom loyally.*<sup>1</sup>

## Location

### Forest of Fallen Giants

Sword

| Bonfire Intensity | HP   | Souls |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1                 | ~270 | 90    |
| 2                 | ~550 | 180   |
| 8                 | ?    | 360   |

Halberd

| Bonfire Intensity | HP   | Souls |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1                 | ~280 | 90    |
| 2                 | ~600 | 180   |
| 8                 | ?    | 360   |

Shield and spear

| Bonfire Intensity | HP   | Souls |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1                 | ~330 | 90    |
| 2                 | ~670 | 180   |
| 8                 | ?    | 360   |

Estoc and shield

| Bonfire Intensity | HP   | Souls |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1                 | ~250 | 90    |
| 2                 | ~520 | 180   |
| 8                 | ?    | 360   |

## Effectiveness

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- Strike: ~110%
- Slash: ~110%
- Thrust: ~170%

## Resistance

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- Medium Fire, Lightning and Dark Resistance
- Low Magic Resistance

## Drops

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- Hollow Soldier Set (common)
- Winged Spear (Spear & Shield - very rare)
- Bastard Sword (Greatsword - very rare)
- Estoc (Thrusting Sword & Shield - very rare)
- Halberd (Halberd - very rare)
- Long Bow (Bow - very rare)
- Hollow Soldier Shield - (Spear/Thrusting Sword & Shield - very rare)
- Wood Arrow x3 (Bow - uncommon)
- Firebomb (common)
- Lifegem (common)
- Radiant Lifegem (rare)

## Attacks

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- Be careful of their shield smash attack, which will probably wipe out most of your stamina bar and stagger you. This has a slow wind-up and is easily avoided, plus it leaves a wide opening for counterattack.
- The spear and shield variant will turtle behind their shield most of the time. Forward + Light Attack will execute a guard break. Alternatively, block one of their spear thrusts

which will give an easy opening.

- Thrusting Sword and Shield wielders will, very rarely, parry your attacks followed by, again very rarely, a riposte for heavy damage.

## Notes

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- A tough early enemy for the novice or poorly-equipped player, with several attacks that either hit hard, or can stagger/stunlock the player. Luckily, Hollow Soldiers are relatively slow with attack patterns which can be easily exploited for backstabs.
- The corpse-like ambushing Hollow Soldiers can be killed before they rise to attack.
- The halberd users have very large parry windows, making them useful for training parrys

Footnotes 1. Dark Souls II Collector's Edition Guide description

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