

LORICA SEGMENTATA -

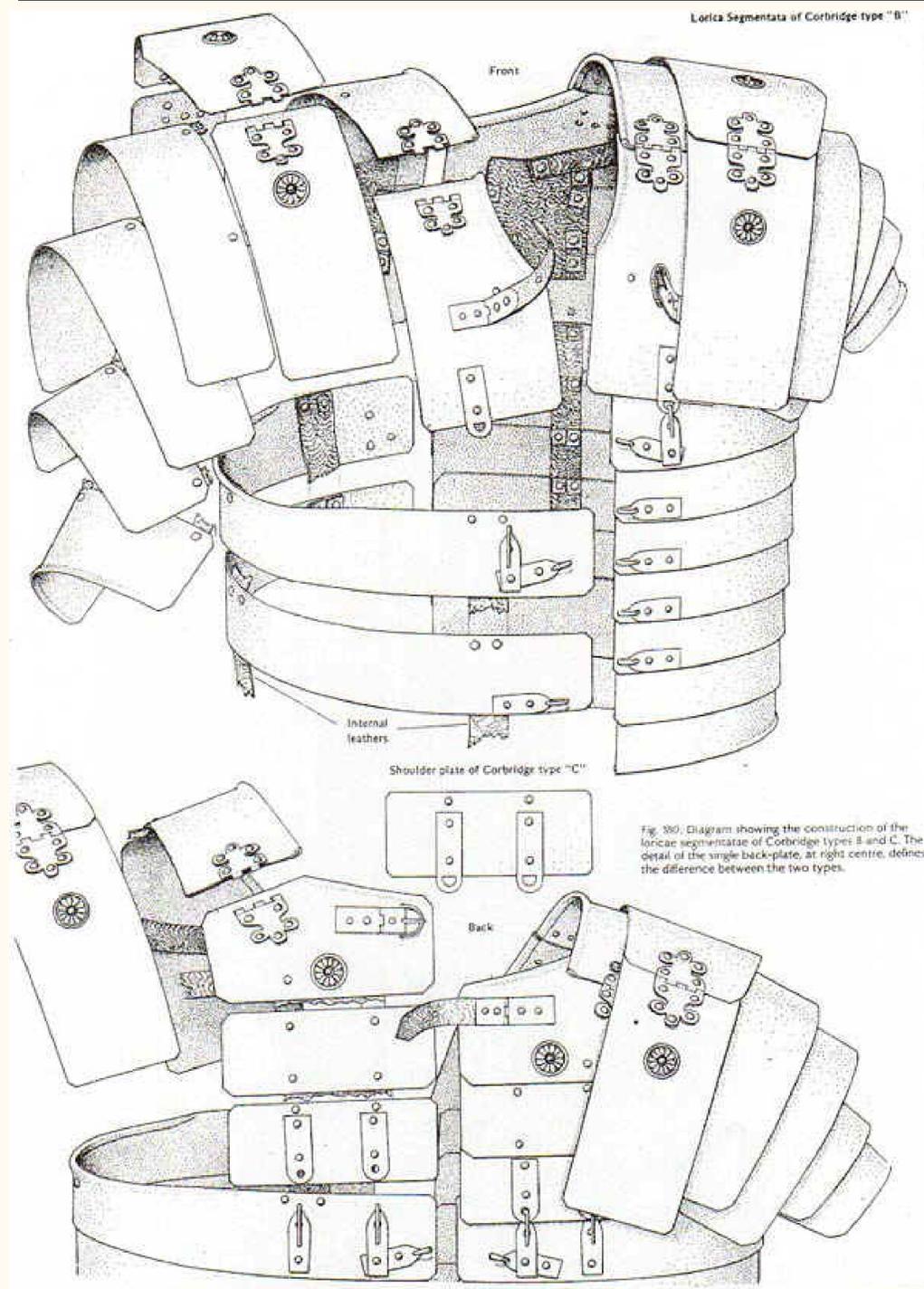


Diagram from "Armor of Imperial Rome"

Enlarged isometric diagram of Lorica Segmentata

Note that the shoulder guard components are connected to the torso girdle section by bronze hooks and eyes, instead of by straps and buckles, as used on the lorica armor. This was a type lorica segmentata,

adopted toward the end of the First Century AD, carried this principle even further with a more durable, stronger and simpler design, but with a loss of some comfort for the wearer.

Lorica Segmentata "laminated" type body armor was adopted by the Roman Legions in the early part of the First Century AD and was in use into the early Third Century AD, when it fell out of favor. This type of armor was particularly protective against slashing and piercing weapons; as opposed to the earlier Lorica Hamata chain "ring" mail type armor; which was only marginally defensive against long-pointed swords and arrows.

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