

# Armour and Weapons of the British Civil Wars

## Source-Based Activities

### Activity 1: The strange death of a Captain

**Source 1:** An extract from Lucy Hutchinson's memoirs (her written memories), written around 1670. Lucy Hutchinson was married to John Hutchinson, a large landowner in Nottingham who was an officer in the Parliamentary army during the Civil War.

*Besides daily and hourly providences by which they were preserved from the enemies canons and sallies, there were some remarkable ones, by which God kept the governor's\* life in his leaguer. Once as he and Poyntz and another Captain were riding to view some quarters of the town, a canon bullet came whizzing by them as they were riding all abreast, and the captain, without any touch of it, said he was killed; when Poyntz and another bade him get off, but he was sliding down from his horse, slain by the wind of the bullet; and they held him up till they got off from the place and immediately the man turned black all over. Another time the Governor was in his tent, and by chance called out; when he was scarce out of it, a canon bullet came and tore up the whole tent, and (if I mistake not) killed the sentinel at the door.*

*\*John Hutchinson, the governor of Nottingham*

### Glossary

**In his leaguer:** In his service

**Sentinel:** Guard

Read Source 1 and answer the following questions:

1. Who does Lucy Hutchinson believe is protecting her husband?
2. What happened when Poyntz and his captains were riding together?
3. What happened when John Hutchinson was called out of his tent?
4. Does anything surprise you in this story?

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