

Gladius- sword

The sword was very important. It was light and short (no more than 50 cm) so soldiers can use it for stabbing quickly.



Pilum- throwing spear

A soldier carried two spears to throw at the enemy. The spears were about 6 ½ ft long and were designed to bend and stick in the enemy's shield so he could not use it to protect himself. They were difficult to pull out and would bend upon impact, so they couldn't be thrown back at the attacking Roman soldiers. The enemy would then throw down their shield.



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