

Re: medieval english was knight ranks and titles

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John Atkinson wrote:

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>>>>> Not <zare>, but <3are>, where <3> stands for the letter
>>>>> yogh; here it has the sound of <y>, and indeed the spelling
>>>>> <yare> goes back to the 13th century. The word means
>>>>> 'ready, prepared. This quotation is for the meaning 'a
>>>>> common soldier'; the sense is 'We are now seven thousand
>>>>> knights ready for battle, not counting common soldiers and
>>>>> other infantry'.
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>>>>> Is that the word that survives (barely) in *Philadelphia Story* and
>>>>> crossword puzzles?
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>>>>> I don't know *Philadelphia Story*, but it wouldn't surprise
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>>>>> It's one of the all-time great romantic comedies! The *Moonstruck* of
>>>>> its generation! Katharine Hepburn, aka Tracy Lord, describes her
>>>>> sailboat, or sloop, or ketch, to country bumpkin newspaper reporter
>>>>> Jimmy Stewart as "yar," and later on she gets described the same way.
>>>>> (Cary Grant loses out.) For years I tried to get the original Philip
>>>>> Barry play out of the library, but it was never available. (Of course
>>>>> that might simply mean all the copies were stolen.)
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>>>>> me to find it in crossword puzzles. It's in AHD3; the
>>>>> meaning that I gave above is labelled 'Archaic', but the
>>>>> meaning 'lively, active' carries n