

HARNESS FITTING

Unique ID: NMS-5305E6

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

Copper alloy rectangular military harness fitting. A robust slide with two transverse moulded V-sectioned grooves on front face. Overall dimensions of 21 x 17 x 8mm, while the socket has dimensions of 18 x 4.5mm in section.

A comparable, but larger slide comes from Catterick (Wilson 2002 no. 296) and there are other examples with convex front faces from Dura-Europos (James 2004 nos. 349-50). Others may be fragments more similar to this one (ibid. nos. 351-2). A harness stud with broadly similar decoration was found at Caistor St Edmund (HER 37008) in September 2008. Dates to the 2nd - 3rd century.

Class: Strap slide

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 100

Date to: Circa AD 300

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Length: 21 mm

Width: 17 mm

Thickness: 8 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 12th February 2011 - Sunday 13th February 2011

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.

Recorded by: Dr Mary Chester-Kadwell

Identified by: Dr Andrew Rogerson

Other reference numbers

SMR reference number: 37009

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [Eastern](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Norfolk](#) (County)

District: [South Norfolk](#) (District)

To be known as: Caistor St Edmund

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: From finder

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

General landuse: Cultivated land

James, S., 2004 [Excavations at Dura-Europos 1928-1937, Final Report VII: The Arms and Armour and other Military Equipment](#) London : British Museum Press, ,