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EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 30CM LONG, 7CM WIDE – 12 INS LONG, 2¾ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

GREYWACKE IS A FORM OF INDURATED SANDSTONE AND WAS USED TO MAKE THESE HAND CLUBS BY CAREFUL GRINDING, ABRADING AND POLISHING. THE THRUSTING DISTAL END WAS GIVEN A SHARP EDGE, WHILST THE HOLE FOR THE DOG SKIN WRIST CORD PRESENTED A PARTICULAR CHALLENGE AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE BICONICALLY STONE DRILLED HOLE. IN COMBAT THESE WEAPONS WERE UNIQUE IN BEING DESIGNED FOR A FORWARD THRUST INSTEAD OF A DOWNWARD BLOW CHARACTERISTIC OF OTHER FORMS OF HAND CLUBS.