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ANCIENT MIDDLE BRONZE AGE TRÉBOUL SHORT SWORD

A FINE ANCIENT MIDDLE BRONZE AGE TRÉBOUL SHORT SWORD WITH TAPERING BLADE AND PRONOUNCED MID RIB THE BUTT WITH FOUR RIVET HOLES AND THREE REMAINING RIVETS

CIRCA 1500 - 1100 BC

SIZE: 32.5CM HIGH, 7.5CM WIDE - 12¾ INS HIGH, 3 INS WIDE / 37CM HIGH - 14½ INS HIGH (WITH BASE)

LITERATURE

FOR 2000 YEARS BRONZE WAS THE MOST ADVANCED METAL AVAILABLE AND JUST AS COPPER BLADES REPRESENTED A GREAT LEAP FORWARD FROM THE FLINT IMPLEMENTS OF PREHISTORIC TIMES, SO THE DISCOVERY OF BRONZE DROVE PURE COPPER WEAPONS INTO OBSOLESCENCE. BRONZE IS AN ALLOY, A MIXTURE OF COPPER AND TIN. A RECIPE FOR A GOOD WEAPON WAS AROUND NINE PARTS BRONZE AND ONE PART TIN. BRONZE IS HARDER THAN COPPER RESULTING IN STRONGER WEAPONS THAT COULD TAKE A SHARP EDGE BETTER. THEY COULD ALSO BE MADE NARROWER AND LONGER THAN COPPER ONES. BRONZE FLOWED BETTER THAN COPPER INTO MOULDS WHICH INCREASED THE POSSIBILITIES FOR MORE ELABORATE DESIGNS. EVENTUALLY HILTS BEGAN TO BE CAST IN ONE PIECE WITH THE BLADE, ELIMINATING THE WEAK POINT OF A RIVETED JOINT BETWEEN THE HILT AND BLADE.