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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, WHILE 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.

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EX PRIVATE COLLECTION

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