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Bronze Age European Spear

An ancient Bronze Age European leaf-shaped socketed bronzespear blade with a stylized central mid-rib.

Late Bronze Age, Central Europe.
Hallstatt, ca. 1200 - 900 BC.
Height: 4 1/2 in. (10.8 cm).



The inhabitants of Central Europe from Gaul to the Danube Basin in the second millennium BC coalesced into a culture identified in the archaeological record by large well defined cemeteries containing numerous cremation burials contained in cinerary urns. The graves were often accompanied by bronze tools and ornaments. The wealthiest burials were those of warriors and princes, often containing finely made bronze swords, spears, and adornments.

cf.: Antiquities from Europe and the Near East in the Collection of Lord McAlpine of Westgreen, (Oxford, 1987), p. 94, no. 8.4; p. 106, nos. 11.41-3.

Formerly in the Kuizenga collection, The Netherlands.

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