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Bronze Age Shield Boss

An ancient Bronze Age European shield boss with punched dotted designs, around the raised hemispherical center.

Bronze Age, Central Europe.
Ca. 1500 - 800 BC.
Diameter: 5 1/8 in. (14.2 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.

Formerly in an American private collection.

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