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Greek Lead Sling Bullet

An ancient Greek lead sling bullet of elliptical form, inscribed, AGOPOY, "from Agoros."

Ca. 4th - 2nd century BC.
Length: 1 3/8 in. (33 mm); 37.3 gm.



Slingers were employed by ancient armies to great effect, either directing accurate sniper fire or indirect barrages against enemy troop formations. In antiquity the most feared slingers were the Rhodians employed by the armies of the Greeks and Alexander the Great, and the Balaeric islanders employed by Hannibal and later by the Romans.

Formerly in an English private collection.

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