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Roman Oil Lamp: Female Head

An ancient Roman pottery oil lamp with a looped handle and an image of a frontally facing female head in the center discus, the reverse with the potter's stamp: CIVNDRAC.



North Africa.
Ca. 120 - 200 AD.
Length: 4 1/4 in. (10.5 cm).

The location of the workshop of the maker CIVNDRAC, whose name was likely Caius Junius Draco, seems to be Africa Proconsularis, modern Tunisia, but Tripolitania and Cadiz are other possible locations.

cf.: D. M. Bailey, A Catalogue of Lamps in the British Museum, Vol. III, Roman Provincial Lamps, (London, 1980), p. 98, nos. Q1675, Q1680-1, Q1692, Q1703.

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