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CATALOGUE OF FERROUS TOOLS

Introduction
Each entry is accorded a sequential catalogue number; this is followed by the figure number (A1 - A24), type of tool, and site. The location which is given at the end of the first entry line refers to the present (1990) whereabouts of the artifact, whether this is a temporary or permanent location, followed by a museum accession number if relevant. If this is a temporary (loan) number, this is indicated in square brackets.

'Description' gives present dimensions; if measurements are from X-radiographs, this is noted. Although dimensions of archaeological ironwork are seldom representative of original the artifacts (cf. Chapter 2.3.3), for comparative purposes it is necessary to indicate values. Interpretation is assisted by reference to 'Condition', which gives an assessment of the condition at the time of examination for the present study. The attributes included are principally those relevant to 'utilitarian' use. Completeness and damage is noted (which may have a bearing on both utilitarian and ritual use), and other information is included if pertinent to the general description. For brevity, unless otherwise unclear, dimensions such as some cross-sections are given in the sequence length (L) x width (W). The dimensions of hammer faces are given according to the orientation of the face in use, that is, L x W for a cross pein, W x L for a straight pein. The orientation of hammer faces, cross-sections, and other details are shown in the drawings.

'Examination' includes reference to an Ancient Monuments Laboratory (AML) accession number if this is relevant to the acquisition of records, and to X-radiographs if available and the year(s) in which these were taken. The original X-radiographs of the artifacts which were accessioned at the Ancient Monuments Laboratory are, in general, held there at present. For the others, the X-radiographs are avail-

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able either at the museum housing the collection or at the laboratory responsible for the conservation of the collection. X-radiographs (or copies) taken during the course of this study by the writer have been deposited at the museum housing the objects, or with the excavator. 'Analysis' and 'Metallography' cite the reference to any published report, and in the latter case, the sample number (S) in the catalogue of metallography (Appendix B) if examined in the present study.

Examination procedures, and lists of finds which were examined by X-radiography and/or selective removal of accretions are given in Chapter 2.5. Where descriptions or dimensions are taken from the original publication this is stated in the catalogue entry. If the tool is redrawn from the published illustration, this is indicated by an asterisk after the figure number. The other tools are drawn with the aid of X-radiographs if available; shading is restricted to essential detail.

The entry 'Context/date' summarises context, date and metalworking associations, followed by an assessment of the security of the Iron Age attribution according to the following scheme:

[A] Definite Iron Age context
[B] Probable Iron Age context
[C] Not from a definite Iron Age context, but from form or associations, probably Iron Age in date
[D] From mid-first century AD horizon; type not known from earlier contexts, but potentially an Iron Age type
[E] From mid-first century AD or later horizon, or unstratified; type not distinctive of period, possibly post-Iron Age in date.

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### Location and accession

- **AMIA**: Andover, Museum of the Iron Age
- **AML**: Ancient Monuments Laboratory, HBMC, London
- **BMAG**: Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery
- **BMP**: British Museum, Dept. Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities
- **CAA**: Cambridge, University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- **CEM**: Colchester and Essex Museum
- **CM**: Chelmsford and Essex Museum
- **CMC**: Corinium Museum, Cirencester
- **DCM**: Dorset County Museum, Dorchester
- **DM**: Devizes Museum
- **EFDM**: Epping Forest District Museum, Waltham Abbey
- **GWG**: Grimsby, Welholme Galleries
- **HM**: Hertford Museum
- **HCM**: Hereford City Museums
- **HW**: Hereford and Worcester C.C., Archaeological Section, Worcester
- **KuH**: Kingston upon Hull, Transport and Archaeology Museum
- **MM**: Maidstone Museum and Art Gallery
- **MCM**: The Manchester Museum
- **MSA**: Museum of Sussex Archaeology, Lewes
- **NAU**: Norfolk Archaeological Unit, Gressenhall
- **NCM**: Northampton, Central Museum and Art Gallery
- **NW**: National Museum of Wales, Cardiff
- **OAM**: Oxford, Ashmolean Museum
- **OIA**: Oxford, Institute of Archaeology
- **RM**: Reading Museum and Art Gallery
- **SBM**: Scunthorpe Borough Museum and Art Gallery
- **SCM**: Somerset County Museum, Taunton
- **SM**: Swindon Museum and Art Gallery
- **WCM**: Winchester City Museum, Hyde House
- **XX**: with excavator

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No. 1. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Garton Slack, W. Humberside

Description Complete poker with a long narrow blade and a decorated handle. The blade is rectangular in section, tapering in width and slightly in thickness to the rounded tip. Square-sectioned handle, the end bent round to form a ring, which is round in section and lies in the same plane as the blade. The decoration comprises 3 twisted length separated by 2 plain regions. L 776mm. Blade: L 461mm; W x T (max) 18.5 x 5mm; T (min) 4mm. Handle: L 315mm, twisted = 270mm; W x T (bar) 8 x 8mm, (twisted = 9 x 9mm). Ring: OD 35mm. Decoration: from blade to ring: 5 quarter turns anticlockwise over £· 60mm, plain for £· 50mm, 4 quarter-turns clockwise over £· 55mm, plain for £· 45mm, 4 quarter-turns anticlockwise over £· 60mm.

Condition Surface corroded. Mineralisations adhere, including macro plant remains.

Examination X-ray (1973).

Context/date Grain silo Pit 1, resting on tongs No. 38 and below poker No. 5. Charcoal from pit, possibly from pit lining or covering, dated 180 ± 70 b.c. [Har-1228]. [A]

Reference Brewster 1980, 365, fig. 219, pl. 68.

No. 2. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Witham Bury, Essex

Description Blade and almost complete handle. Tapering flat blade with rounded end, broadest at the blade/handle junction; rectangular section. The shoulders are concave and there is a discrete thickening in width at the neck. The handle is oval in section near the neck and round-sectioned thereafter. At about mid-length there is a thickening (L 25mm, W 17mm) which retains traces of a fragment of iron binding, possibly a ferrule (surviving W 9mm). At the distal end of the handle is another thickening (L 23mm, W 14mm) which is more square in section and this also retains traces of iron binding (surviving W 10mm). The tip of the handle is fractured to a point and slightly bent. L 1024mm (inc). Blade: L 197mm; W x T (max) 45 x 7mm, (min) 15 x 4.5mm. Handle: L 827mm (inc); L between thickenings 415mm; Diam (stem) 14mm.

Condition Incomplete at handle tip. Much fissured and spalled; accretions obscure detail.

Context/date Discovered during railway construction through the centre of the hillfort, with pokers Nos 3 and 4, and three skeletons (possibly therefore from 1 or more of 3 burials). MIA pottery at the hillfort; ? C3rd BC - mid Clst BC. [C]

Reference Rodwell 1976, 43-5, no. 1, fig. 2.

No. 3. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Witham Bury, Essex

Description Blade and the greater part of the handle. Flat blade, rectangular section, tapering from the broadest point near the neck to the rounded end. The shoulders are concave and there is an expansion in width at the neck, the section rectangular. Round-sectioned handle. The orientation of the handle fragment is not known. L 1030mm.
inc. Blade: L 150mm; W x T (max) 42 x 6mm, (min) c. 20 x 5mm. Handle: L 880mm (inc); Diam 12mm; L detached frag 729mm.

Condition
In 2 pieces. Incomplete at both ends of the handle fragment (corrosion damage). Much fissured and fractured; corroded layers and surface coatings obscure detail.

Context/date
Discovered during railway construction through the centre of the hillfort; with pokers Nos 2 and 4, and three skeletons (possibly therefore from 1 or more of 3 burials). MIA pottery at the hillfort; ? C3rd BC - mid C1st BC. [C]

Reference
Rodwell 1976, 45, no. 3, fig. 2.

No. 4. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Witham Bury, Essex CM: N22208:2

Description
A small fragment of the blade, the neck, and the greater part of the handle. The blade is barely traceable. There is a thickening in width to form a rectangular-sectioned neck. The handle is round-sectioned, and close to the distal end there is an oval hole (L c. 14mm, W c. 12mm) at right angles to the plane of the blade. The hole is partly blocked with corrosion products; these may be the remains of a rod (c. 7mm Diam). L 85Bmm (inc). Handle: L 824mm ?complete.

Condition
Incomplete; fractured across the blade close to the handle (corrosion damage), ?complete at the handle tip. Much fissured and spalled; accretions obscure detail.

Context/date
Discovered during railway construction through the centre of the hillfort; with pokers Nos 2 and 3, and three skeletons (possibly therefore from 1 or more of 3 burials). MIA pottery at the hillfort; ? C3rd BC - mid C1st BC. [C]

Reference
Rodwell 1976, 45, no. 2, fig. 2.

No. 5. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Garton Slack, N. Humberside RM

Description
Almost complete poker. The blade is oval with a flat end, broadest at about mid-blade, flat, rectangular in section. The handle is round-sectioned; the end is bent round to form a small ring of rectangular-section which supports a larger round-sectioned ring (which lies in the same plane as the blade). L 885mm (almost complete). Blade: L 135mm; W x T (max) 39 x 5.2mm; W x T (at tip) c. 32 x 5.0. Handle: L 750mm, less ring 724mm; Diam 12mm. Ring: OD 35-40mm.

Condition
Surface corroded. Slight losses from the blade edge and tip and surfaces.

Examination

Context/date
Grain silo Pit 1, handle resting on tongs No. 38 and poker No. 1. Charcoal from pit, possibly from pit lining or covering, dated 180 ± 70 b.c. (Mar-1228). [A]

Reference
Brewster 1980, 365, fig. 219, pl. 68.

No. 6. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Southcote, Berks RM

Description
Complete poker. Flat elongated blade, broadest near the handle, tapering in width to
the "flat tip"; rectangular section. The handle is round-sectioned, the distal end bent over and welded to form a ring which lies in the same plane as the blade. L 754mm (= complete). L blade frag 195mm, centre handle frag 270mm, ring frag 293mm. Blade: L 153mm (= complete); W x T (max) 44 x 4mm. Handle: L 601mm complete; Diam c. 9mm. Ring: OD 41mm.

Condition: Now in 3 pieces; recent fractures. Slight corrosion losses from blade end.

Context/date: Pit 3. Occupation date range C4th BC - C1st BC/AD. (C)

Reference: Piggott and Seaby 1937, 54, no. 4, fig. 8.

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No. 7. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Conderton Camp, Here & Worc BMAG

Description: The blade is flat and almost oval, broader towards the handle and tapering in width to the flat end; rectangular section. The neck has a marked thickening in width and the section here is rectangular. The handle is round in section, the distal end bent round to form a ring which lies in the same plane as the blade, and through it is a small second ring. L 820mm; L (to end of 1st ring) 794mm. Blade: L 122mm; W x T (max) 35.5 x 2.0mm; W (min) 19mm. Handle: L (to end of 1st ring) 672mm; Diam 9mm. First ring: OD 45mm. Second ring: OD 25-29mm.

Condition: Complete. Surface corroded; coated.

Context/date: Found during magnetometer survey 1958-9, at base of modern top soil. (C)


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No. 8. (Fig. A1) 'POKER' Madnarston, Oxon OAM: 1959.182

Description: Flat oval blade, broadest at mid-blade, rectangular section, "flat end. Thickened in width at the neck. The handle is rectangular in section near the blade, tapering and oval-sectioned along the stem. The distal end is thickened as if there had once been a terminal. Slightly bent at mid-length. L 761mm (=complete. Blade: L 105mm; W x T (max) 37.5 x 4.5mm. Handle: L 656mm; W x T (MP) 10.5 x 7.5mm.

Condition: In 3 pieces. Incomplete at handle tip. Two recent fractures across the handle. Accretions obscure surface detail.

Context/date: Part of a hoard of ironwork including 12 currency bars and an axe-head; sealed under stone floor, inner rampart in cutting 8H. Late C2nd BC. (A)

Reference: Fowler 1960, 43, no. 16, fig. 18, no. 4.

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No. 9. (Fig. A2) 'POKER' Waltham Abbey, Essex EFDN

Description: Blade and tang. Oval dished blade, broadest at mid-blade, almost flat at the end. The tang is rectangular in section near the blade, tapering to square section and pointed. L (bent) 360mm; L (if straight) 475mm. Blade: L 165mm; W (max) 73mm; T 3-4mm (6mm from tip); dish 5.5mm. Handle: L (if straight) 310mm; W x T (mean) 10mm.
**Condition**
Complete. Surface corroded.

**Context/date**
From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 29, 30, 33-37, 45, 49, 50, 58, 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late Clst BC or early Clst AD. [D]

**Reference**
Manning 1985, 12, no. A41, pl. 6.

**No. 10. (Fig. A2)**

**'POKER'**

Sheepen, Essex

**Description**
Incomplete blade and part of the decorated handle. Flat elongated blade, rectangular in section thickened longitudinally along the central axis; broadest near the handle junction. The handle is rectangular-sectioned near the blade junction, tapering to 5mm square section at the extant end. Three anticlockwise quarter twists of the decoration survive. L 269mm (inc). Blade: L 156mm (inc); W x T (max) 27 x 4.5mm, (min) 16 x 4mm. Handle: L 113mm (inc).

**Condition**
Incomplete; fractured across at both ends. Surface corroded and spalled.

**Context/date**
Region 6 Pit K14; cut into a Period I (AD 10-43) layer W of Site K1, with much 'native' material and some Claudian pottery. [CJ

**Reference**
Hawkes and Hull 1947, 343, pl. CIV, no. 8.

**No. 11. (Fig. A2)**

**'POKER'**

Sheepen, Essex

**Description**
Blade and tang. Flat elongated blade, tapering to the rounded point; rectangular section. Square-sectioned tapering tang, the shoulders concave. L 208mm. Tang: L g. 30mm (?complete). Blade: L 178mm (complete); W x T (max extant) 22 x 3.5mm.

**Condition**
Complete (or almost) at both ends. Metal core but severely corroded; many losses from the surface and the edges of the blade. Bent along the length.

**Context/date**
Region 3: unstratified in Site A4, Period IV (AD 49-61). [C]

**Reference**
Hawkes and Hull 1947, 343, pl. CIV, no. 9.

**No. 12. (Fig. A2; Plate Ib)**

**'POKER'**

Hunsbury, Northants

**NCM: D133 1957-8**

**Description**
Blade and part of the handle. Long parallel-sided flat blade, rounded at the tip. The cross-section is rectangular, thickened longitudinally along the central axis on both sides. Concave shoulders. Rectangular-sectioned handle. L 220mm (inc). Blade: L 113mm (essentially complete); W x T (max) 34 x 5mm. Handle: L 107mm (inc); W x T (at fracture) 8 x 4mm.

**Condition**
Fractured across the handle, some losses from the blade edges and tip. Stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - Clst BC/early Clst AD. [C]

**Reference**
Fell 1936, 67, no. 25.
No. 13. (Fig. A2; Plate Ib)  'POKER'  Hunsbury, Northants  NCM: D391 1956-7

Description  Part of the blade and part of the handle. Rectangular section; long tapering blade. L 180mm (inc). Blade: L 110mm (inc); W x T (max) 40.5 x 3.0mm. Handle: L 70mm (inc); W x T (at fracture) 11 x 3.5mm.

Condition  Fractured across the handle and the blade end. Stripped; losses from the blade; accretions obscure surface detail. Slightly turned at up the tip of the blade.


Context/date  Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference  Fell 1936, 67, no. 25.

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No. 14. (Fig. A2)  'POKER'  Hunsbury, Northants  BMP: 1896 4-11 89

Description  Part of the blade and part of the handle. Rectangular in section; slightly thickened along the centre of the blade (on both sides). L 223mm (inc); L (blade frag) 98mm; L (handle frag) 125mm. Blade: L (extant) 84mm; W x T (max) 53 x 4.5mm. Handle: L 139mm (inc); W x T 13 x 7mm.

Condition  Incomplete; recent fractures (in 2 pieces, no join). Accretions obscure detail.

Examination  X-ray.

Context/date  Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference  Fell 1936, 74, no. 11, pl. XIII, no. 11.

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No. 15. (Fig. A2*)  'POKER'  Sheepen, Essex  CEM

Description  Blade and part of the handle. The blade is rectangular, tapering slightly to the broad flat end. Rectangular-sectioned handle. Concave shoulders. L 152mm (inc).

Blade: L 82mm (complete); W (max) 48mm, (min) 43mm. (After Niblett 1985).

Condition  Fractured across the handle.

Context/date  Site iiia, F214, large rubbish/gravel pit dated by coarse pottery to early in period IV (AD 49-61). [E]

Reference  Niblett 1985, fig. 77, no. 7, Mf. 8.3:D7.

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No. 16. (Fig. A2; Plate Ib)  'POKER'  Hunsbury, Northants  NCM: D389 1956-7

Description  Blade and part of the handle. Flat oval blade, broader near the thickened neck. The handle is rectangular-sectioned near the neck, square thereafter; bent 70mm from the neck. L (bent, inc) 380mm, L (if straight) 397mm. Blade: L 130mm (?complete); W x T (max) 41 x 5mm. Handle: L (if straight, inc) 267mm, g. 7.5mm square.

Condition  Incomplete; fractured across the handle, spalled at the tip and along the handle. Metal core; stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.


Context/date  Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]
No. 17. (Fig. A2; Plate 1b)  'POKER'  Hunsbury, Northants  NCM: D390 1956-7

Description  Blade and part of the handle. Flat oval blade, broadest at mid-blade, thicker near the handle; rectangular in section. Thickened in width at the neck. Rectangular-sectioned handle which appears to taper. L 413mm (inc). Blade: L 118mm (complete); W x T (max) 38 x 4.5mm. Handle: L 295mm (inc); W x T (extant tip) 8.5 x 5.0mm.

Condition  Fractured or spalled at the handle tip and along the length. Metal core; stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.


Context/date  Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference  Fell 1936, 67, no. 25.

No. 18. (Fig. A2)  'POKER'  Meare Village West, Somerset  SCH

Description  Blade and handle junction. Flat oval blade, broadest at mid-blade; rectangular section. The blade end was probably rounded (but there are corrosion losses from the edges). Rectangular in section at the handle junction. L (extant) 111mm. Blade: L 90mm; W x T (max) 54 x 2.5mm.

Condition  Recent fracture across the handle. No metal core.

Context  Mound 22, NW of the central picket. Mound also yielded file No. 159, crucible sherds and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]

Reference  Gray and Bulleid 1953, 240, no. 1129, pl. L.

No. 19. (Fig. A2)  'POKER'  Hunsbury, Northants  NCM: D393 1956-7

Description  Blade and part of the handle. Flat oval blade, broadest at mid-blade. Rectangular-sectioned handle, bent at about mid-length. L 266mm (inc). Blade: L 77mm (complete); W x T (max) 44 x 3mm. Handle: L 189mm (inc); W x T 10 x 5mm.

Condition  Fractured across the handle. Metal core; stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.


Context/date  Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference  Fell 1936, 67, no. 25, pl. IV:8, no. 3.

No. 20. (Fig. A2)  'POKER'  Castle Yard, Northants  NCM: D111 1957-8

Description  Flat oval blade, broadest at mid-blade, flat end. Rectangular-sectioned handle; slightly bent. L 298mm (?complete). Blade: L 69mm; W x T (at max width) 41 x 3.5mm. Handle: L 229mm; W x T 9.5 x 4mm.

Condition  Fissured and flaking; partial metal core.

Context/date  Discovered during levelling of the western defences during the C19th. From the core
of stone-faced rampart constructed C5th BC. Found with iron slag ('several hundreds-weight of scoria of iron') of which some at least was smelting slag. [A]

Reference Knight 1988, 36, fig. 5, 1.

No. 21. (Fig. A2; Plate Ib)  'POKER' Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D392 1956-7

Description Blade and greater part of the handle. Flat, almost round blade, rectangular section. Rectangular-sectioned handle. L 417mm (inc). Blade: L 80mm; W x T (at max W) 59 x 3mm. Handle: L 337mm (inc); W x T 10 x 5mm.

Condition Incomplete at handle tip, slight losses from the blade edges. Metal core; stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.

Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference Fell 1936, 67, no. 25.

No. 22. (Fig. A2*) 'POKER' Tre'r Ceiri, Gwynedd NMW?

Description Blade and part of the handle. Round flat blade with flat end. Rectangular-sectioned handle. L 311mm (inc). Blade: L c. 82mm; W (max) c. 80mm. Handle: L 229mm (inc).

Condition Fractured across the handle and bent near the break.


Reference Hughes 1907, 48, fig. 12.

No. 23. (Fig. A2) 'POKER' Beckford, Here & Worc HW

Description Handle and part of the blade. Spatulate blade but insufficient survives to indicate the precise form or width. Concave shoulders. Complete handle, rectangular section and untapered. L 300mm (inc). Blade: L (surviving) 40mm; W x T (max, surviving) 43 x 3mm. Handle: L 260mm (?complete); W x T 9 x 7mm.

Condition Fractured across the blade and slightly spalled from the handle tip. Much fissured. Coatings obscure detail.

Examination X-ray.

Context/date (B0277701). From pit in rectangular enclosure on the west of the site. Pit assigned on basis of pottery to MIA. Foundry debris was recovered from the enclosure. [A]

Reference Publication forthcoming.

No. 24. (Fig. A2) 'POKER' Meare Village West, Somerset SCM

Description Blade and handle, in 2 pieces. The blade is rounded (edge losses), broadest near the blunt, rounded end. The handle appears to join by overlapping the blade though the published illustration and overall length suggest otherwise. The stem is rectangular-sectioned near the blade and 'square in section thickness 10mm'
Condition thereafter. L (as excavated) 630mm ?complete; L (present, with overlapped join) 590mm; L (blade frag, present) 69mm; L (handle frag, present) 554mm. Blade: L 69mm; W x T (max) 41 x 5mm. Handle: L (overlapped) 521mm; W x T (max) 8 x 8mm.

In 2 pieces with a poor join between the two; incomplete at the handle tip and fractured at the blade/handle junction; possibly complete as buried. Corrosion losses do not allow accurate assessment.

Context/date Mound 21, on 1st floor, 10ft [3.05m] SW of the central picket. Mound yielded ferrous slag, other metalworking debris (ferrous and non-ferrous), and metalworking tools were found in the adjacent mounds. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference Gray and Bulleid 1953, 240, no. 161, pl. L.

No. 25. (Fig. A2; Plate Ib) 'POKER' Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D138 1957-8

Description Blade and part of handle. ?Oval blade with ?flat end; rectangular section. The handle is rectangular in section near the blade but it expands towards the extant tip and becomes more rounded in section (though these may be the effects of corrosion losses). The handle is bent (?ancient damage). L 212mm (inc). Blade: L 58mm; W x T (max) 34 x 2.5mm. Handle: L 154mm; W x T (max) 8.5 x 7.5mm.

Fractured across the handle, surface losses from blade and handle. Metal core; stripped; coatings obscure surface detail.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference Fell 1936, 67, no. 25.

No. 26. (Fig. A2) 'POKER' Meare Village East, Somerset SCM

Description ?Part of the blade of a poker. Oval, lenticular-sectioned blade, broadest near the handle junction. Blade: L (extant) 77mm; W x T (max) 43 x 9.5mm, (at tip) 34 x 2mm.

Ancient fractures at both ends; fissured and repaired. Detail obscured by accretions.


Reference Coles 1987, 127, no. 1102, fig. 3.55.

No. 27. (Fig. A2) 'POKER' Meare Village East, Somerset SCM

Description Part of the blade and part of the handle. The blade was probably round or oval but it is now fractured across the end; the section rectangular and dished. Rectangular -sectioned handle. L 98mm (inc). Blade: L 46mm (inc); W (max) 43mm; W (tip) 30mm; T (max) 3.5mm; T (min) 2.0mm. Handle: L 52mm; W x T (extant end) 6.5 x 4.0mm.

In 2 pieces; incomplete at both ends; ancient break at blade tip, recent fracture across the handle, ?ancient break at blade/handle junction (corrosion products in situ but some recent losses at the join). Surface detail obscured by corrosion.
Context/date: Mound 17, 7ft (2.13m) NE of central picket, in black earth under the clay, Floor 1. Within 10m was hot chisel No. 99, ferrous slag, and a crucible sherd. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference: Coles 1987, 123, no. 140, fig. 3.50.

No. 28. 'POKER' Billingborough, Lincs

Description: Complete spatulate-ended poker, broken across the handle before deposition. Rectangular head. Round-sectioned handle, with one (possibly two) expansions. Ringed handle. Lengths: tip + handle frag, c. 515mm; handle tip, c. 362mm.

Context/date: The two pieces were placed alongside each other (N·S) at the bottom of a recut of an E-W Bronze Age ditch. Brackish conditions in the recut ditch. Provisionally assigned late C2nd or earlier C1st BC. [A]

Reference: Chowne 1979, 247, pl. p. 248; and pers. comm.

No. 29. (Fig. A3) POKER Waltham Abbey, Essex

Description: Complete poker, bent into a U-shape. Round-sectioned rod, tapering to a blunt point at one end and looped over to form a suspension ring at the other end. L (bent) 275mm, (if straight) c. 580mm. Stem: Diam (max) 10mm, (min) 2.7mm. Ring: OD 30mm.

Condition: Surface corroded. Bent before deposition.

Context/date: From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 30, 33-37, 45, 49, 50, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

Reference: Manning 1980, 91, fig. 3b; Manning 1985, 12, A40, pl. 6.

No. 30. (Fig. A3) POKER ? Waltham Abbey, Essex

Description: Pointed tip of a ?poker, bent into a U-shape. Round in cross-section and tapering over the distal c. 80mm to a point, the final 2mm of which is bent over. L (bent) 165mm, (if straight) c. 275mm. Diam 7mm. (Not part of any tongs from the group).

Condition: Surface corroded at the tip but heavily concreted with gravel at the other end, where the core is substantially voided. Traces of corroded fibrous core suggest that the diameter here was also 7mm. Corrosion fracture. Bent before deposition.

Context/date: From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 33-37, 45, 49, 50, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

Reference: Manning 1985, 104, P30, pl. 49.

No. 31. (Fig. A3) ?POKER HANDLE Fiskerton, Lincs

Description: Two rods of similar cross-section, found within 0.15m of each other, which together
may be a poker. SF288/B: inc rod with an off-set suspension loop. The section is square on the bend, round along the slightly tapering stem. L 170mm; Diam (max, MP) 11mm. SF312/B: inc at both ends, round section. L 101mm; Diam 9.5mm.

Condition Both fragments are severely corroded and substantially voided.

Examination X-ray (1981-3).

Context/date From possible ritual deposit(s) found near C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 54, 55, 62, 71, 128, 135, 142, 145 and 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 32. (Fig. A3) POKER Sutton Walls, Here & Worc HCM: 6747

Description Part of a poker handle. Round-sectioned rod bent over to form a ring at one end. L 274mm (inc). Stem: Diam 9mm. Ring: OD 45mm.

Condition Ancient fracture across stem, losses from the end of the ring. Stripped.

Context/date Area 1 Pit 1, from packing of a post-hole. Associated pottery mid C1st AD. [E]

Reference Kenyon 1953, 61, no. 6, fig. 24.

No. 33. (Fig. A3) TONGS Waltham Abbey, Essex EMDF

Description Complete tongs (in 3 pieces), curved jaws. The intact jaw and rein is bent 3 times along the rein; the other rein is in 2 pieces. The jaws are rectangular-sectioned with short flat extensions and flat tips. The intact rein is rectangular-sectioned and tapering, the distal 25mm is round-sectioned and tapering to a point. The fractured rein is rounded-rectangular in section throughout its length and retains the rivet head in situ. L (if straight) c. 550mm; (jaw frag 345mm, rein tip 206mm) Jaws: L (to rivet) 140mm; L x W (inside jaw, est.) c. 95 x 30mm; L extensions c. 15mm. Reins: L (to rivet, if straight) c. 405mm (intact) and c. 411mm (broken).

Condition Complete; in 3 pieces; damaged in antiquity. Superficially corroded (+ haematite).

Context/date From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 34-37, 45, 49, 50, 58, 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

References Manning 1980, 89, fig. 1, c-d; Manning 1985, 8, A13, pl. 3.

No. 34. (Fig. A4) TONGS Waltham Abbey, Essex BMP

Description Incomplete tongs with open bowed jaws and short gripping extension. Rectangular-sectioned jaws with flat tips. One rein is fractured close to the rivet, the other is bent twice along the length. The reins are square-sectioned near the jaws; the extant rein is round in section away from the jaws, tapering along the length. Rivet in situ. L (if straight) c. 600mm. Jaws: L (to rivet) c. 122mm; L x W 323
(inside jaw, if closed) c. 80 x c. 45mm; L (flat extension) 20mm & 24mm. Reins:
L (to rivet, if straight) 478mm (complete), 50mm (inc).

Condition Damaged in antiquity; nearly severed through the metal at one bend. One complete rein. Superficially corroded. Some ?haematite present.

Context/date From probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33, 35-37, 45, 49, 50, 58, 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

References Manning 1980, 89, fig. 2a; Manning 1985, 8, A14, pl. 4.

No. 35. (Fig. A4) TONGS Waltham Abbey, Essex BMP

Description Incomplete tongs with closed bowed jaws and short gripping extension. Rectangular-sectioned jaws with flat tips which are now off-set. One rein has an ancient fracture close to the rivet, the other is bent through a right angle close to the rivet and bent again in a different plane near to the end. The reins are rectangular-sectioned close to the rivet, round-sectioned thereafter, the extant rein slightly tapering. Rivet in situ. L (if straight) c. 560mm. Jaws: L (to rivet) 100mm; L x W (inside jaw) 68 x 38mm; L 17 mm (flat extension). Reins: L (to rivet, if straight) c. 460mm (complete) & 105mm (inc).

Condition Damaged in antiquity; the metal is partly severed at one bend. One complete rein. Superficially corroded. Some ?haematite near the rivet and on the grips.

Context/date From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 45, 49, 50, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

References Manning 1980, 89, fig. 2b; Manning 1985, 8, A12, pl. 2.

No. 36. (Fig. A4) TONGS Waltham Abbey, Essex EFDM

Description Incomplete tongs; one jaw and part of the rein. The jaw is bowed with a flat gripping extension and flat tip. Rectangular-sectioned at the jaw and the rein junction, thereafter the rein is round in section. L 281mm (inc). Jaw: L (to rivet) 173mm; L x W (inside jaw, if complete, est.) c. 130 x c. 50mm; L (flat extension) 30mm.

Condition Incomplete; bent and fractured in antiquity. Superficially corroded.

Context/date From probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-35, 37, 45, 49, 50, 58, 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

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slender jaws, closed (to within 4mm) at the flat tips. The reins are rectangular in section near the rivet, round-sectioned thereafter and they are inclined towards each other, the tips almost meeting. Rivet in situ. There are traces of mineralised textile on the upper side (as excavated) of the reins, and there is a lump of iron slag near the rivet on the reverse side. L 513mm. Jaws: L (to rivet) 110mm; L x W (inside jaw) 47 x 21mm; L (flat gripping faces) c. 50mm. Dimensions from X-ray. Reins: L (to rivet) 403mm; Diam at tips c. 8mm. COUPLER: Plate with 3 equally spaced, circular or rounded-rectangular holes, c. 9mm across. Mineralised textile survives on one side. L 90mm; W 20mm; T c. 4-6mm. Dimensions from X-ray.

Condition TONGS: Much fissured; now fractured (in 5 frags). Accretions in situ.
COUPLER: Complete as excavated but now fissured.


Context/date Cemetery, Burial R154, young ?male inhumation, E/W, extended. Other grave finds: iron sword, two spearheads, hammerhead No. 78, possible wooden shield. Tongs placed over the sword, to right of centre body; the coupler adjacent to the inside of one of the reins, close to the jaws. Burial dates to 1st BC. (A)

References Stead 1976; Stead 1979, 11-15; Fell in Stead forthcoming (FD/BY + FD/CD, fig. 109).

No. 41. (Fig. A5) TONGS Santon, Norfolk CAA

Description Incomplete tongs, bowed jaws with flat gripping extension. Rectangular-sectioned, closed jaws. The reins are rectangular-sectioned throughout, slightly inclined towards each other. L 336mm (extant). Jaws: L (extant, to rivet) 70mm; L x W (inside jaw) 42 x 28mm. Reins: L (to rivet, extant) 266mm and 200mm.

Condition Stripped and coated. Much fissured. Fractured across the gripping extension (a fracture on one jaw indicates out-turned form, i.e. flat gripping faces). Fractured across the shorter rein and possibly also the other (coatings obscure detail).

Context/date From a hoard of metalwork found in a cauldron, including tongs No. 42, hammer No. 85, file No. 136, scrap copper alloy, and other metalwork including late Iron Age types, and early Roman types (e.g. Claudian brooches). Deposition c. AD 60. (E)

Reference Smith 1909, 158, pl. XVII:1 (bottom).

No. 42. TONGS Santon, Norfolk missing

Description Small tongs, closed bowed jaws with flat gripping extension. Open reins. L 6½in [165mm] (incomplete at both ends). Jaws: L (est.) 45mm.

Context/date From a hoard of metalwork found in a cauldron, including tongs No. 41, hammer No. 85, file No. 136, scrap copper alloy, and other metalwork including late Iron Age types, and early Roman types (e.g. Claudian brooches). Deposition c. AD 60. (E)

Reference Smith 1909, 158, pl. XVII:1 (second from bottom).
No. 43. (Fig. A5)  TONGS  Llyn Cerrig Bach, Gwynedd  NMW: 44.294.33

Description  Almost complete tongs, circular jaws with flat circular gripping faces. The jaws are rectangular-sectioned at the rivet becoming round-sectioned and thicker towards the faces. Tapering rectangular-sectioned reins, square in section at the extant ends; bent. Rivet missing. L 212mm (inc). Jaws: L 51mm; L x W (inside jaw) 20 x 26mm; Diam gripping faces 14mm. Reins: L 161mm and 147mm.

Condition  Substantial metal core. Stripped and some losses. Both reins incomplete; one (L 161mm) was fractured across in antiquity the other is corrosion damaged.


Context/date  From probable ritual deposit(s) of metalwork, including individual items which date stylistically to C2nd BC - early C1st AD. See also tongs No. 39. [C]

References  Fox 1946, 41-2, 96, no. 132, pls VI and XXIX; Savory 1976a, 59-60, 18:33+19:4, fig. 22, 1.

No. 44. (Fig. A5)  TONGS REIN  Twyn-y-Gaer, Gwent

Description  Single rein; fractured across the rivet hole and across the rein end. Rectangular section. L 172mm.

Condition  Ancient fracture across rivet hole. Recent fracture across rein.


Context/date  Not known. Occupation date: C5th - C3rd BC or later. [B]

References  L. Probert forthcoming; (Probert 1976, 115).

No. 45. (Fig. A6)  BLOCK ANVIL  Waltham Abbey, Essex  EFDM

Description  Rectangular flat face rounded at the edges, with a few hammer marks, undulations, and shallow fissures. Tapering to a shoulder at about mid-height. Flat sub-rectangular base. Close to the base there is an oval eye. Ht 129mm. Wt 4320g.

Face: c. 105 x 91mm. Eye: 27 x 21mm. Base: 70 x 18/25mm.

Condition  Superficially corroded. Some ?haematite and hammer-scale present.

Context/date  From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-37, 49, 50, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

References  Manning 1980, 91, fig. 3c; Manning 1985, 3, A1, pl. 1.

No. 46. (Fig. A6)  BLOCK ANVIL  Bigbury, Kent  MM

Description  Tapering rectangular-sectioned block with a loop at the base. Accretions obscure detail but the X-radiograph suggests that the body narrows sharply towards the base and the loop extends downwards around the base. The face is roughly square, flat or possibly undulating, rounded at the edges(?), and unburied(?). Ht 147mm. Wt 2270g.
No. 47. (Fig. A6) BLOCK ANVIL Barbury Castle, Wilts DM
Description Slightly convex square face, thickened and much burred. A substantial part of the face and stem is missing. Evenly tapered rectangular-sectioned stem, hooked base.
Ht 143mm. Wt 1010g. Face: max dimension 80mm, below burr 54mm.
Condition Superficially corroded. Severely fractured (ancient damage) and deeply fissured down one side. Incomplete at the 'hooked' tip.
Context/date From a group of ironwork, possibly a metalworker's hoard, including Nos 75, 208, 209, 210, 213 and 217. Circumstances of discovery not known. Later Iron Age. [C]
Reference Macgregor and Simpson 1963, 396, no. 26, fig. 2.

No. 48. (Fig. A6) STEMMED ANVIL Meare Village East, Somerset SCM
Description The anvil face is flat and essentially square at the rear, rounded at the edges; tapering inwards and curving downwards and to the tip of the beak. Round-sectioned beak, rounded tip. Rectangular-sectioned stem, tapering to the incomplete base.
Ht 153mm. Wt 1770g. Face: L 118mm; W (max) 58mm; beak extension c. 60mm.
Condition Substantial metal core. Surface fissured and spalled, recent corrosion damage across the base. Corrosion products obscure the tip of the beak and other detail.
Context/date Mound 30, 18ft (5.48m) NNW of the central picket. Found at the bottom of the clay, on the surface or just above the surface of the black earth. Mound also yielded file No. 160 and crucible sherds. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]
Reference Coles 1987, 127, no. 170, fig. 3.53.

No. 49. (Fig. A7) STEMMED ANVIL-SWAGE Waltham Abbey, Essex BMP
Description The anvil face is flat at the rear, rounded at the edges; tapering, slightly curved downwards to the tip of the round-sectioned beak. The stem is triangular-sectioned with rounded corners, tapering to an almost circular flat base. The flat rear side of the anvil has two parallel transverse swage grooves which are semi-circular in section. The upper (25mm from the anvil face): L 55mm, W 6mm (MP), 7mm (at the ends), D c. 3.5mm. The other (55mm from the anvil face): L 44mm, W 8mm, D c. 4mm. There are 3 semi-circular depressions on the broad sides of the anvil: one side has...
a hemi-spherical depression (Diam 12mm, D 7mm), the other side has an oval (12 x 18mm, D 9mm) and a kidney-shaped (17 x 9mm, D 6.5mm) depression. Ht 188mm. Wt 2307g. Face: L 158mm; W (max) 62mm. Base: Diam 22-25mm.

Condition Superficially corroded.

Context/date From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-37, 45, 50, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late Clst BC or early Clst AD. [D] Manning 1980, 91-3, fig. 3d; Manning 1985, 4, no. A2, pl. 1.

References

No. 50. (Fig. A7) STEMMED ANVIL-SWAGE Waltham Abbey, Essex BMP

Description Part of the anvil face is missing but in plan it is wedge-shaped, flat at the rear and tapering to the tip of the beak. The rear and the side of the anvil face are slightly burred, and the tip of the beak is burred over. The stem is rectangular-sectioned, tapering to a flat base. The rear side of the anvil has two parallel transverse swage grooves which are semi-circular in section. One is 60mm from the anvil face, W 2mm, D 0.8mm. The other is 66mm from the anvil face, W 5mm, D 2mm. Ht 147mm. Wt 848g. Face: L 115mm, W (max) 63mm. Base: 22 x 15/18mm.


Context/date From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-37, 45, 49, 58 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late Clst BC or early Clst AD. [D] References Manning 1980, 91-3, fig. 3e; Manning 1985, 4, A3, pl. 1.

No. 51. (Fig. A7) ANVIL ? Danebury, Hants OIA

Description Fragment of a ?stemmed anvil: the rear part of the upper (flat) rectangular face and part of the rectangular-sectioned stem. The sides and the rear face also appear to be flat. Possibly curving to the ?beak and also to the stem. L (inc) 112mm. Upper face: W (max, extant) c. 54mm. Rear face: L x W (extant) c. 54 x c. 35mm.

Condition Corrosion fractured. Accretions in situ.


No. 52. (Fig. A7) ANVIL ? Meare Village East, Somerset SCM

Description Possible stemmed anvil, in 2 pieces. 'Large piece of squared iron' (Gray's catalogue entry). There is a possible join between the two pieces (the smaller frag fitting to the narrow end of the larger piece). Wt (together) 666g. Large frag: (max, extant) 101 x 52 x 45mm; 3 flat faces, fractured on the 4th face and across the broad end. Small frag: (max, extant) 62 x 35 x 22mm; one flat face.
Condition Substantial metal core but much fissured and fractured.

Context/date Mound 10, 11/ft [3.5m] SW of the central picket, Floor 1. Mound also yielded file No. 120. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference Coles 1987, 120, no. 19, fig. 3.47.

No. 53. (Fig. A7) BENCH ANVIL ? Bagendon, Glos CMC: A 342/10

Description Rectangular burred face, slightly convex. Tapering rectangular-sectioned stem. L 104mm. Face: (max) 22 x 20.5mm, (behind burr) 17 x 14mm.

Condition Substantial metal core. Stripped and coated, surface losses, fractured at the tip.

Context/date Not stated, but considered to be related to the Dobunnic mint. Mid C1st AD. [E]

Reference Clifford 1961, 192, pl. XLVI.

No. 54. (Fig. A7) BENCH ANVIL ? Fiskerton, Lincs XX

Description The stem is roughly square in section, becoming octagonal near the flat face, and tapering to oval section at the rounded tip. The stem is slightly bent near the tip. L 90.4mm. Face: 15.5 x 14.0mm.

Condition Superficially corroded.


Context/date SF 384. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 62, 71, 128, 135, 142, 145 and 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. Context 331; 4m away from the main group of tools, with two axeheads. [A]

Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 55. (Fig. A7) TOP-SWAGE Fiskerton, Lincs XX

Description Tapering stem, rectangular-sectioned at the head, changing to round section 25mm from the tip. Semi-circular groove at the tip. Slightly bent stem. L 100mm.

Condition Totally corroded, fissured, partly voided; the upper part distorted by corrosion pressures. Fractured; losses from the head and for 35mm down one side.


Context/date SF 384. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 62, 71, 128, 135, 142, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

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No. 56. (Fig. A8)  
**SET HAMMER**  
*Bulbury, Dorset*  
**DCM: 1884.9.117**

**Description**  
Hammerhead with two square faces, both slightly convex. Oval eye, off-set to one end. Both faces are thickened (?by use). L 153mm. Wt 2852g. Work face: 61 x 58mm, irregular outline but ?originally c. 61mm square. Butt: 55 x 56mm.

**Condition**  
Complete. Stripped and coated, some losses from the edges of the faces.

**Examination**  

**Context/date**  
From possible hoard(s) which may include also hammer No. 57; ?later Iron Age. [D]

**References**  
Cunliffe 1972, 302, no. 16, fig. 6; Cunliffe 1974, fig. 14:4, 1.

No. 57. (Fig. A8)  
**SET HAMMER**  
*Bulbury, Dorset*  
**DCM: 1884.9.118**

**Description**  
Incomplete hammerhead with two rectangular faces. ?Oval eye. L 151mm (inc). Wt 837g. Work face: fractured across the face; ?cross pein. Butt: 32 x 45mm, slightly convex, losses from the corners; angled (possibly through use).

**Condition**  
Stripped and coated, severe losses. Eye filled with accretions.

**Examination**  

**Context/date**  
From possible hoard(s) which may include also hammer No. 56; ?later Iron Age. [D]

**Reference**  
Cunliffe 1972, 302, no. 17, fig. 6.

No. 58. (Fig. A8)  
**SWAGE-HAMMER**  
*Waltham Abbey, Essex*  
**BMP**

**Description**  
Hammerhead with a sub-rectangular plain face and a square face with a swage groove. On the side of the hammer close to the square face is a second swage groove. The eye is off-set to the swage-face and there are slight traces of the wooden handle. L 123mm. Wt 1533g. Plain face: 44 x 48mm (behind burr), 46 x 50mm (+ burr); rounded corners; convex; thickened, burred. Swage-face: 45mm square, rounded edges and corners; convex, c. 80mm R; slightly burred. Central vertical groove, semi-circular section (c. 4mm Diam), 4.8 - 7mm W (broader at the ends). Side swage: semi-circular section (c. 3.5mm Diam), 4.0 - 4.5mm W (broader at centre).

**Condition**  
Complete. Superficial corrosion. Some red corrosion products (?haematite).

**Context/date**  
From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-37, 45, 49, 50 and 141), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late Clst BC or early Clst AD. [D]

**References**  
Manning 1980, 93, fig. 3, f; Manning 1985, 5, A4, pl. 1.

No. 59. (Fig. A9)  
**HAMMER**  
*Hod Hill, Dorset*  
**BMP: P1975 7-1 4**

**Description**  
Hammerhead with two much burred rectangular faces - a cross pein and a straight pein. Large oval eye which is off-set to the small face; expanded about the eye. The front and rear sides are curved to the front. L 124mm. Wt 844g. Straight pein: c. 36 x c. 47mm (13mm behind burr), 43 x 59mm (+ burr); thickened
and burred; convex, the edges well-rounded, the centre rather flatter. Cross pein: c. 22 x c. 19mm (7mm behind burr), 31 x 21mm (+ burr); convex; burred.

Condition Complete. Substantial metal core.

Context/date From hoard of ironwork found at Hod Hill during World War II. Associated items: hooked block, shaft-hole axehead, currency bar, knife, bill-hook. ?Later IA. [C]

Reference C. Saunders forthcoming.

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No. 60. (Fig. A9)  
**HAMMER**  
Danebury, Hants  
OIA

Description Hammerhead with two rectangular faces - a cross pein and a straight pein. Arced front, straight at the rear, expanded about the eye. The eye is oval, extended at the ends, and is off-set to the straight pein. L 102mm. Wt 381g. Cross-pein: 18.5 x 12.5mm; convex, rounded edges, no burr. Straight-pein: 13.5 x 25mm; convex, rounded edges, slightly thickened.

Condition Complete. Superficial corrosion.

Context/date DA90 SF1656 Pit 1586, ceramic phase 6-7 (400 - 100/50 BC). [A]

Reference B. Cunliffe forthcoming (no. 2.252).

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No. 61. (Fig. A9)  
**HAMMER**  
Hunsbury, Northants  
NCM: D137 1957-8

Description Incomplete hammerhead, fractured near the eye; one extant rectangular cross pein. Steeply angled at the front, the apex above the eye, slightly angled at the rear. Expanded about the eye. The oval eye retains traces of the wooden handle and there are 2 iron wedges in situ. L 176mm (inc). Wt 338g. Cross pein: 23 x 8.5mm, 23 x 9.0mm (+ burr); flat, angled away from the front; slight burr at the front edge.

Condition Stripped and coated. Metal core; surface layers lost.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference Unpublished.

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No. 62. (Fig. A9; Plate IIa)  
**HAMMER**  
Fiskerton, Lincs  
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Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a much burred, broad rectangular cross pein. Arced, the faces angled away from the front. The rounded-rectangular eye retains part of the handle (mature Rosaceae sub-family Pomoidea). and 2 iron wedges. Expanded about the eye. L 180mm. Wt 476g. Narrow cross pein: 27 x 9mm; convex c. 90mm R (L), c. 12mm R (W), rounded edges, flatter at lower centre. Broad cross pein: 27 x 16mm (behind burr), 34 x 21mm (+ burr); flat.

Condition Complete. Surface corroded only; detail is very well-preserved.

SF403. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 71, 128, 135, 142, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Field 1986, fig. 16; V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 63. (Fig. A10) HAMMER Bigbury, Kent MCM: 35809

Description Hammerhead with a rectangular cross pein and a square face. Possibly a single-faced hammer, the square face non-functional. Slightly arced at the front and rear, the square face angled away from the front. Rounded-rectangular eye, off-set well to the square face; expanded about the eye. L 120mm. Wt 326g. Cross pein: 25 x 10mm; convex c. 25mm R (L). Square face: 19 x 19mm; ?flat; damaged, ?slightly splayed.

Condition Complete. Stripped; substantial metal core, stringers clearly visible.


Context/date Discovered during gravel quarrying in 1895. Found with hammer No. 68, possibly with chisel No. 95, spearheads, a dagger, an axehead and agricultural implements. Probably mid/late C1st BC date. [C]

References Boyd Dawkins 1902, 214, pl. 1, 2e; (Jessop 1932, 97-8); Thompson 1983, 265, fig. 14, 17, pl. XXXIV, a.

No. 64. (Fig. A10) HAMMER Casterley Camp, Wilts DM

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and an almost square face. Angled at the front, straight at the rear; both faces angled away from the front. The oval eye is off-set to the broad face. L 128mm. Wt 174g. Cross pein: 14 x 5.5mm; convex. 'Square' face: 17 x 20mm (behind burr), 20.5 x 20.5mm (+ burr); flat.

Condition Complete. Stripped, slight losses from the surface.

Context/date Bottom of ditch 8a, with ashes and iron slag. ?Phase 2: ?early/mid C1st AD. [D]

Reference Cunnington 1913, 103, pl. VIII, 1.

No. 65. (Fig. A10) HAMMER King Harry Lane, Herts BMP

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a broad rectangular straight pein. Steeply angled at the front, the apex above the eye, the rear almost straight; both faces angled away from the front. Rounded-rectangular eye. L 86mm (almost complete). Wt 130g (+ accretions). Cross-pein: L c. 17mm (from iron stains), W c. 6mm (from X-ray); recent fracture across the face but the X-ray suggests that it was originally convex c. 5mm R. Straight pein: 14.5 x 17mm (3mm behind burr), 16 x 20mm (+ burr); ?flat; thickened and burred; flaked.

Condition Metal core; much fissured; fractured along the sides and the cross pein. Accretions obscure detail; bone from the burial is attached to the front.

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Examination X-ray (1972).

Context/date AA35: AA/HS. Cemetery, Burial 295 (adult cremation in box). Other grave finds: nail from a burnt item, short iron tube, Samian platter dated to AD 50-65, and the "box" (defined by iron fittings). Phase 4a of cemetery (after AD 60). [D]

References Stead and Rigby 1989, 110-1, 346, fig. 147; Fell 1989, 106-7.

No. 66. (Fig. A10; Plate IIIa) HAMMER Ham Hill, Somerset SCM

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a squared, almost square face. Steeply angled at the front, the apex to one side of the eye, the rear side almost straight. The rectangular eye if off-set well to the squared face and retains traces of the hafting, and an iron wedge. L 119mm (= complete). Wt 92g. Cross pein: 13.5 x 2.6mm; convex. "Square" face: 10.0 x 11.0mm (4mm behind burr), 13 x 14mm (+ burr); thickened and burred; c. flat; angled away from the front.

Condition Metal core; stripped and coated. Surface losses from the faces.


Context/date A1517. Context not recorded. Form suggests Iron Age date. [C]


No. 67. (Fig. A10) HAMMER Whitcombe, Dorset DCM

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a square face. Angled at the front, the rear straight. The oval eye is off-set well to the square face and it retains part of the hafting of mature Fraxinus (ash) and 3 iron wedges. The handle survives for a length of 41mm, of which 13mm extends to the rear of the hammerhead. Traces of mineralised fibres (?fleece) on the uppermost side as buried. L 111mm. Wt 142g. Cross pein: L 8mm; convex c. 2mm R (W), almost wedge-like, may have a slight bevel at the tip of the face. Square face: 13 x 13mm with rounded sides; flat, rounded edges especially at the rear; unburred.

Condition Complete. Metal core; well-preserved detail.


Context/date Cemetery, Burial 12. Young male inhumation, SE, crouched. Other grave goods: file No. 131, sword, scabbard fittings and suspension rings, spearhead, copper alloy brooch and unidentified artifact, chalk disc. Burial probably dates to first half Clst AD. [B]

References (Aitken 1967; Collis 1972, 125-6, fig. 2; Whimster 1981, 261-2, 345-6); Aitken and Stead forthcoming.

No. 68. (Fig. A10) HAMMER Bigbury, Kent McM: 35810

Description Hammerhead with a rectangular cross pein and a much burred square face. Central
rounded-rectangular eye; the published illustration (Boyd Dawkins 1902) suggests that it then retained part of the hafting plus wedge(s). L 104mm. Wt 132g. Cross pein: 15 x 9mm; convex £· 15mm R (L), £· 10mm R (W). Square face: 16 x 16mm (behind burr), £· 22mm Diam (+ burr); flat; angled to the front of the hammer. Condition Complete. Stripped; substantial metal core, stringers clearly visible. Examination Analysis: Ehrenreich 1985, 207, B13a and B13b. Metallography: Appendix B, S21-S23. Context/date Discovered during gravel quarrying in 1895. Found with hammer No. 63, possibly with chisel No. 95, spearheads, a dagger, an axehead and agricultural implements. Probably mid/late 1st BC. References Boyd Dawkins 1902, 214, pl. 1, 2e; (Jessop 1932, 97-8); Thompson 1983, 265, fig. 14, 18, pl. XXXIV, a.

No. 69. (Fig. A10*) HAMMER Midsummer Hill, Here & Worc BMAG
Description 'Corroded hammer head generally the same as ... [No. 70 below] ... but with one end pointed' (Stanford 1981, 128.) L £· 92mm (?complete); rectangular section; one cross pein (?); the eye elongated (after Stanford 1981, fig. 59). Condition Now (1985) very severely corroded, fissured and fractured. Context/date SF145. T31 layer 39, filling of F25 phase v and vi posthole of hut 8, 1st BC. [C]

No. 70. (Fig. A10*) HAMMER Midsummer Hill, Here & Worc BMAG
Description 'Iron hammer head in good condition with an oval slot for the handle measuring 5 x 17 mm. There is an oval-section iron wedge in the slot.... Both ends ... are flat ... swollen sides ....' (Stanford 1981, 126). L £· 89mm (complete); two rectangular cross peins; the front slightly arced (after Stanford 1981, fig. 59). Condition Now (1985) very severely corroded, fissured and fractured. Context/date SF85. Unstratified in T33 ('probably Iron Age'). [C]
Reference Stanford 1981, 126, fig. 59, 1.

No. 71. (Fig. A11; Plate Iia) HAMMER Fiskerton, Lincs XX
Description Hammerhead with a rectangular cross pein and a ball pein. Slight expansion about central rounded-rectangular eye. Arced, the faces angled away from the front. L 183mm. Wt 70g. Cross pein: 11.5 x 5mm (behind burr), 12 x 5.5mm (+ burr); convex £· 30mm R (L), £· 10mm R (W), rounded edges; slight burr. Ball-face: 10.5/10mm Diam (max., 2mm from the tip of the face); curvature £· 7.5mm R. Condition Complete. Metal core at each face but the central third is severely corroded. Examination X-ray (1981-3). Metallography: Appendix B, S24-S26. Context/date SF332. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a 5th/4th BC causeway. Group
includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 128, 135, 142, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 72. (Fig. A11) HAMMER Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D141 1957-8

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a round face (probably a ball pein). The front and rear are smoothly arced, the faces angled away from the front. Rounded-rectangular eye; hour-glass form. L 143mm. Wt 43g. Cross pein: spalled at the edges, the original form cannot be accurately determined, c. 9 x c. 3mm. Round face: Diam c. 5mm; much spalled, the extant lower third is convex and unburred.

Condition Complete. Metal core; much fissured and spalled. Coatings obscure surface detail.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [C]

Reference Unpublished.

No. 73. (Fig. A11; Plate IIb) HAMMER Bredon Hill, Glos BMAG

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a sub-round face. Steeply angled at the front and rear, the apex above the eye. Both faces are angled away from the front, and also angled across the faces (?wear). Elongated oval eye, hour-glass form; expanded about the eye. L 136mm. Wt 40g. Cross pein: 8.3 x 2.3mm; damaged, losses from the edges; convex, c. 3mm R overall, well-rounded edges. Sub-round face: 9.8 x 8.0mm (behind burr), 10 x 8.2mm (+ burr); convex, c. 15mm R overall, well-rounded edges. Behind the face the cross-section is rounded-square.

Condition Complete. Substantial metal core, slight surface losses; coatings obscure surface.


Context/date Unstratified occupation area behind inner rampart, c. end C1st BC. [A]

Reference Hencken 1938, 73, no. 4, fig. 6.

No. 74. HAMMER Bredon Hill, Glos lost

Description Possibly like No. 73.

Context/date Unstratified occupation area behind inner rampart, c. end C1st BC. [A]

Reference Hencken 1938, 74, no. 5.

No. 75. HAMMER Barbury Castle, Wilts lost

Description 'A neat hammerhead (cf. Bredon fig. 6)' Grinsell in accession book at Devizes Museum. Thus, possibly like No. 73 or No. 77 (?)

Context/date From a group of ironwork, possibly a metalworker's hoard, comprising Nos 47, 208,
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<td>Slender ?hammerhead; both ‘faces’ are rectangular and cross-peined, well-rounded and may be slightly angled or worn, but neither appears to be burred. Rectangular section, expanding about the rectangular eye, which is off-set well to one end. Slightly curved along the length. Within the eye is part of the mineralised hafting of mature Pomoideae family, e.g. apple, pear (J. Watson, pers. comm.). L 82mm. Narrow face: £. 5 x £. 1.5mm. Broader face: £. 6 x £. 4mm.</td>
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<td>Cemetery, Burial R154 young ?male inhumation, E/W, extended. Hammer by right</td>
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humerus. Other grave finds: tongs and coupler (No. 40), sword, 2 spearheads, possible wooden shield. Burial dates to 1st BC. [A]

References Stead 1976; Stead 1979, 11-15; Fell in Stead forthcoming (FD/CD, fig. 109).

No. 79. (Fig. A11) HAMMER King Harry Lane, Herts BMP

Description Hammerhead with a narrow rectangular cross pein and a square face. Steeply angled at the front and rear, the apex above the eye, the faces angled away from the front. The eye is circular but slit at the ends. L 60mm. Wt 20g. Cross pein: L 7.5mm; 1.5mm bevel on the rear side and along the face, rounded on front side; convex over width. Square face: 7 x 7mm beneath accretions; unburred.

Condition Complete. Metal core; fissured and fractured. Accretions obscure the surface.

Examination X-ray (1968).

Context/date Cemetery, Burial 456 (inurned adult cremation). Other grave finds: 2 iron nails, imported Barbotine beaker (the urn). Phase 2 of cemetery (AD 30–55). [D]

References Stead and Rigby 1989, 390, fig. 178; Fell 1989, 107.

No. 80. (Fig. A11) HAMMER Oare, Wilts DM

Description Hammerhead with two rectangular cross peins. Steeply angled at the front, the apex above the eye, the rear straight. The oval eye tapers from the front to the rear. L 82.5mm. Wt 50g. Larger face: 11.5 x 6.0mm; convex; spalled, ?burred at rear of face. Smaller face: 9.5/8.5 x 6.0mm (broader at front); angled to the front.

Condition Complete. Metal core; surface losses from the larger face.

Context/date From a rubbish pit from presumed adjacent occupation. Pottery from pit dates to early and mid 1st AD. Some iron slag in the pit. [D]

Reference Cunnington 1909, 134, pl. 11, E.

No. 81. (Fig. A12) HAMMER Hod Hill, Dorset BMP: 1892 9-1 1262

Description Hammerhead with two much thickened and burred faces; both rectangular, a cross pein and a straight pein (inferred from the cross-section behind the faces). Angled at the front, the apex above the central oval eye; straight at the rear. L 66mm. Wt 42g. Cross-pein: 10 x 6.5mm (8mm behind burr), 14 x 7mm (+ burr); convex; angled away from the front. Straight-pein: 9 x 11mm (7mm behind burr), 12 x 13mm (+ burr).

Condition Complete. Metal core; fissured and surface flaked. Accretions obscure the faces.

Context/date Surface find from ploughing; may be Iron Age or from the Claudian fort. Form suggests Iron Age date. (Durden Coll. 44.689.) [C]

References Brailsford 1962, 14, 640; Manning 1985, 6, A7, pl. 2.
No. 82. (Fig. A12)  HAMMER  Rudston, N. Humberside  BMP

Description  Hammerhead with a square face and a rectangular straight pein. Angled at the front, the apex above the eye; arced at the rear; faces angled away from the front. The eye is oval and retains part of the hafting of mature *Buxus* sp. [Box] (J. Watson pers comm.) and two (iron?) wedges. L 73mm. Wt 43g. Square face: 8 x 8mm; flat, burred. Straight pein: 7 x 10mm; damaged, losses.

Condition  Complete. Metal core; corroded and fissured. Accretions partly obscure detail.


References  Stead 1976; Stead 1979, 11-15; Fell in Stead forthcoming (FG/BY, fig. 105).

No. 83. (Fig. A12)  HAMMER  Hod Hill, Dorset  BMP: 1892 9-1 1263

Description  Hammerhead with a square(?) face and a rectangular straight pein (inferred from the cross-section behind the burred faces). Arced at the front, the rear essentially straight. Both faces are angled away from the front and are thickened and much burred. L 77mm. Wt 60g. Square face: 11 x 11mm (7mm behind burr), 14 x 14mm (+ burr); ?originally square but now slightly damaged. Straight pein: (6mm behind burr) 7 x 11mm, (+ burr) 12 x 14mm.

Condition  Complete. Metal core; flaked faces and sides.

Context/date  Surface find from ploughing; may be Iron Age or from the Claudian fort. Form suggests Iron Age date. (Durden Coll. 44.688.) [C]

References  Brailsford 1962, 14, G41, fig. 13; Manning 1985, 6, AB, pl. 2..

No. 84. (Fig. A12)  HAMMER  Glastonbury, Somerset  SCM

Description  Hammerhead with a broad rectangular cross pein and an almost square (straight-peined) face. Arced, the faces angled away from the front; expanded about the eye. Large, elongated oval eye which retains traces of carbonised wood. L 58mm. Wt 17g. Cross pein: 8.5 x 7mm (behind burr), 12 x 10mm (+ burr); convex, g. 12mm R. 'Square face': 9.5 x 10mm (behind burr), 13.5 x 13.5mm (+ burr); convex, g. 12mm R.

Condition  Complete. Metal core; fissured; distorted through corrosion. ?Haematite present.


Context/date  Mound 70, 5½ft [1.68m] N of the central picket, in the peat under the clay floors. Found within 10m of ferrous slag and a crucible. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference  Bulleid & Gray 1911, fig. 4B, 190; 1917, 380-1, 190.

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No. 85.  
Description  
Hammerhead, fractured near the eye. Published photograph suggests this may be a hammerhead though it is described as a pick-head.

Context/date  
From a hoard of metalwork found in a cauldron, including tongs Nos 41 and 42, file No. 136, scrap copper alloy, and other metalwork comprising late Iron Age, and early Roman types (e.g. Claudian brooches). Deposition c. AD 60. [E]

Reference  
Smith 1909, 158, pl. XVII, 1 (centre).

No. 86. (Fig. A12; Plate IIb)  
Description  
Hammerhead with an almost square face and a burred sub-rectangular straight pein. Arched at front and rear, the faces angled away from the front. Expanded about the rectangular eye. L 82mm (complete). Wt 172g. Square face: 18 x 17mm, now rather angular across the face; slightly convex. Straight pein: 14/18 x 18mm, narrower at front edge; burred and thickened at rear edge; slightly convex.

Condition  
Complete. Metal core; surface losses; coatings obscure detail.

Examination  
Metallography: Appendix B, S36.

Context/date  
Inner gateway, massacre level. Final Period, early-mid 1st AD. [A]

Reference  
Hencken 1938, 74, no. 2, fig. 6.

No. 87. (Fig. A12c)  
Description  
'Small hammer-head, perforated in the middle for hafting. One end appears to have been burred out by use.' (Curwen 1927, 12). L c. 66mm (inc; fractured across the body, one face missing). The extant face is broad and much burred; fractured at one side. Oval eye of hour-glass form. (After Curwen 1927).

Context/date  
Pit 101. Probably late in occupation period; later Iron Age. [A]

Reference  
Curwen 1927, 12, no. 16, pl. IV.

No. 88. (Fig. A12)  
Description  
Possible hammerhead with a rounded-rectangular face and a round face. Large central rectangular eye, with a corresponding expansion in the sides. Both faces are thickened and possibly burred. L 87mm. Rectangular face: c. 11.5/10.5 x c. 13mm (behind burr, broader at the front), 13/11 x 14.5mm (+ burr); flat. Round face: Diam c. 12mm (behind burr), 13.5mm (+ burr); ?flat.

Condition  
Complete. Metal core. Surface detail and the eye obscured by accretions.

Examination  

Context/date  
Unstratified in Region 1, area H, Period IV, AD 49-61. [C]

Reference  
Hawkes and Hull 1947, 343, pl. CV, 2 (described as a bridle-cheekpiece).
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<td>Head and the greater part of the stem of a hot chisel, the cutting edge missing. 'Long bolt, found in a much corroded condition in five pieces ... length 258mm... The head is of oblong form, measuring 24mm. by 16mm.; height of head about 9mm. At a short distance from the head the bolt is of round section, with a diam. of 12mm, tapering to about 10mm. at the smaller end.' (Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388.)</td>
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<td>Mound 75, 9ft [2.74m] ENE of the central picket, in black earth below clay. Same mound yielded file No. 161 and non-ferrous metal debris; adjacent mound yielded files Nos 130 and 133, ferrous slag and bronze debris. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]</td>
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No. 93. (Fig. A13)  HOT CHISEL  Bigbury, Kent

**Description**
Round-sectioned stem, slightly tapering, becoming rounded-rectangular towards the tip. Bent cutting edge, ?splayed. Flat round head, thickened stem. L 239mm (inc).

**Cutting edge:** W (est.) £· 18mm. Stem: Diam (MP) 12mm. Head: Diam (max) 18mm.

**Condition**
Metal core; fissured and fractured at the cutting edge. ?Sampled at the head.

**Context/date**
Considered to be from Bigbury; possibly found in 1887, during gravel quarrying. Mid/late 1st BC. [E]

**Reference**
Unpublished; (Jessop 1932, 95-7).

No. 94. (Fig. A13)  HOT CHISEL  Hunsbury, Northants

**Description**
Tapering stem, round in section becoming rectangular £· 30mm from the tip. Domed circular head, the stem much thickened beneath. L 229mm (= complete). Cutting edges: W (extant) 9mm. Stem: Diam (MP) 11/12mm. Head: Diam (max) 25.5mm.

**Condition**
Metal core; stripped; surface losses. Much damaged at the cutting edge.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Discovered during quarrying. 5th/4th BC - 1st BC/early 1st AD. [E]

**Reference**
Fell 1936, 66, no. 9.

No. 95. (Fig. A13)  HOT CHISEL  Bigbury, Kent

**Description**
Tapering stem, round in section becoming rounded-rectangular £· 70mm from the tip. Straight cutting edge. Large flat round head, the stem thickened beneath. L 225mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (est.) £· 13.5mm, (extant) 9mm; T (extant) 1.7mm. Stem: Diam (MP) 12mm. Head: Diam (max) 28mm.

**Condition**
Metal core; stripped; likely to have surface losses. Cutting edge slightly damaged.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Discovered during gravel quarrying, g. 1895, possibly with hammers Nos 63 and 68. Mid/late 1st BC. [E]

**References**
Boyd Dawkins 1902, 215, pl. II, 4c; Thompson 1983, 265, fig. 19, 52.

No. 96. (Fig. A14)  HOT CHISEL  ? Rainsborough Camp, Northants

**Description**
Round-sectioned stem, fractured and bent at the tip, the edge missing. Circular, flat head, thickened. L 210mm (inc). Stem: Diam (MP) £· 9mm. Head: Diam (max) 14mm.

**Condition**
Incomplete, the cutting edge missing. Accretions and coatings obscure the surface.

**Context/date**
No. 97. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Ham Hill, Somerset SCM

Description Tapering stem, rectangular in section. The straight cutting edge has a 4mm bevel on both sides. Flat burred head. L 218mm. Cutting edge: W 14mm, T 1mm. Stem: (MP) 19 x 8mm. Head: (+ burr) 22 x 13mm, (below burr) 22 x 8mm.

Condition Complete. Superficially corroded. Very slight losses from the cutting edge.

Context/date A1605. WAW 1901. Context not recorded; probably from the Walter collection, predominantly from the northern spur, which largely comprised Iron Age and C1st Roman deposits. See also hammer No. 76 and file No. 132. May not be Iron Age. [E]


No. 98. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Yorthy Down, South Wonston, Hants WCM

Description Almost square in section, slightly splayed at the tip. Straight cutting edge, bevelled on both sides. Much burred head. L 210mm. Cutting edge: W 17mm. Stem: (MP) 16 x 14mm. Head: (+ burr) 29 x 31mm, (below burr) 17 x 17mm. Dimensions from X-ray.

Condition Complete. Superficial corrosion.


Context/date SF705. Context 5310, in Middle Iron Age grain storage pit. [A]

Reference R. Whinney forthcoming.

No. 99. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Meare Village East, Somerset SCM

Description Round or rounded-rectangular in section at the top of the stem, rectangular at the centre and lower stem. Convex cutting edge, ?bevelled. Burred circular head. L 210mm. Cutting edge: W 13mm. Stem: (MP) 13 x 8mm. Head: (max) 29 x 22mm.

Condition Complete. Much corroded; 2 fractures across the stem; accretions obscure detail.

Context/date Top of Mound 19. Mound also yielded ferrous slag. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [E]

References Orme et al. 1983, 68-9, no. 339, fig. 68; Coles 1987, 130, 182.339, fig. 3.55.

No. 100. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D334 1956-7

Description Rectangular section, thickened in width near the top. Bent sideways at the incomplete cutting edge. L 205mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W 10mm. Stem: W (max) 22mm, (MP) 12 x 6mm. Head: (+ burr) 17.5 x 12mm, (below burr) 15 x 7mm.

Condition Metal core; stripped; some losses from the surface. Cutting edge damaged.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [E]

Reference Fell 1936, 66, no. 9.

No. 101. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL? Glastonbury, Somerset SCM

Description Head and part of the stem of a ?hot chisel. The top 70mm of the stem is round in
section, thereafter square. Circular domed head, thickened and much burred. L 100mm (extant). Stem: Diam 14mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 29mm, (below burr) 16mm.

Condition Totally corroded; stable. Corrosion fractured across the stem.

Context/date Mound 41, 6.75ft [2.06m] ESE of the central picket. Found 10m from file No. 146. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]

Reference Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388, 135, pl. LXI.

No. 102. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Gussage All Saints, Dorset DCM

Description Round in section near the head, square at the centre, rectangular and tapering in thickness thereafter. Slightly bent near the tip. The cutting edge is slightly convex and ?bevelled. Slightly domed, circular head, the stem thickened beneath. L 182mm. Cutting edge: W 15mm. Stem: (MP) 13mm square. Head: Diam (max) 21mm.

Condition Complete. Superficially corroded. Soil obscures detail of the edge.


Context/date Pit 359 layer 5. Phase 3: C1st BC/AD. [B]

References Wainwright 1979, 108, no. 1105, fig. 82; Fell 1988, 74, no. 2.

No. 103. (Fig. A14) HOT CHISEL Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D333 1956-7

Description Round section at the top 40mm of the stem, thereafter rectangular and tapering in thickness. Slightly bent at mid-length. Straight cutting edge. Flat, circular burred head. L 182mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (est.) 13mm, (extant) 5mm. Stem: (MP) 15 x 8mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 20/22mm, (below burr) 15/16mm.

Condition Damaged cutting edge. Metal core; stripped; surface obscured by coatings.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [E]

Reference Fell 1936, 66, no. 9.

No. 104. (Fig. A15) HOT CHISEL Hunsbury, Northants NCM: D335 1956-7

Description Rounded-rectangular sectioned stem, splayed and slightly bent near the tip. Straight cutting edge. Burred head. L 181mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (est.) 18mm, (extant) 14mm. Stem: (MP) 14 x 8.5mm. Head: W (max) 13mm.

Condition Metal core; fissured and spalled; stripped. Losses from the head and cutting edge.


Context/date Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [E]

Reference Fell 1936, 66, no. 9.

No. 105. (Fig. A15) CHISEL Weelsby Avenue, S. Humberside GWG

Description Slender stem, round in section at the head, oval at the centre, rounded/oval near
the cutting edge. Slightly splayed over the terminal 10mm; straight cutting edge, bevelled on both sides. Burred head. L 181mm. Cutting edge: W (est.) c. 9.5mm, (extant) 8.5mm. Stem: (MP) 10 x 9mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 9mm, (below burr) c. 7mm.

Condition
Complete other than a slight loss from the cutting edge, but much fissured and fractured. Now in 2 pieces. Metal core.

Examination

Context/date
(F1 59.2 SF18). W sector of main ditch in dump comprising waste from iron-smithing, bronze-founding and wrought working, and chisel/punch No. 204. Mid C1st BC. [A]

Reference
J. Sills forthcoming.

No. 106. (Fig. A15) CHISEL Hod Hill, Dorset BMP: 1960 4-5 3268

Description
Long slender chisel, possibly a hot chisel for fine work, or a cold chisel. Rectangular section. Damaged straight cutting edge which appears to be bevelled on one side. Burred head. L 167mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (extant) 13mm. Stem: (MP) 14 x 8 mm. Head: (+ burr) 16 x 14mm, (below burr) 13 x 10mm.

Condition
Much fissured and fractured; losses from the head, stem, and the cutting edge.

Context/date
Surface find from ploughing. May be IA or from the Claudian fort. (Bean Coll.) [E]

Reference
Manning 1985, 9, A22, pl. 5.

No. 107. (Fig. A15) COLD CHISEL MADOARSTON, Oxon OAM: 1969.777

Description
Round section, becoming rounded-rectangular and very slightly splayed at the damaged cutting edge. Flat, circular and slightly burred head. L 148mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (est.) c. 11mm, (extant) 7mm. Stem: Diam (MP) 9mm. Head: (+ burr) 11 x 10mm, (below burr) 10.5 x 10mm.

Condition
Stripped and coated; surface losses from the stem and the cutting edge.

Context/date
Behind inner rampart, above pre-rampart surface: end C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference
Fowler 1960, 44, no. 18, fig. 18, 11.

No. 108. (Fig. A15) HOT SET/CHISEL HUNSURY, Northants NCM: D336 1956-7

Description
Slender hot set, or chisel. Square section, tapering near the tip. There is an oval eye just below the flat burred head. L 132mm (= complete). Cutting edge: W (est.) c. 10mm, (extant) 4mm. Stem: (MP) 8mm square. Head: (+ burr) 11 x 14.5mm, (below burr) 8 x 9.5mm. Eye: 8 x 6mm.

Condition
Metal core; stripped; losses especially from the cutting edge.

Examination

Context/date
Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [E]

Reference
Fell 1936, 66, no. 9.
No. 109. (Fig. A15)  CHISEL  Danebury, Hants  OIA

Description  ?Cold chisel. Round section at the stem top, broader at mid-stem, rect-angular at the tip. Narrow convex cutting edge. Much burred head. L 130mm. Cutting edge: W 13.5mm, T 1.7mm. Stem: (MP) 17 x 11mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 25mm, (below burr) 17mm.

Condition  Complete. Superficially corroded.


Context/date  DA79 F68 layer 9 SF?1522: ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/508C). [A]

Reference  B. Cunliffe forthcoming.

No. 110. (Fig. A15*)  COLD CHISEL  ? South Cadbury, Somerset  XX

Description  Tip of a cold chisel(?). Rectangular section; straight cutting edge. L (extant) 120mm. Cutting edge: W 12mm. Stem: (MP) 14 x 11mm. (After Spratling 1970b).

Context/date  Area N, possibly a metalworking area, with associated hearths, scrap wrought bronze, scriber No. 222. Stratigraphy suggests C1st BC or early C1st AD. [A]

References  Spratling 1970a, 190, fig. 3; Spratling 1970b, 14, no. 1, fig. p. 24, A.

No. 111. (Fig. A15)  COLD CHISEL  Meare Village West, Somerset  SCM

Description  Rectangular section. Straight cutting edge. Flat head, thickened. L 76.5mm. Cutting edge: W (est.) 13mm, (extant) 7mm. Stem: W (MP) 13mm. Head: 13 x 12mm.

Condition  Complete in length but damaged at the cutting edge. Metal core; fissured.

Context/date  Margin of Mound 38, 11½ft [3.5m] NE of central picket. Mound also yielded crucible sherd, ferrous slag, file No. 158 and punch No. 187. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]

Reference  Gray and Bulleid 1953, 239, 156, pl. Ll.

No. 112. (Fig. A15)  COLD CHISEL ?  Twyn-y-Gaer, Gwent  WNM: 409-79

Description  Rectangular section. Straight cutting edge, bevelled on one side. Domeed, burred head. L 70mm. Cutting edge: W c. 11mm. Stem: (MP) 12 x 8mm. Head: (+ burr) 16 x 16mm, (below burr) 12 x 10mm.

Condition  Complete. Metal core; detail obscured by accretions.


Context/date  Not known. Occupation of site e. C5th BC - C3rd BC or later. [B]

Reference  (Probert 1976, 115); L. Probert forthcoming.

No. 113. (Fig. A15)  COLD SET ?  Worthy Down, Headbourne Worthy, Hants  WCH: 321.17

Description  Cold set/chisel, or wedge. The lower stem is rectangular in section; the upper stem is concave on the opposing broad sides and convex on the narrow sides. Rounded blunt edge. Much burred, domed head. L 92mm. Cutting edge: W 17mm. Stem: (MP)

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Condition
Complete. Substantial metal core.

Examination
Analysis: Ehrenreich 1985, 215, WD11a. Metallography: Ehrenreich 1985, 63, fig. 3.9; Salter and Ehrenreich 1984, 156-7, fig. 10.98; Appendix B, §39.

Context/date
Pit No. 2: early C2nd BC. [A]

Reference
Hooley 1931, 184, no. 45, pl. VI.

No. 114. (Fig. A15)
COLD SET? Gussage All Saints, Dorset DCM

Description
Cold set/chisel, or wedge. Rectangular section, expanding to the blunt edge. Much burred head, bent to one side, the stem necked just below the burr. L 65mm.

Cutting edge: W 30mm. Stem: (MP) 24 x 10mm. Head: (+ burr) 20 x 13mm, (behind burr) T 10mm. Shoulders: 23 x 13mm. (Dimensions from X-ray.)

Condition
Complete. Metal core; accretions in situ.

Examination

Context/date

References
Wainwright 1979, 106, no. 1044, fig. 81; Fell 1988, 74, no. 1.

No. 115. (Fig. A15*)
COLD SET? Maiden Castle, Dorset DCM

Description
Cold set/chisel, or wedge. Rectangular section tapering to the broad edge. Much burred head. L ca. 58mm. (complete). Cutting edge: W ca. 23, T ca. 7mm. Head: (+ burr) ca. 38 x 30mm, (below burr) ca. 27 x ca. 18mm. (After Wheeler 1943)

Context/date
Eastern entrance; level dated c. AD 25-70. An iron-smithing area was situated just outside the east entrance. [E]

Reference
Wheeler 1943, 284, fig. 94, no. 6.

No. 116. (Fig. A15)
COLD SET? Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: [283]

Description
Cold set/chisel, or wedge. Rectangular section tapering in thickness to the blunt edge. The head is unevenly burred and angled to one side. L 56mm. Cutting edge: W 23mm, T 2.2mm. Stem: (MP) 21 x 11mm. Head: (+ burr) 30 x 26mm, (behind burr) 25 x 13mm. (Dimensions from X-ray.)

Condition
Complete when excavated, now in 2 pieces as a result of metallography.

Examination

Context/date
Pit 209 layer 11 0-5cm. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 191-193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper/burnisher No. 230), debris from wrought and
cast bronzeworking, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]

References
Tylecote and Gilmour 1986, fig. 36; Fell 1988, 74, no. 3.

No. 117. (Fig. A15*)
COLD SET ?
Groundwell Farm, Wilts

Description

Context/date
Unphased structure ?associated with house 3: C5th BC - C3rd BC. [A]

Reference
Gingell 1981, 64, no. 4, fig. 18.

No. 118. (Fig. A16*)
FILE
Glastonbury, Somerset

Description
Incomplete file, the point and part of the tang missing. Blade: L (extant) c. 195mm. 'Heavy file, much corroded, length 242mm. An iron ferrule, length 23.5mm., covers the upper part of the broken tang, and divides the file from the wooden handle which is still traceable. The file is of quadrangular section, max width 19mm., thickness 8mm.; at the top it tapers to a width of 10mm. The file-markings are at right angles to the length of the tool, and extend from the ferrule to the point. There are twenty-four grooves and the same number of ridges to the inch [9.5 cuts/cm] ... ' (Bulleid and Gray 1917, 387).

Context/date
Mound 72: 10½ft (3.12m) SSE of the central picket. Found within 5m of a 'furnace/hearth and copper alloy 'dross'. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [E]

Reference
Bulleid and Gray 1917, 387, 13, fig. 141; Cunliffe 1974, fig. 14:4, 7.

No. 119. (Fig. A16)
FILE
Hunsbury, Northants

Description
Almost complete file, sub-rectangular section, cut on the broadest side. Tapering to the rounded point. The cuts are transverse, unevenly cut, raked forwards, rounded and ?worn. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L 189mm (inc). Tang: L

Condition
Complete at the point, ?complete at the tang (coatings obscure detail). Metal core.

Examination

Context/date
Discovered during quarrying. C5th/4th BC - C1st BC/early C1st AD. [E]

Reference
Unpublished.

No. 120. (Fig. A16)
FILE
Meare Village East, Somerset

Description
Almost complete file, sub-rectangular section, cut on the broadest side. Tapering to the rounded point. The cuts are transverse, unevenly cut, raked forwards, rounded and ?worn. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L 189mm (inc). Tang: L
43mm (inc). Blade: L 146mm; W x T (max) 9.0 x 6.0mm, (min) 3.6 x 2.2mm. Cuts: 12/cm near the tang, 10.5 - 11.5/cm (MB), 13/cm towards the point; D to 0.4mm.

**Condition**
Recent fracture at tang tip. Fissured; some surface losses; metal core. Now repaired from 2 major fragments; a 3rd fragment (Gray's catalogue entry indicates that there were originally 3 frags) is lost (presumably from the tang tip).

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Mound 10, 3ft [0.91ml YSY of the central picket, on surface of top hearth. Mound also yielded anvil No. 52. C2nd - mid C1st AD. [B]

**Reference**
Coles 1987, 120, 110, fig. 3.47.

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No. 121. (Fig. A16; Plate Vb) FILE Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside GWG

**Description**
File blade fragment, cut on one side. Tapering, rectangular section. The ridges are transverse, raked forwards, but poorly defined. The broad end of the fragment appears to be uncut for 20mm (? the tang junction). L 55mm (inc); W x T (max) 7.7 x 4.0mm, (min) 6.0 x 3.3mm. Cuts: 11/cm, D g. 0.3mm.

**Condition**
Ancient fracture at the broad end, recent fracture at the narrow end. No metal core; poorly preserved and distorted.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump comprising waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, files Nos 122, 144, 151, 157, and punch No. 179. Mid C1st BC. [A]

**Reference**
J. Sills forthcoming.

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No. 122. (Fig. A16; Plates IVb and Vb) FILE Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside GWG

**Description**
File fragment; tang and part of blade. Plano-convex section, slightly tapering, cut on the flat side. The ridges are transverse, raked forwards, and clearly defined. Two non-ferrous inclusions in the cuts. Tapering tang, rectangular in section but marginally rounded near the blade. L 91mm (inc). Tang: L 45mm. Blade: L 46mm (inc); W x T (max) 8.7 x 4.8mm, (min) 7.0 x g. 2.5mm. Cuts: 7 - 8/cm, D (max) 1mm.

**Condition**
Recent fracture across the blade. Metal core.

**Examination**
X-ray (1989); Metallography: Appendix B, S49.

**Context/date**
(FKJ). SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump comprising waste from iron-smithing and bronze founding and wrought working, files Nos 121, 144, 151, 157, and punch No. 179. Mid C1st BC. [A]

**Reference**
J. Sills forthcoming.

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No. 123. (Fig. A16) FILE Danebury, Hants AMIA

**Description**
Almost complete file, tapering plano-convex section, cut on the flat side. Slightly
bent at the point. The ridges are transverse and raked forwards. Broad, plano-convex sectioned tang junction. L 68mm (inc). **Blade:** L (extant) 56.5mm; W x T (max) 8.0 x 2.8mm, (min) 3.2 x 2.0mm. Cuts: 7 - 8/cm.

**Condition**
Slight loss from the point; and fractured across the tang. Fissured and fractured and distorted though corrosion. Partial metal core. Surface obscured by accretions.


**Context/date**
DA77 layer 393 SF1227; doorway of CS7/8. Ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/50 BC). [A]

**Reference**
Sellwood 1984, 354, no. 2.55, fig. 7.12, Mf 9:06, 1227.

**No. 124. (Fig. A16) FILE Wetwang Slack, N. Humberside**

**Description**
File fragment; tang and part of blade. Plano-convex section, tapering, cut on the flat side. The ridges are transverse, unevenly spaced, raked forwards, and clearly defined. Square-sectioned tapering tang. L 65mm (inc). **Tang:** L 26mm. **Blade:** L (extant) 37mm; W x T (max) 9.5 x 5.5mm. Cuts: 6.5 - 7.5/cm, D 0.3 - 0.8mm.

**Condition**
Recent fracture across the blade. Partial metal core; fissured, distorted.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Tr VII WE249 II. Feature contained residual IA pottery and bronze-working debris. Later Iron Age or Romano-British. [E]

**Reference**
J. Dent forthcoming (no. 2.12).

**No. 125. (Fig. A16) FILE ? Bagendon, Glos**

**Description**
Almost complete ?file, tapering, rectangular section. There are a few transverse lines on one side (c. 10 - 15/cm). Slightly bent sideways near the point. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. The overall form and presence of some transverse markings suggest that this was a file. L 144mm (inc). **Tang:** L 38mm. **Blade:** L (extant) 106mm; W x T (max) 7.8 x 6.2mm, (MB) 7.0 x 2.0mm.

**Condition**
Incomplete at the point. Metal core; little original surface surviving (stripped).

**Context/date**
Not known. See also bench anvil No. 54. [E]

**Reference**
Clifford 1961, 192, pl. XLVIII, 4.

**No. 126. (Fig. A16) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset**

**Description**
Complete file, rectangular section tapering to the rounded point, cut on the 2 opposing broad sides. Transverse ridges, unevenly cut, upright or raked forwards, shallow and ?worn. Two copper inclusions in the cuts. Rectangular sectioned tang with traces of wood. L 139mm. **Tang:** L 37mm. **Blade:** L 102mm; W x T (max) 7.5 x 5mm, (min) 3 x 2mm. Cuts: 10 - 15/cm on one side, 7 - 13/cm on the other; D c. 0.1mm.

**Condition**
Metal core; well-preserved.

**Examination**

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Inclusions: Table 3:8, G-H, Fig. 3:6, G-H.

Context/date
Pit F410 Layer 6 (above a burial). Phase 3 (C1st BC/AD). [E].

References
Wainwright 1979, 108, no. 1066, fig. 82; Fell 1985; 1988, 74, no. 13.
This is the file mentioned by Tylecote in Tylecote and Gilmour 1986, 106.

No. 127. (Fig. A16*) FILE Midsummer Hill, Here & Worc BNAG

Description
'File of square section, the thin end curled over and broken. Seven low teeth survive on one face within 10mm; there is one possible tooth on an adjacent face.' (Stanford 1981, 128). L (inc) c. 83mm (after Stanford 1981).

Condition
Incomplete at both ends. Now (1985) much fissured and fractured.

Context/date
SF130. Unstratified in T32. 'Probably Iron Age'. [E]

Reference
Stanford 1981, 128, fig. 59, 5.

No. 128. (Fig. A16, Pl. IVa) FILE Fiskerton, Lincs XX

Description
Fragment of a file blade, tapering square section, cut on three sides. The ridges are transverse, poorly preserved, raked towards the narrow end (some are upright). L 78mm; W x T (max) 10 x 10mm, (min) 6 x 6 mm. Cuts: 7 - 9/cm; D to 0.8mm.

Condition
Totally corroded, partly voided, distorted, corrosion damaged at both ends.

Examination
X-ray (1981-3).

Context/date
SF171. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. Group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 71, 135, 142, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference
V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 129. (Fig. A17) FILE Glastonbury, Somerset SCM

Description
Fragment of a file, cut on 4 sides. Now in 3 pieces. The complete end (the shortest fragment) is rectangular-sectioned (13.0 x 5.5mm) and appears to be uncut for at least 61mm, possibly the handle. Over the greater length, the section is square with angled corners (10.5 x 10mm), the cuts traceable on all 4 sides. Transverse cuts, poorly preserved, rake not discernible. There is a copper alloy 'rod' of uneven wedge section (c. 3 x 1.5mm at one end) inside the two longer (cut) fragments of the file. The X-ray suggests that the copper alloy is discontinuous; possibly copper alloy waste (e.g. droplets), or may be a rod incorporated (?accidentally) during forging. Lengths 74mm, 54mm, 27.5mm. Cuts: 11/cm (range 10.5 - 11.5/cm); D to 0.5mm.

Condition
Severely corroded, partly voided, distorted by corrosion pressures. Surface detail poorly preserved. No ferrous metal core.

Examination
Context/date Mound 15: 5 ft [1.60 m] NW of the central picket. A few crucible sherds were found in the adjacent mound. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]
Reference Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388, 184.

No. 130. (Fig. A17) FILE Glastonbury, Somerset SCM
Description File fragment, rectangular section tapering at both ends, cut on 4 sides. Both ends are incomplete; the broader end is fractured longitudinally to a point, the other is blunt but also damaged (bent 50 mm from this end). The ridges are transverse, unevenly spaced, and poorly preserved; the majority are raked towards the narrow end, though some ridges near the narrow end (over terminal 40 mm) are raked in the reverse direction. The overall form suggests that the broad end was tanged. However, file cuts are visible at both ends which suggests that the file may have been reformed, or is substantially incomplete. L 152 mm (inc, bent), L (extant, if straight) 154 mm; W x T (max) 9.0 x 7.5 mm. Cuts: 7 - 10.5 cuts/cm; D to 0.6 mm.
Condition Fractures may be ancient(?). Bent (?modern damage). Metal core; surface distortion.
Context/date Mound 74, 9 ft [2.9 m] S of the central picket, in the section dug 1902 at the level of the 3rd floor. Same mound yielded file No. 133, crucible sherds, ferrous slag, and copper alloy waste metal. Adjacent mound yielded file No. 161 and hot chisel No. 92. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]
Reference Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388, 1102, fig. 137.

No. 131. (Fig. A17) FILE Whitcombe, Dorset DCM
Description File, tapering, square section, cut on 4 sides. The ridges are transverse, raked forwards, but poorly defined. The square-sectioned tapering tang retains traces of mineralised wood. L (extant) 107 mm; L (original, complete) 130 mm. Originally 2 fragments, L 114 mm & 17 mm (the tip, now lost). Tang: L (complete) 37 mm. Blade: L (original, complete) 93 mm; W x T (max) 8 x 7 mm. Cuts: 8 - 11/cm; D £ 0.5 mm.
Condition Complete when originally X-rayed (both ends rounded), but in 2 pieces, the blade tip fragment now missing. Much fissured, fractured, and distorted.
Examination X-ray (original R1067 at AML, 1970. Also 1984).
Context/date Cemetery: Burial 12. Young male inhumation, SE, crouched. Other grave goods: hammer No. 67, sword, scabbard fittings, spearhead, copper alloy brooch and unidentified object, chalk disc. Burial probably dates to first half of C1st AD. [B]
References (Aitken 1967; Collis 1972, 125-6, fig. 2; Whimster 1981, 261-2, 345-6); Aitken and Stead forthcoming.
No. 132. (Fig. A17) FILE Ham Hill, Somerset SCM

Description
Almost complete file, tapering, rectangular section, cut on 4 sides. The ridges are transverse, unevenly cut, and some are raked forwards. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L (extant) 97mm. Tang: L (extant) 22mm. Blade: L (extant) 75mm; W x T (max) 8.8 x 7.0mm. Cuts: typically 10 - 12.5/cm (range 6 - 12.5/cm, the finer towards the point); D to 0.5mm.

Condition
Slight losses from both ends and from the surface. Much fractured, fissured and distorted. Partial metal core.

Examination

Context/date
(1901 WWW); context not recorded. Probably from the Walter, predominantly from the northern spur, which largely comprised Iron Age and Clst Roman deposits. See also Hammer No. 76 and hot chisel No. 97. May not be Iron Age. [E]

Reference
Unpublished; (Burrow 1981, 198-9, 268-73).

No. 133. (Fig. A17) FILE Glastonbury, Somerset SCM

Description
Almost complete file, tapering, rectangular section, cut on 4 sides. The ridges are transverse, raked forwards, unevenly cut and corrosion damaged. Tang: rectangular-sectioned tapering. L 82mm (inc). Blade: cut L (extant) 49mm; W x T (max) 7.5 x 5.0mm. Cuts: 10/cm (range 9 - 12/cm); D 0.4mm.

Condition
Incomplete; recent fracture across the point, complete at tang. Fractured, spalled, distorted through corrosion. Partial metal core. Traces of ?haematite on the tang.

Examination

Context/date
Mound 74 near the edge, 16ft [4.88ml WNW of the central picket, within the peat. Same mound yielded file No. 130, crucible sherds, ferrous slag, and copper alloy waste metal. Adjacent mound yielded file No. 161 and hot chisel No. 92. C2nd BC - mid Clst AD. [B]

Reference
Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388, 198, fig. 137.

No. 134. (Fig. A17) FILE Meare Village West, Somerset SCM

Description
File blade fragment, cut on 4 sides. Rectangular section, tapering in width. The cuts are transverse on one side; the other 3 sides have both diagonal and transverse cuts. Some of the ridges are raked to the narrow end of the file. L (extant) 55mm; W x T (max) 10 x 6mm. Cuts: 10 - 13/cm; D to 0.5mm.

Condition
Corrosion fractured at both ends. Poorly preserved. No metal core.

Examination

Context/date
Mound 39, 7ft [2.28ml SE of the central picket. Mound also yielded copper alloy waste metal and a crucible sherd. C3rd BC - mid Clst AD. [B]

Reference
Gray and Bulleid 1953, 247, 1116.
No. 135. (Fig. A17)  FILE ?  Fisterton, Lincs  XX

Description  Fragment of a knife file blade (?), cut on two sides. Tapering; wedge section, flat on one side, slightly convex on the other, and uncut on the flat back. The ridges are shallow and discontinuous. On the convex side there are traces equivalent to 8 cuts/cm. On the flat side there are 9 cuts in 2.7mm (= 33 cuts/cm) towards the edge at mid-length, and traces at 5mm from the narrow end (= 12 cuts/cm). L (extant) 95mm; W x T (max) 14.5 x 5.4mm, (min) 9.6 x 3.7mm.

Condition  Totally corroded and partly voided. Corrosion damaged at both ends.


Context/date  SF292. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 71, 128, 142, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference  V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 136.  FILE  Santon, Norfolk  missing

Description  'A tapering spigot of square section in an iron socket with transverse grooving on one face' (Smith 1909, 158).

Context/date  From a hoard of metalwork found in a cauldron, including tongs Nos 41 and 42, hammer No. 85, scrap copper alloy sheet, and other metalwork comprising late Iron Age types and Claudian brooches. Date of deposition º AD 60. [E]

Reference  Smith 1909, 158, pl. XVII:1 (?third down from top left).

No. 137. (Fig. A17)  FILE ?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  missing

Description  Almost complete ?file, rectangular section tapering to the rounded point. From the X-ray (in plan), cuts/ridges are not visible, but the overall form suggests that this was probably a file. L º 192mm. Tang: L º 28mm (fractured at tip). Blade: L º 164mm (complete); W (max) º 9mm. (Dimensions from X-ray).

Condition  Incomplete at tang tip. ?Metal core.


Context/date  Pit 481 Layer 3 Phase 3. C1st BC/AD. [8]

References  Wainwright 1979, 109, no. 1140, fig. 83; Fell 1988, 74, no. 14.

No. 138. (Fig. A17)  FILE ?  Tuyn-y-Gaer, Guent  NWA: lab. no. 76-267

Description  Almost complete ?file, rectangular section, tapering at both ends. The surface layer has been lost or is obscured by coatings; no ridges are visible. The overall form suggests that this was a file. L 170mm (inc). Tang: L º 44mm (inc). Blade: L º 126mm (inc); W x T (max, towards one end) 9 x 2mm.

Condition  Incomplete; slight losses from ends. Metal core. Stripped; coatings obscure detail.

Context/date SF11. Context not known. Occupation date: C5th - C3rd BC or later. [B]

Reference L. Probert forthcoming; (Probert 1976, 115).

No. 139. (Fig. A17) FILE [Mynydd Bychan, Glamorgan] NMM: 49.418

Description Almost complete file, rectangular section and tapering at both ends. The surface layer has been lost and no ridges are visible. The overall form suggests that this was a file. L (extant) 130mm. Blade: L g. 100mm; W x T (max, MB) 9 x 4mm.

Condition Metal core. Stripped; no surface layer.


Context/date Outside the entrance, in collapse of the bastion. Late C1st BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference Savory 1955, 44, no. 14, fig. 4, 7; Savory 1976a, 72, 100:11.

No. 140. (Fig. A17) FILE [Midsummer Hill, Here and Worc] BMAG

Description Incomplete file. Rectangular section, slightly tapering. No cuts traceable but the overall form suggests that this was file. L g. 160mm (extant). Blade: W x T g. 12 x g. 7mm. (After Stanford 1981)

Condition Fractured across the blade; 'deeply corroded'.

Context/date T16 layer 11 SF55. Probably Iron Age. [B]


No. 141. (Fig. A18) FILE [Waltham Abbey, Essex] BMP

Description Essentially complete file, cut on one side. Rectangular section with one slightly convex (cut) side. The blade tapers, the central portion is more slender and undulated. The ridges are transverse; some are raked forwards and they appear to be evenly cut. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L 232.5mm. Tang: L 45mm (slight loss from tip). Blade: L 187.5mm; W x T (max) 8.5 x 7.5mm, (near point) 4 x 4mm; convex g. 25 - 30mm R. Cuts: 10 - 12.5/cm.

Condition Slight losses from both ends. Superficially corroded. Accretions obscure detail.

Context/date From a probable ritual deposit of ironwork which includes 12 other metalworking tools (Nos 9, 29, 30, 33-37, 45, 49, 50, 58), woodworking tools, a sword and a linch-pin. The latter 2 items are typologically late C1st BC or early C1st AD. [D]

Reference Manning 1980, 89, fig. 3a; Manning 1985, 11, A37, pl. 6.

No. 142. (Fig. A18; Plate IVa) FILE [Fiskerton, Lincs] XX

Description Almost complete file, cut on the 2 opposing narrow edges. Sub-rectangular section convex (g. 15mm R) on the 2 cut edges. Slightly tapering in width across the plain sides. The ridges are transverse and raked forwards; some are clearly defined (but
corroded) with little indication of wear. Many pink/yellow, and white metal inclusions in the cuts. Well-defined, angled, and pointed shoulders (one damaged). Tapering square-sectioned tang. L 182mm (inc). Tang: L (extant) 42/46mm.
Blade: L (extant) 136mm; W x T (max) 11 x 9.0mm, (min) 9.5 x 9.0mm. Cuts: 8.5 - 10/cm; D to 0.5mm. Shoulders: W (extant) 12.5mm (est. 13.5mm originally).
Condition Corrosion fractured across the point; recent fracture across the tang tip. Severely corroded, fissured, partly voided, and distorted by corrosion pressures. Metal survives only at the tang and tang-blade junction.
Examination X-ray (1981-3). Metallography: Appendix B, S55. Inclusions: Table 3:8, A-F, Fig. 3:6, A-B.
Context/date SF312. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 71, 128, 135, 145, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]
Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 143. (Fig. A18) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP:[821]
Condition Complete file, cut on one side. Slightly tapering, rectangular-sectioned tang with a straight portion at the blade junction. There is a line of copper alloy inclusions in the terminal six teeth. L 129mm.
Tang: L 34mm, (tapered = 26mm). Blade: L 95mm; W x T (max) 7.0 x 5.0mm, (MB) 6 x 5mm, (tip) 3 x 2.5mm; convex g. 8mm R (MB). Cuts: 12 - 15/cm, D (max) g. 0.4mm.
Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 12, fig. 1, pl. 1.
Condition
Now in 3 fragments (recent fractures). Corroded; no metal core, some distortion.

Examination

Context/date
(PDL + FYN). SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump with waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, files Nos 121, 122, 151, 157, and punch No. 179. Mid 1st BC. [A]

Reference
J. Sills forthcoming.

No. 145. (Fig. A18; Plate IVa)  FILE  Fiskerton, Lincs  XX
Description  Almost complete file, cut on the 2 opposing narrow edges. Tapering, rectangular section with one (cut) convex edge (c. 3.4mm R). The cuts are transverse, evenly cut, and clearly defined (but corroded). There are many pink/yellow, and white metal inclusions in the cuts. The file has pronounced square-set shoulders, the file cuts start at 3.5mm from the shoulder on the convex side, 2.5mm on the other. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L 107.5mm (inc). Tang: L (extant) 16.5mm. Blade: L (extant) 91mm, cut length 88mm; W x T (max) 8.2 x 4.5mm, (min) 5.7 x 3.8mm. Cuts: 10 - 14/cm (typically 11/cm); D 0.5mm.

Condition
?Ancient fracture across the point; corrosion damaged at the tang tip. Totally corroded, fissured, and substantially voided.

Examination
X-ray (1981-3).

Context/date
SF329. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a 5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 71, 128, 135, 142, 172), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to 6th BC. [A]

Reference
V. Fell forthcoming; this is one of the files mentioned by Tylecote in Tylecote and Gilmour 1986, 106.

No. 146. (Fig. A18)  FILE  Glastonbury, Somerset  SCM
Description  Complete file (as excavated), trapezoid section, cut on one broad side. Tapering to the rounded point. The cutting face is essentially flat near the tang but convex along the blade. The ridges are transverse, very evenly cut, raked towards the narrow end of the fragment, clearly defined but corroded and slightly rounded. The cuts are deeper along the centre of the blade. The tang is of similar section and tapering; the file cuts extend 6mm down the 'tang'. L (as excavated) 72mm. Blade: L (as excavated) 39.5mm; W x T (max) 6.0 x 3.5mm; 7mm R (MB), 5mm R point. Cuts: 14/cm over the greater part of the blade, 14.5/cm near the point; D c. 0.4mm.

Condition
Now incomplete at the tang tip, flaked near the point, broken into 2 pieces which do not join; L 20.5mm (tang frag) & 39.5mm. Red corrosion products, ?haematite.

Examination

Context/date
Mound 72, 13ft [3.96m] S of central picket, on the 1st floor. From adjacent mounds 357
(within 15m) were crucible sherds, copper alloy waste metal, a stone mould, and hot chisel No. 101. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference Bulleid and Gray 1917, 387, 147, fig. 141.

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<td><strong>Condition</strong></td>
<td>Almost complete file, plano-convex section, cut on both sides. Tapering to the bent point. The ridges are transverse and raked forwards, and are more clearly defined on the flat side, very shallow and barely traceable on the convex side. Tapering tang, sub-rectangular in section. L 189mm (inc and bent); L (extant, if straight) 194mm. Blade: L (extant, if straight) 171mm; W x T (max) 10.5 x 6.0mm; 5mm R (MB), 3.5mm R near the point. Cuts: flat side, 10/cm near the tang, 12/cm MB and the point, D 0.4mm; convex side, 9 cuts/cm, D 0.1mm.</td>
<td>Incomplete; recent damage at both ends; ?almost complete at the point. Metal core; surface-damaged by corrosion. Some red corrosion products, ?haematite.</td>
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<td>Mound 5, 8.75ft (2.67m) W of the central picket, in the timber substructure. Within 5m were crucible sherds, a 'furnace', and ferrous slag. C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]</td>
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<td>Bulleid and Gray 1917, 387-8, 181, fig. 141; Cunliffe 1974, fig. 14:4, 8; Harding 1974, fig. 22, E.</td>
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<td><strong>Condition</strong></td>
<td>Almost complete file, tapering plano-convex section, cut on both sides. Slightly bent sideways at mid-length. The ridges are transverse, some are slightly raked forwards but others appear to be upright; none is well-defined. The extant portion of the tang is plano-convex in section. L 130mm (inc). Blade: L (cut length on convex side) 113mm; L (max W to point) 104mm; W x T (max) 11.0 x 5.5mm, (min) 5.0 x 2.5mm. Convex side; R (at point) 2.5mm, (MB) 5mm, (tang junction) 6mm. Cuts: convex side 10.5 - 12/cm, D 0.3mm; flat side 10 - 11/cm; D 0.2mm.</td>
<td>Ancient fracture (or ?complete) at the point, recent fracture across the tang tip. Metal core; much fissured and spalled.</td>
<td>Examination X-ray (1985). Metallography: Appendix B, S57.</td>
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<td><strong>Context/date</strong></td>
<td>Mound 9, 18ft (5.49m) SW of the central picket, in black earth under the clay. Within 10m was punch No. 200, ?graver No. 212, stone moulds, crucible sherds, and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]</td>
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<td>Tapering, plano-convex section. L (?complete) 142mm. Tang: L (complete) ..</td>
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35mm. Blade: W x T (max) = 10 x 5mm. (After Harding 1987).

Context/date  BII/BIII. Baulk. Layer 4.  C3rd - C1st BC. Site has metalworking associations. [A]
Reference  Harding 1987, 43, no. 13, fig. 12.

No. 150. (Fig. A18)  FILE  Meare Village West, Somerset  SCM
Description  File blade fragment, tapering, plano-convex section, cut on both sides. The ridges are transverse, unevenly cut, and raked towards the narrow end of the fragment. L (extant) 63mm; W x T (max) 10 x 3.5mm; convex side 12mm R at max width. Cuts: flat side 11/cm; convex side 8/cm; D to 0.4mm.
Condition  Ancient fracture at the broad end, recent fracture at the narrow end. Metal core; spalled, very little of the original surface survives.
Context/date  Mound 13, 10ft [3.05m] S of the central picket 2, on the 4th floor. Mound yielded crucible sherds and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [A]
Reference  Gray and Bulleid 1953, 238, 139.

No. 151. (Fig. A19; Plate Vb)  FILE  Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside  GWG
Description  Essentially complete file, the section square at the tang junction and the first part of the blade, becoming more rounded, and then circular at the point. Cut on the flat side near the tang; cuts are barely traceable where the cross-section becomes rounded, and none visible near the point. The ridges are transverse and raked forwards; it is not known if the tip of the file was cut or if the teeth no longer survive due to wear. Tapering square-sectioned tang. L 63mm (= complete). Tang: L 15mm (inc). Blade: L 48mm; W x T (tang junction and MB) 4 x 4mm, D (min, at tip) 3mm. Cuts: (near tang) 12/cm, (MB) 14/cm; D g. 0.2mm.
Condition  Incomplete at tang tip (corrosion damage). Poorly preserved surface.
Context/date  (QTX). SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump with waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, files Nos 121, 122, 144, and 157, and punch No. 179. Mid C1st BC. [A]
Reference  J. Sills forthcoming.

No. 152. (Fig. A19; Plate Va)  FILE  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP:(470)
Description  Blade tip fragment, plano-convex section tapering to the rounded point, cut on the convex side. The ridges are transverse, raked forwards, rounded and ?worn. Pink-yellow metal fleck (L 0.3mm) within the corrosion adjacent to a cut. L (extant) 11.8mm; W x T (max) 4.2 x 2mm; convex g. 2mm R. Cuts: 12 - 14/cm; D g. 0.2mm.
Condition  Fissured and distorted through corrosion. Complete fragment as buried.


Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 9, fig. 1, pl. 1.

No. 153. (Fig. A19; Plate Va) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: [G01]

Description File fragment; tang and part of blade. Fractured longitudinally along one side, the cross-section now half-round but was probably originally round. Ridges survive around the extent surface of the blade; distorted, upright and worn. Tapering, square-sectioned tang, bent 5mm from the tip. L (extant, bent tang) 30mm. Tang: L (complete, bent) 19mm, (if straight) £· 20mm. Blade: L (extant) 11mm; W x T 4.5 x 4.5mm. Cuts: 11/cm; D £· 0.4mm.

Condition Partial metal core; fissured and distorted. Repaired. ?Complete as buried.


Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 10, fig. 1, pl. 1.

No. 154. (Fig. A19; Plate Va) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: [713]

Description Blade tip fragment, trapezoid section with parallel broad sides, tapering to a blunt point, cut on the broadest side. The ridges are transverse, evenly spaced, forward raked, and clearly defined. A copper alloy droplet is attached at one edge by iron corrosion products. Similar cross-section to file fragment No. 155, and may be part of that file. L (extant) 22.7mm; W x T (max) 3.4 x 2.0mm, (min) 2.0 x 1.0mm. Cuts: 12/cm; D £· 0.2mm.

Condition Complete fragment as buried. Metal core.


Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 10, fig. 1, pl. 1.
No. 155. (Fig. A19; Plate Va) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP:[775]

Description File blade fragment, trapezoid section with parallel broad sides, tapering, cut on the broadest side. The ridges are transverse, unevenly spaced, raked towards the narrow end. Similar cross-section to file fragment No. 154, and may be part of that file. L (extant) 29mm; W x T (max) 5.0 x 4.5mm, (min) 3.8 x 2.8mm. Cuts: 14 - 17/cm; D £· 0.3mm.

Condition Complete fragment as buried. Fissured, distorted, surface losses.


Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 11, fig. 1, pl. 1.

No. 156. (Fig. A19; Plate Va) FILE Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP:[371]

Description File blade fragment, tapering plano-convex section, cut on the flat side. The ridges are transverse, evenly spaced, raked towards the narrow end of the fragment, clearly defined but rounded, ?worn. Four pink/yellow metal inclusions in the cuts.

Condition Complete fragment (as buried). No metal core; well-defined surface detail.


Reference Fell 1988, 74, no. 7, fig. 1, pl. 1.

No. 157. (Fig. A19; Plate Vb) FILE Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside BMP:[GWG]

Description File fragment; tang and part of blade. Rectangular section, slightly tapering, cut on one side. Transverse cuts, evenly spaced, shallow. Tapering, rectangular sectioned tang. L 41mm (inc). Tang: L 18mm. Blade: L 23mm (inc); W x T (max) 3.7 x 3.0mm, (min, at fracture) 3.0 x 2.5mm. Cuts: 20 - 22/cm.

Condition Ancient fracture across the blade. No metal core.


Context/date (YYX). SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump comprising waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, and files Nos 121, 122, 144 and 151, and punch No. 179. Mid C1st BC. [A]

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<td>File fragment, cut on 4 sides. No tang. Rectangular section, tapering at both ends. The file cuts survive discontinuously but are visible to within 8mm of the broader end, and to the extant tip at the other. On one of the broad sides and one of the narrow sides some of the cuts are diagonal and others are transverse. On the other two sides they are transverse (only) and evenly cut. Ridges are not raked. L 46mm (inc). W x T (max) 8.5 x 4mm, at broader end 5 x 2mm, at narrow end 3.7 x 0.7mm. Cuts: typically 10 - 12.5/cm (range 8 - 12.5/cm); D to 0.5mm.</td>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Ancient (or corrosion) fractured at both ends. Poorly preserved; no metal core.</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>File fragment, cut on 4 sides. No tang. Rectangular section, essentially complete at one end (rounded, with slight losses), fractured across the other. Tapering in width at both ends and also tapering in thickness at the fractured end. The file cuts extend the full length of the fragment but survive discontinuously. Most of the cuts are transverse although on one broad face there is a greater number of diagonal cuts. Ridges are not raked. L 45mm; W x T (at max W) 8 x 5mm, (rounded end) 3.5 x 5mm, (fractured end) 4 x 3mm. Cuts: g. 10/cm; D to 0.5mm.</td>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>?Ancient break at the fractured end. Partial metal core. Surface losses.</td>
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<td>Mound 22 [file A]. Mound also yielded poker No. 18, ferrous slag, a crucible sherd, and a fragment of a coarse-cut file [file B]. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [8]</td>
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<td>Mound 30, 4ft [1.22m] NW of the central picket, on Floor iv. Mound also yielded anvil No. 48 and crucible sherds. C2nd - mid C1st AD. [A]</td>
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<td>'Much corroded pointed end of a large object, perhaps part of a file; length 92mm; max width about 28mm.' (Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388)</td>
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<td>Mound 75, 2ft [0.61m] S of central picket, on the 2nd floor. The same mound yielded</td>
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hot chisel No. 92, a crucible sherd, and a piece of copper alloy waste metal. Adjacent mound yielded 2 files (Nos 130 and 133), ferrous slag, and further crucible sherds and copper alloy waste metal. C2nd BC - mid 1st AD. [A]

Reference
Bulleid and Gray 1917, 388, 1107.

No. 162. (Fig. A20*)

PUNCH, ?HOT
Hod Hill, Dorset
BMP: 1893 6-1 11

Description
Oval-sectioned stem, slightly expanded at the lower stem, then tapering to a flat rectangular tip. Burred head. L 169mm (complete). (After Manning 1985.)

Context/date
Surface find from ploughing. May be IA or from the Claudian fort. (Durden Coll) [E]

References

No. 163. (Fig. A20)

PUNCH, ?HOT
Danebury, Hants
AM1A

Description
Rectangular in section at the flat bevelled head and upper 20mm of the stem, round-sectioned thereafter. Tapering over the terminal 15mm to a blunt point. L 143mm (complete). Stem: Diam (MP) 6mm. Head: 6 x 3mm.

Condition
Fissured; very slight loss from the tip. Accretions and coatings obscure detail.

Context/date
DA78 layer 453 SF1296. Ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/50 BC). [A]

Reference
Sellwood 1984, 354, no. 2.63, fig. 7.13, Mf. 9:C7.

No. 164. (Fig. A20)

PUNCH, ?HOT
Gussage All Saints, Dorset
BMP: [510]

Description
Oval section, evenly tapered to a broad convex tip. Burred domed head. L 112mm (complete; from X-ray). Stem: (MP) 12 x 10mm, (5mm from tip) 10 x 8mm. Head: (behind burr) 16 x 14mm, (+ burr) 18 x 18mm.

Condition
Now in 2 pieces as a result of metallography (L 38mm + 55mm). Fissured; fractured; losses from head, lower stem, tip 5mm. Accretions in situ. (X-ray reconstruction).

Examination

Context/date
Pit 209/2 layer 10 J. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 169, 186, 191-193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from iron-smithing, and wrought and cast bronzeworking. Phase 2: 1st BC. [A]

Reference
Fell 1988, 74, no. 5, fig. 1.

No. 165.

PUNCH, ?HOT
Dragonby, S. Humber'side
SBM

Description
Rectangular section, tapering, with an eye below the head. (Information supplied by Professor Manning.)

Context/date
Ditch 3 (FN3) in cutting 23. Associated pottery Ceramic Stage 5: ?late 1st BC. [A]

Reference
W. H. Manning forthcoming.
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Round section, tapering, the tip damaged. Domed burred head, possibly necked below the head (X-ray evidence). L 93mm (almost complete). Stem: Diam (MP) 16mm. Head: (behind burr) 19 x 17mm, (+ burr) 25 x 21mm.</td>
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<td>Wainwright 1979, 106, no. 1046; Fell 1988, 74, no. 4, fig. 1.</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Tapered stem; the section is rectangular at the head, rounded-rectangular at the centre, round at the tip. Blunt tip. Rectangular head, domed and much burred across the narrow sides. L 71.5mm (complete, from X-ray). Stem: (MP) 13.5 x 13mm; Diam at tip 1.5mm. Head: (behind burr) 18 x 13mm, (+ burr) 26 x 13mm.</td>
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<td>Now in 2 pieces as a result of metallography; lengths 27mm and 34mm. Fissured; losses from the head and near the tip.</td>
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<td>Pit 437 layer 5. Pit contained debris from iron-smithing and bronze-founding, and ?cold set No. 114, file No. 143, punches Nos 166, 174, 199, and ?scriber No. 229. Phase 2: C3rd BC - C1st BC. [A]</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Round section, tapering. Flat head, burred to one side. L 67mm (inc). Stem: Diam (MP) 16mm. Head: Diam (behind burr) 18mm, (+ burr) 17.5/19.5mm.</td>
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<td>Fractured across the tip; metal core.</td>
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<td>A'07 RHW A1565. Context not recorded. Conceivably 13 'iron chisel, damaged, length 2½ins. In black earth' from cutting VI 1923, NW corner of northern spur, which largely comprised Iron Age and C1st AD Roman deposits. [E]</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>Rectangular section expanded at the centre. Both ends are c. 9mm square, slightly convex, the edges rounded. L 91mm (complete). Stem: (max, MP) c. 14 x c. 11mm. (Dimensions from X-ray.)</td>
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Condition Much fissured and fractured due to corrosion, now in 2 pieces due to metallography.


Context/date Pit 209/2 layer 10 O. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 186, 191-193, 202, gravers Nos 207, 215-218, & scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230, and debris from wrought and cast bronzeworking, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]

Reference Fell 1988, 75, no. 25, fig. 1.

No. 170. (Fig. A20) PUNCH Hod Hill, Dorset BMP: 1892 9-1 -

Description Round section, slightly tapering. Damaged tip but probably originally blunt and rounded. Burred head. L 74mm (inc). Stem: Diam (MP) 10mm. Head: Diam (behind burr) 11mm, (+ burr) 13mm.

Condition Fissured; losses from the tip and head. Metal core.

Context/date Surface find from ploughing. May be IA or from the Claudian fort. (Durden Coll) [E]

Reference Manning 1985, 10, A31, pl. 6.

No. 171. (Fig. A20) PUNCH Hod Hill, Dorset BMP: 1892 9-1 -

Description Rectangular section, tapering over the lower part of the stem. Burred head. L 75mm (inc). Stem: (MP) 10 x 8.5mm. Head: (behind burr) 10 x 8.5mm.

Condition Incomplete, fractured across the tip. Metal core; fissured.

Context/date Surface find from ploughing. May be IA or from the Claudian fort. (Durden Coll) [E]

Reference Manning 1985, 10, A32, pl. 6.

No. 172. (Fig. A20) PUNCH TIP Fiskerton, Lincs XX

Description Round section expanding to a domed circular end. L 71mm (inc). Stem: Diam (MP) 9mm. Tip: Diam (max) 10.5mm; c. 30mm R.

Condition Corrosion fractured across the stem. Metal core.

Examination X-ray (1981-3).

Context/date SF327. From possible ritual deposit(s) found near a C5th/4th BC causeway. The group includes 9 other metalworking tools (Nos 31, 54, 55, 62, 71, 128, 135, 142, 145), woodworking tools, and a float whose handle dates stylistically to C4th BC. [A]

Reference V. Fell forthcoming.

No. 173. (Fig. A20*) PUNCH Danebury, Hants OIA

Description Tapering stem, square in section but rounded towards the tip. Blunt rounded point. Much burred head. L 84mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 9 x 9mm. Head: W (+ burr) 14mm, (behind burr) 10mm. (After Cunliffe forthcoming.)
Context/date Ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/50 BC). [A]
Reference B. Cunliffe forthcoming (no. 2.256).

No. 174. (Fig. A20) PUNCH ? Gussage All Saints, Dorset DCM
Description The upper stem is almost square in section, but oval over the terminal 7mm. Tapering to an oval blunt tip. L 78mm (inc). Stem: (MP) 10 x 9mm.
Condition Ancient loss from the side of the head. Metal core; flaking. Accretions in situ.
References Wainwright 1979, 106, no. 1045; Fell 1988, 75, no. 18, fig. 1.

No. 175. (Fig. A20) PUNCH Gussage All Saints, Dorset DCM
Description Tapering, rectangular section, bent and fissured 8mm from the convex tip. Domed, ?bevelled head. L 79mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 8 x 6mm, (at fracture) 6 x 3mm.
Condition Originally complete when excavated, the tip now missing (reconstruction from X-ray). Metal core. Accretions in situ.
Context/date Pit 191 layer 3. Phase 3: C1st BC/AD. [B]
References Wainwright 1979, 108, no. 1083, fig. 82; Fell 1988, 75, no. 19.

No. 176. (Fig. A20*) PUNCH Danebury, Hants OIA
Description Almost square-sectioned stem, tapering to a blunt tip. Convex, unburred head. L 72mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 8 x 7mm. (After Cunliffe forthcoming.)
Context/date Ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/50 BC). [A]
Reference B. Cunliffe forthcoming (no. 2.257).

No. 177. (Fig. A20*) PUNCH Skeleton Green, Herts HM
Description Rectangular section, tapering to a blunt tip. L 5.56mm. (After Partridge 1981.)
Context/date Pit F.9, layer 2 SF412. Phase ii of Period 1: late C1st BC - early C1st AD. [A]
Reference Partridge 1981, 72, no. 6, fig. 32.

No. 178. (Fig. A21) PUNCH Fison Way, Thetford, Norfolk NAU
Description Tapering stem; the section is rectangular near the burred head, square at the centre, round over the terminal 8mm. The upper stem is bent: this may have been through use or may have been a feature incorporated to assist holding the punch. ?Blunt tip. L 74mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 8.5 x 8.0mm. Head: (+ burr) 8.5 x 6.0
mm, (behind burr) 8.2 x 5.5mm.

Condition Complete in length but spalled at the tip. Metal core. Accretions in situ.


Context/date Ditch of enclosure 13 (1831) SF471. Phase II (early-mid 1st AD). [A]

Reference A. Gregory forthcoming.

No. 179. (Fig. A21) PUNCH Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside GWG

Description Tapering, rectangular section at the upper stem, rounded-square near the convex tip. Burred head. L 68.5mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 7 x 5mm. Tip: (2mm from tip) 4 x 3.5mm. Head: (+ burr) 9.6 x 5.2mm, (behind burr) 8.7 x 5.0mm.

Condition Metal core; surface detail well-preserved.


Context/date SW sector of main ditch, in debris dump comprising waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, and files Nos 121, 122, 144, 151 and 157. Mid 1st BC. [A]

Reference J. Sills forthcoming.

No. 180. (Fig. A21) PUNCH Ham Hill, Somerset SCM

Description Rounded-rectangular section becoming round near the blunt tip. Tapered over the lower half of the stem. Flat, slightly bevelled, unburred head. L 70mm (?complete). Stem: (MP) 9 x 8mm. Tip: Diam c. 2mm. Head: 8 x 6.5mm.

Condition Metal core. Coatings obscure detail; possibly slight losses from the tip.

Context/date A'07 RHW. Context not recorded. Conceivably 13 'pointed implement of iron, length 2.75ins. ... In black earth.' from cutting VI 1923, NW corner of northern spur, which largely comprised Iron Age and 1st Roman deposits. [E]


No. 181. (Fig. A21*) PUNCH Wakerley, Northants ..


Context/date Surface of ditch C.B. ?Iron Age. [E]

Reference Jackson and Ambrose 1978, 221, no. 30, fig. 59.

No. 182. (Fig. A21) PUNCH Gussage All Saints, Dorset DCM

Description Round-sectioned stem, tapering over the lower 30mm, slightly bent near the convex round tip. Domed burred head. L 55mm (complete). Stem: Diam (MP) 8mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 12mm, (behind burr) 10mm.

Condition Metal core. Accretions in situ.
No. 183. (Fig. A21*)

**PUNCH**

Danebury, Hants

**AMIA**

**Description**
Tapering, round section, bent near the tip. Domed burred head. L 43mm (inc.).

**Condition**
Slight loss from the tip.

**Context/date**
DA77 layer 416. Ceramic phase 6: 400-300 BC. [A]

**References**
Sellwood 1984, Mf 9:F12, no. 1269.

No. 184. (Fig. A21*)

**PUNCH**

Woodenaton, Oxon

**Description**
Round-sectioned stem, tapering to a point. L c. 91mm (?complete). Stem: Diam (max) c. 6mm. (After Harding 1987.)

**Context/date**
CII layer 4. Site has metalworking associations. C3rd - C1st BC. [A]

**Reference**
Harding 1987, 43, no. 16, fig. 12.

No. 185. (Fig. A21)

**PUNCH**

Wetwang Slack, N. Humberside

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**Description**
Round section, tapering over the terminal 6mm to a round blunt point. Burred flat head. L 74mm (complete). Stem: Diam (MP) 3.8/4.0mm. Tip: Diam c. 1mm. Head: Diam (+ burr) 3.8/4.2mm, (behind burr) 3.5/4.0mm.

**Condition**
Metal core; well-preserved surface detail.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
XI. WN 539 TE. Feature contained residual Iron Age pottery and bronzeworking debris. Later Iron Age or Romano-British. [E]

**Reference**
J. Dent forthcoming (no. 2.26).

No. 186. (Fig. A21)

**PUNCH**

Gussage All Saints, Dorset

**BMP: (375)**

**Description**
Round-sectioned upper stem, tapering and square in section over the terminal 8mm. The tip is probably incomplete. Flat head. Bent stem. L 60mm (almost complete).

**Condition**
Probable ancient fracture across the tip (accretions covered the tip). Now much fissured and fractured.

**Examination**

**Context/date**
Pit 209 layer 12. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 191-193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from wrought and...
cast bronzeworking, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: 1st BC. [A]

Reference
Fell 1988, 75, no. 33, fig. 1.

No. 187. (Fig. A21)       PUNCH, ?TRACER     Meare Village West, Somerset  SCM
Description Round or rounded-rectangular in section at the upper stem, rectangular at the lower stem. Tapering over the terminal 20mm to a rectangular, almost flat tip. L. 121mm (?complete at excavation). Stem: (30mm from tip) 5 x 4mm. Tip: c. 2.5 x 1mm.
Condition Head missing; now 95mm long. Much fissured and fractured.
Context/date Mound 38, 8 ft (2.44m) W of the central picket. Mound also yielded chisel No. 111, file No. 158, crucible sherds, and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]
Reference
Gray and Bulleid 1953, 247, 184.

No. 188. (Fig. A21)       PUNCH, ?TRACER     Gussage All Saints, Dorset  DCM
Description Square section, tapering over the terminal 20mm to an oval convex tip. Domed ?bevelled head. Bent at both ends. L. 74mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 3.5mm square. Tip: c. 2 x 1mm.
Condition Accretions in situ.
Context/date Pit 104 layer 3. Phase 1: C5th - C3rd BC. [A]
References
Wainwright 1979, 105, no. 1130; Fell 1988, 75, no. 20, fig. 1.

No. 189. (Fig. A21)       ? TRACER OR GRAVER     Meare Village East, Somerset  SCM
Description Rectangular-sectioned stem, tapering in thickness at the tip and bevelled on both sides to a convex edge. L. 70mm (inc). Stem: (top) 4.5 x 3.5mm; 2mm from tip g. 5.5 x 2mm. Tip: W c. 5.5mm, R c. 5mm.
Condition Incomplete at the head. No metal core.
Context/date Mound 20, top. Late in period C2nd BC - mid C1st AD. [E]
References
Orme et al. 1983, 68-9, no. 2344, fig. 68; Coles 1987, 130, 182.2344, fig. 3.55.

No. 190. (Fig. A21)       PUNCH, ?TRACER     Gussage All Saints, Dorset  DCM
Description Tapered, rectangular-sectioned stem; convex tip. Burred head. Bent stem. L 68mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 5 x 4mm. Tip: c. 3 x 1.5mm. Head: (+ burr) 7 x 6mm.
Condition Accretions in situ.
Context/date Enclosure ditch F310 U layer 3. Phase 3: C1st BC/AD. [B]
References
Wainwright 1979, 109, no. 1152; Fell 1988, 75, no. 21, fig. 1.
No. 191. (Fig. A21)  PUNCH?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: [678]
Description  Rectangular section, tapering near the tip, broad convex tip. Bent stem. Tapering to a flat and unburred head. L 60mm (complete, bent), c. 62mm if straight.
Stem: (max, 10-15mm from tip) 6 x 4mm.  Tip: c. 4 x 2mm.  Head: 3.5 x 2.0mm.
Condition  Expanded by corrosion pressures, fissured, and fractured.
Context/date  Pit 209/2 layer 11 S. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 192, 193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from wrought and cast bronzed work, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]
Reference  Fell 1988, 76.

No. 192. (Fig. A21)  PUNCH?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: [501]
Description  Square in section at the upper stem, tapering and rectangular in section over the terminal 10mm. The tip is convex in one plane, flat at the very tip. Bent near the tip. Flat, ?bevelled head. L 47.5mm (complete). Stem: 4mm square. Tip: c. 3 x 2mm.
Condition  Fissured and fractured; partial metal core.
Context/date  Pit 209 layer 10 J. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 191, 193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from wrought and cast bronzed work, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]
Reference  Fell 1988, 75, no. 24, fig. 1.

No. 193. (Fig. A21)  PUNCH? TIP  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: [615]
Description  Square section, tapering over the terminal 20mm to a rectangular convex tip. Bent near the tip. Head missing. L 45mm (inc). Stem: (max) 4.5 x 4.5mm. Tip: c. 3 x 2mm.
Condition  Ancient fracture across the stem. Fissured and fractured.
Context/date  Pit 209/2 layer 11 P. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 191, 192, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from wrought and cast bronzed work, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]
Reference  Fell 1988, 76.

No. 194. (Fig. A21)  PUNCH? TIP  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  DCM
Description  Round section, barely tapering to the slightly convex rectangular tip. Bent stem. L 46mm (inc).  Stem: Diam (MP) c. 5mm.  Tip: 3.5 x 2mm.

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Condition: Head missing; ancient fracture across the stem. Metal core. Accretions in situ.


Context/date: Pit 292. Pit contained a 'cast lump' of bronze. Phase 1: C5th - C3rd BC. [Incorrectly phased in metalwork catalogue; Pit 292 shown as Phase 1 in Wainwright 1979, fig. 16 and table XV.] [A]

References: Wainwright 1979, 108, no. 1092; (Spratling 1979, table XIV); Fell 1988, 76.

No. 195. (Fig. A21)

Description: Tapering stem, round/oval in section, rounded-rectangular at the convex tip. Bent 6mm from the tip. Flat ?bevelled head. L 60mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 5 x 4mm. Tip: c. 4 x 1mm. Head: Diam 5mm.

Condition: Much fissured and spalled. Accretions in situ.


Context/date: Pit 428 layer 3. Phase 2: C3rd BC - C1st BC. [A]

References: Wainwright 1979, 106, no. 1040; Fell 1988, 75, no. 17, fig. 1.

No. 196. (Fig. A21)

Description: Oval or D-sectioned stem, tapering over the terminal 20mm to a convex round tip. The head is flat or very slightly domed; traces of a burr. L 62mm (complete). Stem: (max, MP) 4mm. Tip: Diam c. 2mm. Head: (max) 4mm. (Dimensions from X-ray.)

Condition: Much fissured. Accretions in situ.


Context/date: Pit 426 layer 5. Phase 2: C3rd BC - C1st BC. [A]

References: Wainwright 1979, 105, no. 1014; Fell 1988, 74, no. 15, fig. 1.

No. 197. (Fig. A21)

Description: Sub-square section, tapering over the terminal 8mm to a flat, angled, square tip. Slightly bent. Bevelled head. L 37mm (complete). Stem: (max) 5 x 4mm. Tip: 3 x 3mm.

Condition: Metal core. Accretions in situ.


Context/date: Pit 46 layer 6. Phase 3: C1st BC/AD. [B]


No. 198. (Fig. A22)

Description: Tapering stem, square or rectangular in section. The tip is rectangular, convex, and slightly bent. Burred ?flat head. L 113mm (complete). Stem: (MP) c. 8mm square. Tip: W x T c. 3 x c. 1.5mm. (Dimensions from X-ray.)

Condition: Much fissured and distorted; losses from stem and head. Accretions obscure detail.

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Context/date SF B520301. Unstratified in the interior of the hillfort: Iron Age or Roman. [E]

Reference C. Saunders forthcoming (no. 219); (Thorburn 1986).

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No. 199. (Fig. A22) PUNCH Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: (824)

Description Tapering stem, slightly bent; the section is rectangular at the top, almost rhomboidal towards the tip, and oval at the blunt convex tip. Bevelled head, unburied. L 83mm (from X-ray, ?complete). Stem: (MP) 9.5 x 8mm. Tip: c. 4 x c. 2mm.

Condition Complete as buried; possibly damaged in antiquity at the head. Much corroded, fissured, and distorted by corrosion pressures, and corrosion damaged at tip. Now in 2 main pieces as a result of metallography: lengths 36mm and 43mm.


Phase 2: C3rd - C1st BC. [A]

Reference Fell 1988, 76, no. 26, fig. 1.

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No. 200. (Fig. A22) PUNCH ? Weare Village West, Somerset SCM

Description Rounded-rectangular stem, tapering to a bevelled, convex tip. Bevelled rounded head. L 74mm (complete). Stem: (max) 12.5 x 10.5mm. Tip: 4 x 2.5mm. Head: W 7mm.

Condition Now fractured near the head. Totally corroded; corrosion blister on the tip.


Context/date Mound 9, 25/ft (7.162m) SW of central picket, in black earth. Within 10m was file No. 150, ?graver No. 212, stone moulds, crucible sherds, copper alloy waste metal, and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]

Reference Gray and Bulleid 1953, 239, 141.

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No. 201. (Fig. A22) PUNCH ? Horthy Down, Headbourne Horthy, Hants WCM: 321.20

Description Rectangular section, tapering to a convex rounded-square tip. Slightly burried head. L 96mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 5 x 4mm. Tip: 3 x 3mm. Head: (+ burr) 7 x 3mm.

Condition Accretions and coatings obscure detail.


Context/date Pit No. 2 at depth 3-4 feet (0.9-1.2m). Early C2nd BC. [A]

Reference Hooley 1931, 184, no. 46, pl. VI.

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No. 202. (Fig. A22) PUNCH ? Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: (180)

Description Almost square in section, tapering to the flat rounded-square tip. Bent 20mm from...
the tip. More rounded in section near both ends. The head is square and unburied. L 86mm (complete). Stem: (MP) 6 x 5mm. Tip: 3 x 3mm.

Condition Much fissured and distorted by corrosion pressures. Part of the head is missing.


Reference Fell 1988, 75, no. 22, fig. 1.

No. 203 (Fig. A22*) PUNCH South Cadbury, Somerset

Description Rectangular section, slightly tapering. Broad, rounded tip. L 44mm (?complete). Stem: (MP) c. 9 x c. 7mm (After Alcock 1980).

Context/date From Iron Age rampart. Cadbury phase 9B; mid C1st AD. [A]

Reference Alcock 1980, 673, no. 4, fig. 8.

No. 204. (Fig. A22) CHISEL OR PUNCH Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, S. Humberside GWG

Description Tapering square section. Broad, angled, blunt tip. Burred head. L 81mm (complete). Tip: W 5.5mm. Head: (+ burr) 8 x 8mm, (behind burr) 7 x 7mm.

Condition Much fissured; dimensional distortion (expanded along stem).


Context/date W sector of main ditch, in debris dump comprising waste from iron-smithing, bronze founding and wrought working, and hot chisel No. 105. Mid C1st BC. [A]

Reference J. Sills forthcoming.

No. 205. (Fig. A22) CHISEL OR PUNCH Wetwang Slack, W. Humberside

Description Square section, evenly tapered stem, the tip lost. Burred flat head. L 61mm (almost complete). Stem: (MP) 6 x 6mm. Tip: W (extant) 5.5mm. Head: (+ burr) 8 x 8mm, (behind burr) 7 x 7mm.

Condition Recent fracture at the tip; fissured at the lower stem. Metal core.


Context/date VII. WE + IE. Feature contained residual Iron Age pottery and bronzeworking debris. Later Iron Age or Romano-British. [E]

Reference J. Dent forthcoming (no. 2.28).

No. 206. (Fig. A22*) CHISEL OR TRACER Meare Village West, Somerset

No. 210. (Fig. A22)  GRAVER ?  Barbury Castle, Wilts  DM
Description  Rectangular-sectioned stem. Flat tip, rectangular with rounded corners, bevelled on both sides to a blunt edge. The tang is almost square in section. L 101mm (inc.).
Stem: L 80mm; 6 x 2.5mm. Tip: 6 x 1mm.
Condition  Fractured across the tang tip and the stem tip, spalled along the stem; metal core.
Context/date  From a group of ironwork, possibly a metalworker's hoard, comprising also Nos 47, 75, 208, 209, 213 and 227. Circumstances of discovery unknown. Later Iron Age. [C]
Reference  MacGregor and Simpson 1963, 394, no. 22, fig. 2.

No. 211. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Wetwang Slack, N. Humberside  XX
Description  Slightly tapering, rectangular-sectioned stem. The tip is rectangular with rounded edges. Tapering tang which has traces of mineralised handle (?horn). L 82mm (complete). Stem: L 62mm; (max) 7 x 4mm. Tip: 4 x 2mm.
Condition  Complete other than a flake missing from the tip. Accretions in situ.
Context/date  XI. WN 43 GV. Feature contained residual Iron Age pottery and bronzeworking debris. Later Iron Age or Romano-British. [E]
Reference  J. Dent forthcoming (no. 2.25).

No. 212. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Meare Village West, Somerset  SCH
Description  Slightly tapering, the stem round in section at the centre, oval at the terminal 13mm. The tip is convex across the broader face, biconvex in sectional contour, the edge sharp. Tapering rectangular-sectioned tang. L 75mm (complete). Stem: L 66mm; Diam (max, at tang junction) 4.8mm. Tip: W 3.5mm.
Condition  Fissured and spalled.
Context/date  Mound 9, 24ft [7.31m] SW of central picket, in black earth. Within 10m was file No. 150, punch No. 200, stone moulds, crucible sherds, copper alloy waste metal, and ferrous slag. C3rd BC - mid C1st AD. [B]
Reference  Gray and Bulleid 1953, 239, 142.

No. 213. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Barbury Castle, Wilts  DM
Description  Tapering stem, round in section at the centre. The exact form of the tip cannot be determined but it was probably rectangular and well-rounded. L 71mm (almost complete). Stem: L 45mm; Diam (max) 6mm.

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Condition: Incomplete at the tang tip (ancient damage). Metal core; much fissured, spalled.


Context/date: From a group of ironwork, possibly a metalworker's hoard, comprising also Nos 47, 75, 208, 209, 210 and 227. Circumstances of discovery unknown. Later Iron Age. [C]

Reference: MacGregor and Simpson 1963, 394, no. 20, fig. 2.

No. 214. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Danebury, Hants  AMIA

Description: Rounded-square stem, tapering to an angled flat edge which is biconvex in sectional contour. Tapering tang. L 71mm (complete). Stem: L c. 41mm; (max, tang junction) 7 x 5.5mm. Tip: W (working edge) 3.5mm; (1.5mm from tip) 5.5mm.

Condition: Complete other than a flake lost from tip. Accretions and coatings obscure detail.

Context/date: Pit 252. SF90. Ceramic phase 7-8 (300 BC · 50 AD). [A]

Reference: Sellwood 1984, 354, no. 2.65, fig. 7.13, Mf. 9:C8.

No. 215. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: [651]

Description: Square-sectioned stem tapering to a convex rectangular tip. Slightly bent stem. Rectangular-sectioned tapering tang. L 67mm (complete). Stem: L c. 52mm; (max) 5.5mm square. Tip: g. 3 x g. 2mm.

Condition: Accretions and plate hammer-scale in situ. Fractured.


Context/date: Pit 209/2 layer 11 Q. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 191-193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 216-218, ?scribers Nos 221 and 228, and ?scraper No. 230), and debris from wrought and cast bronzeworking, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]

Reference: Fell 1988, 76, no. 29, fig. 1.

No. 216. (Fig. A23)  GRAVER ?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: [174]

Description: Oval-sectioned stem, curved or bent 15mm from the tip. The edge is convex but angled (worn); the two broader faces convex in sectional contour. Tapering square-sectioned tang. L 52mm (complete). Stem: L 30mm; W (max) 4mm. Tip: W (max) 2.7mm.

Condition: Fractured. Metal at the tang only.


Reference: Fell 1988, 76, no. 28, fig. 1.
No. 217. (Fig. A23) GRAVER? TIP Gussage All Saints, Dorset

Description Tapering stem, rectangular-sectioned, the orientation altering towards the tip. Convex tip, bevelled on one side, rounded on the other. L 85mm (inc). Stem: (max, extant) 3 x 3.5mm; (10mm from tip) 2 x 3mm. Tip: c. 2 x c. 1mm.

Condition Ancient fracture across the stem.


Reference Fell 1988, 76.

No. 218 (Fig. A23) GRAVER? TIP Gussage All Saints, Dorset

Description Rectangular section, slightly curved or bent near the tip. The edge is convex, bevelled on one side. L 57.5mm (inc). Stem: 4 x 2.5mm. Tip: W c. 2mm.

Condition Recent fracture across the stem. Accretions and adhering iron slag obscure detail.


Reference Fell 1988, 76.

No. 219. (Fig. A23) SCORER/SCRIBER? Danebury, Hants

Description Slender square-sectioned rod, tapering at both ends, bent at the broadest part of the stem (66mm from one end). The shorter 'arm' is thicker and tapers more markedly over the terminal 10mm to a sharp point; the other tapers more evenly to a ?blunter tip. L (bent) 152mm (complete?); L (if straight) 155mm; (MP, max) 4mm square.

Condition Sampled for metallography through the blunter end (probably originally complete).

Examination Metallography: Ehrenreich 1985, 209, D33b; Appendix B, S61.

Context/date DA77 Layer 374 SF1200 Ceramic phase 5 (late 5th BC). [A]


No. 220. (Fig. A23) SCORER/SCRIBER? Worthy Down, Headbourne Worthy, Hants

Description Round sectioned, tapering at both ends, curved at one end. L 102mm (inc, bent), c. 108mm if straight. Stem: Diam (max) 5mm; extant ends c. 2mm; dimensions from X-ray.

Condition Recent fracture at the curved end. The straight end may have been complete before it was sampled. Accretions and coatings obscure detail.

Context/date: Late pit or ditch: mid 1st BC - mid 1st AD. [A]

Reference: Hooley 1931, 189, no. 85, pl. VI.

No. 221. (Fig. A23) SCRER/SCRIBER? TIP Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: [712]

Description: Rectangular-sectioned rod, curved along the length, tapering. The end is pointed but has a bevel at the very tip. Two pink metal flecks are attached near the tip (?debris through burial). L 67.5mm (inc). Stem: (max) 3.2 x 2.8mm.

Condition: Complete as buried. Now fissured and fractured; partial metal core at the tip only.


Reference: Fell 1988, 76.

No. 222. (Fig. A24) SCRER/SCRIBER? South Cadbury, Somerset XX

Description: Square in section at mid-length, tapering and rounded in section at both ends, pointed tips. L 65mm (complete). Stem: (max) ≤ 4 x 4mm. (After Spratling 1970b).

Context/date: Area N, possibly a metalworking area, with associated hearths, scrap wrought bronze, and chisel No. 110. Stratigraphy suggests 1st BC or early 1st AD. [A]

References: Alcock 1970, 47, pl. VIII, 7; Spratling 1970a, 190, fig. 3; Spratling 1970b, 15, no. 2, fig. p. 24, B.

No. 223. (Fig. A26a) SCRER/SCRIBER? Danebury, Hants AMIA

Description: Round in section at one end, square-sectioned and tapering at the other. L 109mm (complete). Stem: Diam (MP) 6mm (after Sellwood 1984). Blunt tip.

Examination: X-ray

Condition: Accretions and coatings obscure the surface.

Context/date: DA74 pit 589 layer 4 SF625. Same layer also yielded No. 224. Ceramic phase 7: 300-100/50 BC. [A]


No. 224. (Fig. A26a) SCRER/SCRIBER? Danebury, Hants AMIA

Description: Round section, tapering at both ends and sharply pointed at one end. L 85mm (complete). Stem: Diam (max) 5.5mm (after Sellwood 1984).

Examination: X-ray

Condition: Accretions and coatings obscure the surface.
Context/date DA74 pit 589 layer 4 SF624. Same layer also yielded No. 223. Ceramic phase 7: 300-100/50 BC. [A]

No. 225. (Fig. A24*) SCORER/SCRIBER? or SCRAPER? Croft Ambrey, Here & Worc HCM
Description Narrow stem, round in section at the top, square near the tapered and pointed tip. L 89mm (?inc.). Stem: Diam (max) 4mm. (After Stanford 1974.)
Condition Not known if the stem is complete at the top.
Context/date Quarry-ditch occupation layer 9, Site G, SF114(a). Same layer also yielded No. 226. Phase vi, period VID; mid 2nd BC. [A]
Reference Stanford 1974, 174, fig. 82, no. 17.

No. 226. (Fig. A24*) SCORER/SCRIBER ? Croft Ambrey, Here & Worc HCM
Description Round-sectioned at one end, tapering to a pointed tip. Tapering and rectangular-sectioned at the other end (possibly a long tang ?). L 110mm (?complete). Stem: Diam (max) 6mm. (After Stanford 1974.)
Context/date Quarry-ditch occupation layer 9, Site G, SF114(b). Same layer also yielded No. 225. Phase vi, period VID; mid 2nd BC. [A]
Reference Stanford 1974, 174, fig. 82, no. 20.

No. 227. (Fig. A24) SCORER/SCRIBER ? Barbury Castle, Wilts DM
Description Tapering, round-sectioned stem; pointed end, the tip missing. Rectangular-sectioned tang. L 72.5 (almost complete). Stem: L 45mm; Diam (MP) 4mm.
Condition Incomplete at the tip; metal core.
Context/date From a group of ironwork, possibly a metalworker's hoard, comprising also Nos 47, 75, 208, 209, 210 and 213. Circumstances of discovery unknown. Later Iron Age. [C]
Reference MacGregor and Simpson 1963, 394, no. 24, fig. 2.

No. 228. (Fig. A24) SCORER/SCRIBER ? Gussage All Saints, Dorset BMP: [218]
Description Round-sectioned stem, tapering to a blunt point which is slightly bent to one side. Tapering square-sectioned tang. L 36mm (complete). Stem: L 22mm; Diam (MP) 4mm.
Condition No metal core; intact and well-defined surface.

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No. 229. (Fig. A24)  SCORER/SCRIBER ?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  DCM

Description  Rounded-sectioned and sharply pointed at one end, flattened (oval-section) at the other. Bent at both ends. L 27mm (complete). Stem: (MP) L \( \times \) W 3 \( \times \) 2mm.

Condition  Accretions in situ.


Context/date  Pit 437 layer 5 SF1153. Pit contained debris from bronze-founding and iron-smithing, cold set No. 114, file No. 143, punches Nos 166, 167, 174, and 199. Phase 2: C3rd - 1st BC. [A]

Reference  Unpublished.

No. 230. (Fig. A24)  SCRAPER OR BURNISHER ?  Gussage All Saints, Dorset  BMP: (346)

Description  Round-sectioned stem. The tip is bevelled (= 40°) to a triangular flat face on one side, convex on the opposing side. The leading edge is slightly angled and is broader than the stem. Tapering squat square-sectioned tang. L 74mm (complete). Stem: L \( \times \) W 54mm; Diam (MP) 7.5mm. Tip: W 9mm, the bevel is 7mm deep.

Condition  Much fissured and fractured. Metal core.


Context/date  Pit 209 layer 11, 10-15cm. Pit contained at least 20 other metalworking tools (cold set No. 116, files Nos 152-156, punches Nos 164, 169, 186, 191-193, 202, ?gravers Nos 207, 215-218, and ?scribers Nos 221 and 228), and debris from wrought and cast bronzeworking, and iron-smithing. Phase 2: C1st BC. [A]

Reference  Fell 1988, 76, no. 30, fig. 1.

No. 231. (fig. A24)  BURNISHER ?  Danebury, Hants  AMIA

Description  Tapering stem; rounded-rectangular in section near the tang, oval near the blunt tip. Slightly bent near the tip. Square-sectioned tang with traces of the handle. L 53mm (inc). Stem: L 42mm (complete); (max) 8 \( \times \) 7mm, (3mm from tip) 6 \( \times \) 2mm.

Condition  Fractured across the tang and spalled along the stem. Accretions obscure detail.

Context/date  DA74 F63 layer 3 SF178. Ceramic phase 7 (300 - 100/50 BC). [A]

Reference  Sellwood 1984, 354, no. 2.58, fig. 7.13, Mf. 9:C6.
Figure A1. Pokers (Nos 1-8).
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Figure A2. Pokers (Nos 9-27). Scale 1:4
Figure A3. Pokers (Nos 29-32) and tongs (No. 33). Scale 1:4
Figure A4. Tongs (Nos 34-37). Scale 1:4
Figure A5. Tongs (Nos 38-41, 43-44). Scale 1:4
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Figure A7. Anvils and swages (Nos 49-55).
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Figure A8. Hammers (Nos 56-58). Scale 1:2
Figure A9. Hammers (Nos 59-62). Scale 1:2
Figure A10. Hammers (Nos 63-70). Scale 1:2
Figure A11. Hammers (Nos 71-73, 76-80). Scale 1:2
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Figure A13. Hot set (No. 90) and hot chisels (Nos 91-95). Scale 1:2
Figure A14. Hot chisels (Nos 96-103). Scale 1:2
Figure A15. Chisels (Nos 104-112) and cold sets (Nos 113-117).
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Figure A24. Possible scorers, scribes, and impressing tools (Nos 222-229), and scrapers and burnishers (Nos 230-231).

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Introduction

Each sample is accorded a sequential number S1-S69. The seven comparative tools (of less certain or non-metalworking function) are presented at the end of the sequence (S63-S69). Samples which derive from the assemblages studied by Ehrenreich (1985; 1986) for elemental composition are asterisked and the reference is given.

Each examination is illustrated (Plates B1-B51), where appropriate, with photomicrographs to show typical and/or unusual features, and diagrams to indicate sample position, inclusion distribution, carbon distribution, and hardness. Etchants used (see p. 83) are abbreviated in each entry as follows: a, nital; b, picral; c, hot alkaline sodium picrate; d, potassium metabisulphite. Unless otherwise stated, optical micrographs of metal sections were taken after etching with nital; residual metal structures in sampled flakes of corrosion products were not etched. SEM micrographs are secondary electron images taken after a light nital etch.

Details of examination methods are given in Chapter 2.5.3. Definitions of the principal terms applied are given in the glossary below (after Samuels 1980).

Glossary of metallurgical terms

α-Iron: or ferrite, existing below the $A_1$ critical temperature. Body-centred cubic crystal form.

Anneal: heat-treatment to remove stresses in the metal caused by work.

Austenite: the solid solution of gamma-iron and other elements, generally only existing above the $A_3$ critical temperature and below $A_4$. Face-centred cubic crystal form.

Austenitization range: between the $A_1$ and $A_3$ critical temperatures; the temperature range within which austenite forms on heating, and proeutectoid products form on cooling through this range.
A₁ (Lower Critical Temperature): the eutectoid transformation temperature, approximately 723°C.

A₂ temperature: magnetic transition.

A₃ (Upper Critical Temperature): austenite/gamma-iron upper transition temperature.

A₄ temperature: austenite/δ-ferrite transition.

Bainite: eutectoid transformation product formed by rapid cooling. Upper bainite (ferrite and a carbon dispersion) forms above c. 350°C. Lower bainite (ferrite and cementite plates) forms below c. 350°C.

Cementite: metastable iron carbide, Fe₃C.

Eutectoid composition: approximately 0.8% carbon.

Ferrite: see α-iron (δ-ferrite not applicable to the present study).

Gamma-iron: see austenite.

'Ghosting': segregation effects due to phosphorus.

Hyper-eutectoid: above 0.8% carbon.

Hypo-eutectoid: below 0.8% carbon.

Heat-treatment: any thermal process used specifically to alter or modify the microstructure (includes annealing, quenching, tempering).

Martensite: metastable phase, formed by diffusionless transformation when austenite is cooled very rapidly, at a rate faster than the critical cooling rate. Body-centred crystal form.

Neumann lines: deformation lines in ferrite which form along certain crystallographic planes as a result of cold work.

Modular pearlite: radial growth of barely resolvable pearlite, formed by fairly rapid cooling (sometimes referred to as troostite).

Pearlite: eutectoid transformation product comprising alternate lamellae of ferrite and cementite.

Quench: very rapid cooling, by plunging the metal in water or other medium, which in an austenitized steel produces constituents such as martensite.

Temper: heat-treatment at a low temperature to reduce the brittleness and hardness of a quenched steel, and also to increase the toughness.

White lines: light-etching lines, due to impurities segregating during forging (the segregated elements are more resistant to etching and hence appear light in contrast to the adjacent area).

Widmanstätten ferrite: ferrite precipitated from austenite along specific crystallographic planes during fairly rapid cooling from elevated temperatures.
Metal sample  TS, mid-way along the side of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY65b).

Unetched  Virtually free of inclusions (3 small glassy inclusions) surrounded by corrosion products (Plate B1b). Much corroded; granular carbides visible in the corrosion.

Etched [a]  The section comprised coalescing pearlite and granular carbides, the carbon content \( \leq 0.6\% \) at one side of the section (poker edge, left in Plate B1a) increasing to \( \leq 0.7\% \) or \( 0.8\% \) at the other side of the section.

Hardness  Centre: 199 HV 0.2.  

Grain size: ASTM 5.

Comments  The spheroidization of the carbide suggests severe reheating (but below \( A_1 \)), as may be expected during use of a hearth tool.

Reference  Ehrenreich 1985, 184, HNY, 65b.

Metal sample  LS, through the end of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY60a).

Unetched  Very corroded; many islands of corrosion products within the metal. Abundant single-phase and duplex inclusions were aligned across the section.

Etched [a]  Banded structure consisting of a broad ferrite band between broad low-carbon regions, the latter comprising grain-boundary pearlite (below 0.1C%). Two light-etching lines were present, one within a carburized band, the other at the edge of a carburized band (Plate B1e). Grains were equiaxed.

Hardness  Ferrite band: 228 HV 0.2.  

Carburized band: 143 HV 0.2.

Grain size  Ferrite band: ASTM 3.  

Carburized bands: ASTM 5.

Comments  The light-etching lines suggest that the metal contained impurities which had segregated during piling, and these may have also caused the carbon to segregate to grain-boundaries and into bands. The relatively high hardness of the ferrite may be due to these impurities, or may relate to cold-work to reform the poker tip, (though this is not supported by the grain form, and would indicate little later use on a hearth).

Reference  Ehrenreich 1985, 182, 213, HNY60a.

Metal sample  TS, mid-way along the side of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY61b).

Unetched  A few aligned duplex inclusions.

Etched [a]  There was an even carbon gradation between the sides of the section (upper and lower surfaces of the poker, \( \leq 0.2\%C \) at the lower edge in Plate B2b, \( \leq 0.4\%C \) at the upper edge), and the centre of the blade which was \( \leq \) eutectoid composition. The section comprised fine but coarsening pearlite, and cementite films were present at grain-boundaries and sub-grain boundaries (more noticeably in the

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PLATE B1. Metallography of pokers No. 12 (S1) and No. 25 (S2).
(a) S1. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S1. Centre of section: pearlite and slag stringers. (c) S1. Coarsened pearlite.
(d) S2. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(e) S2. Diagram showing structure.
PLATE B2. Metallography of pokers No. 16 (S3) and No. 17 (S4).
(a) S3. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution.  (b) S3. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (c) S3. Eutectoid region: pearlite, carbide networks, slag stringer.  (d) S3. Medium-carbon region: pearlite.  (e) S4. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
Hardness
Eutectoid: 218 HV 0.2. Low-carbon: 125 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 6

Comments
The carbon gradation could conceivably be the result of decarburization during use of the poker in a hearth; the gradation is not very pronounced and it seems more likely that the poker was forged from an unevenly carburized bloom. The veining suggests forging in the A₁-A₃ range - which may also account for the refined grain size. The coarsening of the pearlite may be due to heating below A₁.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 183, 214, HNY61b.

S4* (Plate B2e) POKER, No. 17 Hunsbury, Northants
Metal sample LS, through the end of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY18b).
Unetched Many alignments of multi-phased inclusion stringers and of fine particles.
Etched [a] The section comprised equiaxed ferrite, mostly large-grained, and 'ghosting' was visible. Many Neumann lines were present.
Hardness 201 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 2 (at one edge ASTM 6).
Comments The 'ghosting' and Neumann lines suggest that phosphoric ferrite had been cold-worked. High phosphorus was recorded by Ehrenreich (1985).
Reference Ehrenreich 1985, 169, 212, HNY18b.

S5* (Plate B3, a-c) POKER, No. 13 Hunsbury, Northants
Metal sample TS, through the side of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY61a).
Unetched Alignments of well-broken duplex inclusion stringers and fine particles.
Etched [a] Banded structure comprising zones of almost solely ferrite, and carburized zones. The ferrite zones contained a very small amount of grain-boundary carbide. The carburized zones (c. 0.1-0.4%C) comprised ferrite and grain-boundary carbide in the lower-carbon regions, Widmanstätten ferrite and grain-boundary pearlite in the higher-carbon regions. Grains were slightly angular.
Hardness Ferrite bands: 184 HV 0.2. Carburized bands: 132 HV 0.2; 141 HV 0.2.
Comments The banding suggests that the poker was forged from a bloom heterogeneous in carbon content and possibly also in elemental composition. The higher hardness in the ferrite bands suggests work-hardening, perhaps from reforming of the tool.

S6* (Plates B3, d-e, and B4, a-b) POKER, No. 19 Hunsbury, Northants
Metal sample TS, through the side of the spatulate tip (Ehrenreich HNY65a).
Unetched Many alignments of multi-phase, and glassy inclusions. Stringers were well-broken and most were surrounded by corrosion (with nodular carbides surviving).
PLATE 83. Metallography of pokers No. 13 (S5) and No. 19 (S6).
(a) S5. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution. (b) S5. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) S5. Banded structure at top of section (the hardness indent is from Ehrenreich's analysis). (d) S6. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution (outer corroded layers ignored). (e) S6. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
PLATE B4. Metallography of poker No. 19 (56) and anvil No. 47 (57).
(a) 56. Carburized band, some former grain-boundaries arrowed. (b) 56. Small-grained carburized band at edge of section. Nodular carbides at grain-boundaries and in corrosion products around slag and section. (c) 57. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution. (d) 57. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (e) 57. Centre of section. (f) 57. Detail of carbides.
Etched [a]  Banded structure of ferrite, and low-carbon regions. The latter comprised granular carbide which outlined the present grain-boundaries and the former grain-boundaries, suggesting that recrystallization with grain growth had taken place (Plate B4a). The maximum carbon content was €· 0.1% in a band at the edge of the section (lowest in Plate B3e). Grains were equiaxed.

Hardness  Ferrite: 144 HV 0.2. Carburized band: 149 HV 0.2.

Grain size  Ferrite band: ASTM 3 (max.). Carburized band: ASTM 6 (min.).

Comments  The banding presumably resulted from the forging of an heterogeneous bloom. The spheroidization of the carbide and the recrystallization effects suggest that the poker had been reheated to a moderate temperature (below $A_1$) and this may have occurred during use in a hearth, or possibly during hot-forging.

Reference  Ehrenreich 1985, 184, 214, HNY65a.

S7* (Plate B4, c-f)  ANVIL, No. 47  Barbury Castle, Wilts

Metal sample  From the edge of the burr on the head. (Ehrenreich BC7a).

Unetched  A few large glassy inclusions.

Etched [a]  At the centre of the section was a carburized region, €· 0.3%C max., comprising spheroidized carbides (Plate B4, e-f) which outlined the present grain-boundaries and some former grain-boundaries (arrowed in Plate B4e). Grain growth had occurred during recrystallization. At the edges of the section was ferrite with 'ghosting' effects. Grains were equiaxed.

Hardness  Ferrite: 122 HV 0.2. Carburized region: 176 HV 0.2.


Comments  This part of the anvil had probably been forged from an unevenly carburized bloom; the 'ghosting' suggesting that phosphorus was present, which may have caused segregation of the carbon; Ehrenreich (1985) records medium P. Spheroidization and recrystallization may have occurred during forging of the anvil.

Reference  Ehrenreich 1985, 130, 208, BC7a

S8 (Plate B5a)  BENCH ANVIL, No. 54  Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample  TS, 5mm from the tip of the stem. See also S9.

Unetched  Severely corroded; many corrosion islands. Abundant, large multi-phase inclusions.

Etched [a]  Equiaxed ferrite.

Hardness  174 HV 0.2; 165 HV 5. Grain size: ASTM 2-4 (few complete grains).

SEM-EDXA  Phosphorus was sought but not detected.

Comments  The higher hardness of this section compared with the head (S9) suggests that the ferrite was rather impure.
PLATE 85. Metallography of bench anvil No. 54 (S8 & S9) and top-swage No. 55 (S10).
(a) S8. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution (for clarity, ignoring those in the corrosion products) and hardness (HV 0.2). (b) S9. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) S9. Ferrite with Neumann lines. (d) S10. Nodular carbides (white) within corrosion matrix (dark). (e) S10. Lamellar carbide (white) within corrosion matrix (dark).
S9 (Plate B5, b-e)  
Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample  LS, through the head, incorporating part of the head and the side. See also S8.

Unetched  A very small amount of single-phase inclusions.

Etched [a]  Equiaxed ferrite, with some Neumann lines (Plate B5c).

Hardness  116 HV 0.2; 105 HV 5.  
Grain size: ASTM 2-3.

SEM-EDXA  Phosphorus was sought but not detected.

Comments  The Neumann lines indicate cold-work, but the low hardness suggests that the ferrite was very clean and in the almost annealed condition (cf. S8)

Both ends of the tool (S8 and S9) comprised essentially annealed ferrite but were likely to be of different elemental composition (and thus different hardnesses).

S10 (Plate B5, d-e)  
Fiskerton, Lincs

Corrosion flakes  (1) A detached flake of corrosion products. (2) A flake of corrosion products removed 13mm from the functional tip of the tool.

Unetched  Sample 1 revealed abundant grain-boundary nodular carbides (white in Plate B5d) in the corrosion matrix. Sample 2 revealed fine lamellar carbide (Plate B5e), the appearance of which suggested that it originally comprised fine pearlite. The carbon content may have been moderate to high, especially at the region of sample 2.

Comments  The fine pearlite carbide (2) suggests that the tool had been fast air-cooled, though this sample may not have been typical of the microstructure at the very tip of the tool. The spheroidized carbide (1) suggests that a reheating cycle had occurred, but conclusions are limited owing to unknown position of the sample.

S11° (Plate B6)  
Hunsbury, Northants

Metal sample  LS, at an angle through the front edge of the complete (rectangular) face, comprising part of the face and part of the side of the hammer (Ehrenreich HNY70a).

Unetched  Much internal corrosion. Longitudinal alignments of fine particles and well-broken duplex stringers.

Etched [a, d]  Networks of very fine cementite films, within which the microstructure was either irresolvable or comprising fine dark particles, possibly carbide precipitates. Some of these particles were aligned as short rows. The matrix appeared blocky in some regions (Plate B6d). Cementite films delineated the grain-boundaries and were present at sub-grain boundaries. Bainite was suggested from intersecting plates (Plate 6e) and grain-boundary ferrite plates with precipitates (Plate B6, c-d).

Hardness  Bainite: 234 HV 0.2. Matrix: 193 HV 0.2.  
Grain size: ASTM 3.

Comments  The hammer face was quenched, forming bainite at least, but it had probably then been reheated which severely over-tempered the original structure. The orientated carbon/carbide particles may have precipitated from lath martensite during the
PLATE 86. Metallography of hammer No. 61 (S11).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (b) Network of cementite films. (c) Detail of cementite films, and bainite. (d) Bainite. (e) Bainite: visible at grain-boundaries, and as intersecting ferrite plates.
reheating, or may be part of the bainite, though the original structure may have comprised bainite alone.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 186, 214, HNY70a.

S12 (Plate B7)  
HAMMER, No. 62  
Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample  LS through the rectangular face. See also S13, S14 and S15.

Unetched  Duplex inclusions, aligned as 3 arcs at the centre of the section, plus lines running towards the face (left in Plate B7b).

Etched  Across the section was martensite with a small amount of grain-boundary nodular pearlite and traces of feathery grain-boundary ferrite - probably bainite (Plate B7e). The nodular pearlite was concentrated along some of the inclusion lines.

There were several light-etching lines (Plate B7, c-d) associated fine particles.

Hardness  Martensite: face 834, 800 HV 0.2; 873 HV 0.5; 795, 781, 752, 677 HV 5;
within the section 606 HV 0.2; 812, 588 HV 5.

Grain size  Martensite: at centre ASTM 4-5; elsewhere ASTM 3-4.

Comments  The alignments of inclusions and associated light-etching lines indicate welding, the orientation of which suggest the folding over of metal at the hammer face, probably to thicken and form the face. The high hardness suggests a medium-high carbon content, perhaps about 0.5%C or 0.6%C. The hammer face was severely quenched from the fully austenitized condition.

S13 (Plate B8)  
HAMMER, No. 62  
Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample  TS, 20mm from the tip of the rectangular face. This second sample from the face (cf. S12) was taken to investigate the unusual inclusion alignments, and the possibility that steel may have been welded-on at the face. (See also S14 & S15.)

Unetched  At one side of the section there were several alignments of angular multi-phased inclusions and of fine particles.

Etched  Two-thirds of the section (left and centre in Plate B8a) comprised massed nodular pearlite with some lath martensite (light etching areas, left and centre in Plate B8a). Through the centre of this region was a light-etching (weld) line. At the side of the section (right in Plate B8a) were several light-etching lines associated with fine particles. Here the structure consisted of irresolvable pearlite and grain-boundary ferrite; carbon segregation (or decarburization) had occurred within some of the light-etching lines (Plate B8, e-f). The carbon content varied from low/medium to high.

Hardness  Martensite: 986 HV 0.2; 1003 HV 0.5; nodular pearlite 338 HV 0.2; 396 HV 5;
irresolvable pearlite 239 HV 5; irresolvable pearlite + ferrite (1:1) 178 HV 5.

SEM-EDXA  Ferrite band in Plate B8f revealed a high concentration of arsenic.
PLATE 87. Metallography of hammer No. 62 (S12).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 5).
(c) Diagram showing weld lines.  (d) Inside edge of section: martensite, nodular pearlite, and a branched light-etching segregation line.  (e) Martensite, nodular pearlite, ?bainite (arrowed).
PLATE 118. Metallography of hammer No. 62 (513).
(a) Whole section. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution. (c) Diagram showing light-etching weld lines and hardness (HV 5). (d) Light-etching weld line at side of section. (e) Light-etching weld lines exhibiting decarburization. (f) Light etching weld lines, the one on the right much decarburized.
Comments

The light-etching lines with associated particles indicate welding, and some segregation of carbon away from the weld had occurred within these lines. The presence of arsenic could account for the different microstructures associated with the welds and the carbon segregation (contra decarburization). The inclusion alignments were consistent with those in S12, suggesting that the metal had been folded over at the tip of the face only, and confirmed that no additional metal had been welded on to form the face. The microstructures were typical of a slack-quench, which was to be expected considering the distance of this sample from the hammer face (cf. S12).

S14 (Plate B9, a-c)  HAMMER, No. 62  Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample  TS, 6mm from the 'square' face, behind the burr. See also S12, S13, S15.

Unetched  Clusters of large, angular, glassy inclusions.

Etched  One half of the section revealed massed nodular pearlite, with some martensite (Plate B9c) at the edge (side of the hammer, apex of section in Plate B9a). At the other side of the section was irresolvable pearlite, very fine pearlite, and some grain-boundary ferrite and bainite. There was some zoning of the microstructures, which may be due to variable carbon content (e.g. low to medium carbon).

Hardness  Martensite 630 HV 0.2; martensite + nodular pearlite 474 HV 5; nodular + irresolvable pearlite 299 HV 5; fine pearlite + ferrite 250-262 HV 5.

Comments  The hammer face had been quenched, the microstructures suggesting a mild quench (though may not be typical of the structure at the original face). The heterogeneity and low hardness may account for the much burred condition of the hammer face.

S15 (Plate B9, d-f)  HAMMER, No. 62  Fiskerton, Lincs

Corrosion flakes  Samples were taken from inside the eye and from the side of the hammer adjacent to the eye. See also metal sections S12, S13 and S14 from the faces.

Unetched  Fine lamellar cementite was visible within the corrosion matrix (Plate B9, d-f), which SEM confirmed to be residual pearlite.

Comments  The presence of pearlite indicates that the eye of the hammer had been air-cooled. Both faces of the hammer had been quenched (S12 + S13, S14) which suggests that the eye was intentionally left unquenched, and thus less brittle and tougher.

S16* (Plate B10, a-d)  HAMMER, No. 63  Bigbury, Kent

Metal sample  LS, through the rectangular face (Ehrenreich B3b).

Unetched  Angular glassy inclusions. Much corroded.

Etched [a]  The section comprised extremely fine spheroidized carbides, with some grain-
PLATE 89. Metallography of hammer No. 62 (S14 and S15).

(d-f) S15. Pearlite carbides (white) within corrosion matrix (grey).
PLATE B10. Metallography of hammers No. 63 (S16) and No. 68 (S22).
(a) S16. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S16. Whole section (hardness indents are those of Ehrenreich 1985).
(e) S22. Diagram of section: hardness (HV 0.5).
boundaries delineated by fine granular carbide. A few of the interstitial carbide particles appeared to be aligned. Perhaps about eutectoid composition.

**Hardness**

171 HV 0.2. 

**Grain size:** ASTM 3.

**Comments**

The homogeneous carbon composition suggests that a (?well-worked) carburized bloom was employed. The microstructure and large grain size suggests that the hammer face had been reheated to a moderate temperature (below $A_y$) for a sufficiently long period that all the former microstructure spheroidized. The small size of the carbide suggests that the original structure may have been extremely fine.

**Reference**

Ehrenreich 1985, 124, 207, 83b.

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**S17** (Plate B11)  
**HAMMER, No. 66**  
**Ham Hill, Somerset**

**Metal sample**

Round face. TS, behind the burr, 4mm from the extant face, incorporating part of the top and the side of the hammer. (See also S18 [LS], and S19).

**Unetched**

Curved alignments of a small number of rounded, duplex dendritic inclusions.

**Etched [a]**

Fairly evenly carburized, c. 0.2-0.3 %C; the microstructure comprising coarse pearlite with Widmanstätten ferrite. There were 3 curved light-etching bands with associated inclusions. On longer etching, these bands stained dark yellow and pearlite was visible. There appeared to be slight decarburization within the bands, particularly in the one shown lowest in Plate B11c.

**Hardness**

Ferrite + pearlite: large grains at centre 155 HV 0.2; small grains 182 HV 0.2; apex of section 236 HV 0.2. 

**Grain size:** ASTM 74.

**Comments**

The light-etching lines with associated inclusions suggest segregation enrichment from welding (presumably arsenic segregation, see SEM-EDXA in S18). The face was air-cooled from the austenitized condition.

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**S18** (Plate B12, a-c)  
**HAMMER, No. 66**  
**Ham Hill, Somerset**

**Metal sample**

Round face. LS, through the face, plus some of the burr. See also S17 (TS), & S19.

**Unetched**

There were 3 main inclusion lines. The outer comprised small, rounded, glassy inclusions. The central line (Plate B12, a-c) comprised large duplex inclusions and a corrosion/stress line linked the inclusions. The inner line comprised small, angular, glassy inclusions. Some pearlite cementite survived in the corrosion layers adjacent to the metal.

**Etched [a]**

The carbon content was low, and comprised pearlite and Widmanstätten ferrite. There were 3 curved light-etching lines which were parallel to the main inclusions, and fine inclusion particles were present within or just to one side of the lines. The grains in the burr of the face were much deformed (Plate B12c).

**Hardness**

Ferrite + pearlite: 220 HV 0.2; at burr 262 HV 0.2. 

**Grain size:** ASTM 4.

**SEM-EDXA**

Arsenic (c. 0.95 - 1.25%) was detected within the two light-etching lines examined.
PLATE B11. Metallography of hammer No. 66 (S17).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (c) Pearlite and Widmansätten ferrite. Three light-etching weld lines run from top left to centre bottom.
PLATE B12. Metallography of hammer No. 66 (S18 and S19).
(a) S18. Whole section. (b) S18. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) S18. Deformed grains at top left, above weld line.
whereas none was detected between the lines.

Comments
Like S17 (TS), the structure suggest fold-welding, attested by arsenic enrichment. Again the structures indicate rapid air-cooling from the austenitized condition.

S19 (Plate B12, d-f) HACHER, No. 66 Ham Hill, Somerset

Metal sample Rectangular face: LS, centrally through the face.

Unetched Small, well-broken, glassy inclusions.

Etched [a] Across the section was lath martensite, perhaps with retained austenite, with a very small amount of grain-boundary feathery ferrite, probably bainite. A few short, quench or corrosion cracks were present.

Hardness Ferrite + pearlite: at face 441 HV 0.2; 420 HV 0.5, 453 HV 1; within section 432 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 4.

Comments This face was severely quenched from the fully austenitized state. The low hardness suggests a low-medium carbon content.

The two faces of this hammer had been treated differently; the rectangular face (S19) was quench-hardened whereas the round face (S17 and S18) was air-cooled. A functional difference between the two faces is therefore indicated.

S20 (Plate B13) HACHER, No. 67 Whitcombe, Dorset

Metal sample TS, 8mm from the rectangular face. The face was too corroded and fragile to permit longitudinal sampling.

Unetched Fine particles and elongated angular inclusions were aligned across the section; some were duplex though the majority were single-phased.

Etched [a, a+b, d] One side of the section (left in Plate B13b) comprised nodular pearlite, irresolvable pearlite, some martensite, and a small amount of grain-boundary ferrite.

There was some zoning to the structure. The central third of the section comprised curved parallel bands forming 2 sets of 2 alternating microstructures; (1) martensite (marked M in Plate B13c) with grain-boundary nodular pearlite and some bainite and (2) massed nodular pearlite (darkest in Plate B13, b-c). Light-etching lines (arrowed in Plate B13b) were present at the edges of some of the bands, the microstructure continuous beneath. The other side of the section (right of the double light-etching line in Plate B13b) comprised martensite and grain-boundary nodular pearlite in roughly equal proportions, and 2 further light-etching lines.

Over the whole section there were roughly equal volume fractions of martensite and nodular pearlite, a lesser proportion of irresolvable pearlite, and a small amount of grain-boundary ferrite and of bainite. The fine inclusion particles were aligned along the light-etching lines, whereas the larger inclusions were present (and aligned) within bands of all constituents.
Plate B13. Metallography of hammer No. 67 (520).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 5). (b) Whole section. Light-etching segregation (weld) lines arrowed. (c) Centre of section showing nodular pearlite (dark), martensite (M), and light-etching segregation lines.
Hardness

Martensite: at side of hammer (top edge in Plate B13, a-b) 441, 463, 469, 488, 518, 547, 550 HV 0.2. Martensite band + grain-boundary pearlite: 435 HV 5.
Martensite + irresolvable pearlite: 278 HV 0.2; 319 HV 5. Nodular pearlite band: 245 HV 0.2; 319 HV 5. Irresolvable pearlite: 208 HV 0.2; 251 HV 5.

Comments

Arsenic was detected in all 3 of the light-etching lines examined, at concentrations <· 0.2%, 0.5%, 0.7%, and in the central pearlite band at <· 0.1%.

The hammer face had probably been piled from medium-carbon steel containing a high arsenic (the arsenic partly segregating to the weld lines). The face was quenched from the fully austenitized state, though probably not severely quenched. The presence of arsenic within a martensite band (and possibly therefore throughout the section), as well as in the light-etching lines, may alone account for the variable austenite transformation products although other variations in chemical composition also may have contributed.

S21° (Plate B14)  

Metal sample LS, through the rectangular face (Ehrenreich B13a). See also S21 and S23.

Unetched At one side of the section (right in Plate B14b) there were alignments of fine inclusion particles and multi-phased stringers. Elsewhere the inclusions were clustered, glassy or multi-phased.

Etched [a, c] One half of the section (left in Plate B14a) comprised martensite (light-etching in Plate B7a) with nodular pearlite, which together formed discontinuous bands orientated towards the hammer face. The other side of the section was low in carbon and the transformation products were slightly angular (almost spiky) and comprised a light-etching lathy constituent, probably martensite, and a darker-etching constituent, probably pearlite (Plate B14c). Etching with alkaline picral did not appreciably darken either constituent. The grains were much deformed, particularly at the edge of the section (the burr of the hammer face). There were 4 light-etching lines (arrowed in Plate B14a), and the microstructure was continuous beneath. The carbon content was probably medium/high at the left side of the section decreasing to below 0.1%C at the other side.

Hardness Martensite: 632 HV 0.2; 775 HV 0.5; nodular pearlite: 435 HV 0.5; irresolvable pearlite 257 HV 0.5; ferrite + other constituents, low-carbon 268 HV 0.5.

Comments The zoning of the microstructures, and the light-etching lines, suggest that the metal had been much piled, and folded over to form the face. The microstructures were typical of a mild quench. The form of the angular transformation products at the low-carbon region may be the result of incomplete austenitization, though work-hardening probably had had an effect.

PLATE B14. Metallography of hammer No. 68 (S21).
(a) Whole section. Light-etching lines arrowed. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.5). (c) Low-carbon region: ferrite (white), ?martensite (pale), irresolvable ?pearlite (dark).
S22 (Plates B10e and B15, a-b) HACIER, No. 68
Bigbury, Kent

Metal sample LS, though the burr of the flat square face. The original sample (Ehrenreich B13b) is now almost polished out; another sample was taken (VF) adjacent to the original cut, and this description if of that sample. See also S22 and S23.

Unetched Small amount of angular, glassy inclusions forming two groups.

Etched [a] Massed nodular pearlite with a few grains of martensite (c. 5% of the total) and a very small amount of grain-boundary ferrite. (Plate B15, a-b).

Hardness Martensite: 653 HV 0.2. Nodular pearlite: 413 HV 0.2; 391 HV 0.5.

Comments The hammer face had been quenched from the fully austenitized state, the microstructures suggesting a mild or slack quench. ?Medium carbon content.


S23 (Plate B15, c-d) HACIER, No. 68
Bigbury, Kent

Metal sample TS through the outer part of the eye. See also S21 and S22).

Unetched A small amount of clustered, glassy or multi-phased inclusions.

Etched [a] Homogenous structure of very fine pearlite, some irresolvable at x500; c. 0.3 - 0.4%C. The ferrite is slightly spiky in places, elsewhere it is more rounded.

Hardness 198 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 8.

Comments Fairly rapidly cooled. The rounded ferrite boundaries may indicate partial austenitization during the final heat. The two faces of the hammer (S21 and S22) had been quenched whereas the eye was not quenched; thus it seems possible that the eye was left deliberately in the unquenched condition, probably to enhance toughness there. Conceivably the faces were heated independently, which could have resulted in partial austenitization near the eye. The fineness of the pearlite may be due to rapid cooling when the faces were quenched.

S24 (Plates B16 and B17) HACIER, No. 71 Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample TS, 5mm from the tip of the ball face. See also S25 and S26.

Unetched Clusters of angular single-phase and duplex inclusions.

Etched [a, a+b, c] At one side of the section (light-etching zone, left in Plate B16b) was a very low carbon zone which comprised ferrite, a light-etching acicular constituent, and a dark-etching constituent. The greater part of the section (right in Plate B16a) was slightly higher in carbon content (but nevertheless low overall, below 0.3%C), with ferrite, and acicular transformation products similar to those seen in the lower-carbon region, but with a greater proportion of the dark-etching constituent. Some of the dark-etching constituent was also acicular. In some spikes both constituents were present (visible in Plate B16a), but neither was resolvable at X1000. The transformation products were in roughly equal proportion and there was
PLATE B15. Metallography of hammer No. 68 (S22 and S23).
(a) S22. Centre of section; nodular pearlite (dark), martensite (pale).
(b) S22. Detail of (a). (c) S23. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (d) S23. Pearlite (dark) and ferrite (pale). (e) S23. Detail of (d) showing both rounded and angular ferrite. The pearlite is barely resolvable. (f) S23. Ferrite with rounded boundaries, and resolvable pearlite.

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PLATE B16. Metallography of hammer No. 71 (524).

(a) Detail of higher-carbon zone: ferrite (white), acicular light-etching constituent probably martensite, and irresolvable pearlite (dark). (b) Whole section.

(c) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 5).
PLATE 817. Metallography of hammer No. 71 (S24). SEM micrographs showing spiky martensite (light), very fine pearlite (light), ferrite (dark). (a) Spikes of martensite are visible at centre top. (b) Detail of same area (top centre of g). Pearlite lamellae are clearly visible at centre and top right.
some zoning (denser concentration at centre and right in Plate B16b). A short light-etching line was present, without associated inclusions, and the microstructure was continuous beneath. Deformed grains were not seen. Etching with hot alkaline picral revealed no free carbide and only appreciably stained the constituent which was darker-etching under nital.

SEM

The acicular light-etching constituent (arrowed, centre top in Plate B17a, centre bottom in Plate B17b) was partly resolved; there was some alignment in the structure, although none revealed sufficient to be certain of the phase. The other constituent (the darker-etching constituent under nital) comprised fine wavy lamellae, and this was assumed to be pearlite (see especially top right in Plate B17b). This constituent forms the more-rounded fronts adjacent to ferrite (F) in Plate B17a.

Hardness

Lower-carbon zone: ferrite 283 HV 0.2; all constituents 242 HV 5.

Higher-carbon zone: all constituents 314 HV 0.2; 312 HV 0.2; 268 HV 5, 239 HV 5.

Grain size


SEM-EDXA

Phosphorus was detected in the lower-carbon zone only.

Comments

The presence of phosphorus may account for the variable carbon and microstructural distribution. The light-etching constituent was considered most likely to be martensite, although lower bainite with pearlite, or transitional forms of transformation products are a possibility. The spiky morphology may have resulted from incomplete austenitization (the austenite, concentrated in carbon, forming along crystallographic planes and later transforming to martensite upon quenching).

Alternatively, the austenite may have been partly transformed before quenching.

S25 (Plate B18, a-e) HAMMER, No. 71 Fiskerton, Lincs

Metal sample

LS, through the rectangular face. See also S24 and S26.

Unetched

Single-phase and duplex particles and stringers were aligned across the section. Much banded structure of ferrite bands alternating with low-carbon bands (Plate B18a). At the centre of the section was a broad band in which numerous Neumann lines were present (Plate B18a). Neumann lines were also present in other ferrite bands and also at the edges of some of the carburized bands. 'Ghosting' was visible in the ferrite. The carburized bands comprised a small amount of martensite, visible as grain-boundary spikes (Plate B18c-e), intragranular plates (Plate B18c), and more rounded forms (Plate B18d). Plate B18c shows a carburized band with ferrite (white), spiky martensite (pale), and a small amount of irresolvable pearlite (dark, arrowed) at the edges of some of the martensite. Plate B18d shows the martensite with a lath-like structure, surrounding duplex stringers. Some dark-etching irresolvable pearlite was associated with the martensite.
PLATE 818. Metallography of hammer No. 71 (S25 and S26).
The grains at the hammer face (left in Plate B18a) were much distorted; ferrite grains revealed sub-grain strain lines, and the hardness was high in the burr at the hammer face (compare hardness values in Plate B18b). Etching with hot alkaline picral revealed no free carbides nor was the acicular martensite stained. The hammer face showed evidence of considerable work-hardening through use (high hardness, distorted grains, Neumann lines). The presence of phosphorus was probably responsible for the banding effects, causing segregation of carbon into bands and grain boundaries, during piling and forging. Veining visible in stressed grains suggests that the hammer had been forged in the $A_1$-$A_3$ range. The acicular form of the martensite suggests that the hammer face had been partly austenitized before rapid quenching from the $A_1$-$A_3$ range (but see comments on the other face, S24). In this section (S25), the martensite was lathy (cf. S24), and there was a lesser proportion of the dark-etching irresolvable pearlite, but the carbon content in the carburized bands was possibly similar to that in the lower-carbon zone of S24 (i.e. very low).

**S26 (Plate B18, f)**

**HAMMER, No. 71**

Fiskerton, Lincs

Corrosion flakes  Flakes of corrosion products from the eye (where there was no metal core) and 40-50mm from each face (where metal survived in the core). See also S24 and S25.

Unetched  Cementite from pearlite survived within the corrosion matrix.

Comments  The presence of residual pearlite indicates air-cooling, suggesting therefore that the central part of this hammer was left in the unhardened and tougher condition, whereas the faces (S24 and S26) were quenched. Selective hardening of the faces is therefore indicated.

**S27* (Plate B19)**

**HAMMER, No. 72**

Hunsbury, Northants

Metal sample  LS, at an angle through the edge of the ball-face, where the face was already damaged (flaked) (Ehrenreich HNY70b).

Unetched  Internal corrosion. Many single-phase (some ?glassy) and duplex inclusions.

Etched [a, d]  Across the section was lath martensite, grain-boundary nodular pearlite, and bainite.

Hardness  Martensite: 484 HV 0.2; 434 HV 0.5. Martensite + pearlite 450 HV 0.2; 440 HV 0.5.
(a) Centre of section: large-grained martensite (with bainite) at left, small-grained at right. (b) Diagrams of section. Left: hardness (HV 0.5). Right: inclusion distribution (corrosion ignored). (c) Martensite (M), bainite (carbon precipitates arrowed).
Grain size
At one side of the section (left in Plate B19b) ASTM 3; elsewhere ASTM 4-5.

Comments
The hammer face had been quenched from the fully austenitized state, the microstructures typical of a slack quench. The hardness suggests a medium-carbon content. The variation in grain size may be due to uneven chemical composition.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 186, 214, HNY70b.

S28 (Plate B20)

Metal sample
TS, 4mm from the tip of the rectangular face. See also S29.

Unetched [a]
Abundant, rounded inclusions were concentrated at one side of the section, most of which were multi-phased, though some were glassy. Also one very long stringer.

Etched
One side of the section (right, Plate B20, a-c), where there were less inclusions, the structure was martensitic with some grain-boundary nodular pearlite and a very small amount of feathery grain-boundary ferrite - probably bainite (Plate B20d).

The remainder of the section comprised a blocky matrix and bainite (Plate B20e).

Hardness
Martensite: 589 HV 0.2; 542 HV 0.5; 423 HV 5. Bainite: 157 HV 0.2; 162 HV 5.

Grain size
ASTM 6.

Comments
The difference in the microstructure between the two regions appears to be related to the presence of inclusions. On the basis of hardness, the martensitic region may have been low-medium carbon content, whereas the region of high inclusion content was probably very low in carbon. The hammer face was quenched from the fully austenitized state, the structure and hardness suggesting rapid quenching.

S29 (Plate B21)

Metal sample
TS, 4.5mm from the tip of the ball-face. See also S28.

Unetched
Very many rounded and angular, multi-phase and glassy inclusions.

Etched [a]
Both sides of the section (left and right in Plate B21, a-b) revealed martensite with nodular pearlite, and traces feathery grain-boundary ferrite - probably bainite (Plate B21b). The central area (two-thirds of the section) comprised blocky ferrite and a network of bainite (Plate B21, c-d) with a few martensite grains and some irresolvable matrix. Plate B21c shows the typical structure. In Plate B21e the ferrite plates are clearly visible where they intersect; in Plate B21f there are particles of carbon or carbide alongside the ferrite plates.

Hardness
Martensite region: 507 HV 0.2; 524 HV 0.5; 336 HV 5. Bainite region: overall 188 HV 5; martensite 549, 470, and 394 HV 0.2; bainite (as in Plate B21f) 242 HV 0.2; matrix, ?bainite 263 and 241 HV 0.2; matrix, ?ferrite 138, 149, and 153 HV 0.2.

Grain size
ASTM 3-4.

Comments
The low hardness of the martensite suggests a low-medium carbon content. The structure at the central zone (blocky ferrite + bainite) may be a transition form...
PLATE B20. Metallography of hammer No. 73 (S28).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) Right side of section: martensite with grain-boundary pearlite.
(d) Martensitic region: grain-boundary ferrite, probably bainite.  (e) Bainite region: grain-boundary ferrite with carbon dispersion, multi-phase slag.
PLATE 821. Metallography of hammer No. 73 (S29).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) Edge of section: martensite (pale), nodular pearlite, ?bainite (dark, arrowed).
(c) Blocky ferrite and bainite.  (d) Detail of (c).  (e) Intersecting ferrite plates.
(f) Ferrite plates (some edges arrowed) with carbon dispersion (fine black lines & particles).
of ferrite/bainite present in massive form. The hammer was quenched from the fully austenitized state, the structure indicating a mild quench.

Both sections from this hammer (S28 and S29) exhibited similar austenite transformation products which suggested a relatively similar carbon content and elemental composition at both faces. Additionally, both were probably quenched under the same conditions, possibly simultaneously. The condition of the hammer did not permit a sample to be taken from the eye region, nor for the easy removal of corrosion products for examination of remanent metal structures.

S30 (Plates B22 and B23)  
Ham Hill, Somerset
Metal sample  Round face: TS, 2mm from the extant face. See also S31 and S32.

Unetched  Two bands of dendritic, multi-phased inclusions; some small glassy inclusions.
Etched [a]  Very low carbon content, below 0.1%C. At one side of the section was a ferrite zone with abundant Neumann lines (Plate B22b). At the other side of the section was ferrite, acicular light-etching transformation products, and a small amount of a dark-etching constituent (some of which had a feathery appearance at the edges).
Grains were equiaxed. Numerous dark granules, possibly carbide precipitations, were present in the ferrite (Plate B23, a-b). The transformation products were similar to those seen in the sections from the other face (S31) and the eye (S32).

SEM  The section was examined by SEM in an attempt to resolve the nature of the transformation products. The spiky constituent had very little internal structure (e.g. the spikes at the centre in Plate B23b); the 'feathery' constituent had a slight lamellar appearance (e.g. centre left [P] in Plate B23a, below the spike).
In the ferrite [F] were abundant precipitations (visible in Plate B23, a-b as short white plates). Surrounding the transformation products were precipitate-free zones (dark outlines around the constituents) which were probably due to re-absorption of carbide into the austenite (W. Ridley pers. comm.)

Hardness  Centre of section: ferrite 185 HV 0.2.  

Grain size: ASTM 5-6.

Comments  The spikiness of some of the transformation products may be attributable to incomplete austenitization, the austenite growing along crystallographic planes and later transforming upon quenching. The lighter-etching constituent was possibly martensite; the other was probably pearlite. Some of the acicular constituents could possibly be lower bainite. However, in consideration of the microstructure at the other face of the hammer (S31), where there were areas of lathy martensite, then martensite and pearlite would seem to be the most likely constituents present. The Neumann lines indicate cold deformation, presumably during use of the hammer.
PLATE B22. Metallography of hammer No. 76 (S30).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Half of section: left, carburized region; right, ferrite with Neumann bands (some arrowed).  (c) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
PLATE B23. Metallography of hammer No. 76 (S30).
SEM micrographs showing spiky martensite (light), pearlite (light, with irregular boundaries), ferrite (dark) with inclusions (white dots).
(a) Three martensite spikes, delineated from the pearlite.
(b) Spikes of martensite at centre; pearlite at centre left & top right.
S31 (Plate B24, a-c)  HAMMER, No. 76  Ham Hill, Somerset

Metal sample  Rectangular face: TS 3mm from extant face. Corroded layers detached during sampling; 2 pieces were mounted (Plate B24a, right and lower). See also S30 and S32.

Unetched  Small amount of rounded glassy inclusions, most of which appear to be unaligned, except within the carburized bands.

Etched [a]  Much banded: 6 bands of ferrite alternated with bands of very low carbon content (below 0.1%C). At one side of the section (the underside of the hammer, bottom in Plate B24a), there was a slightly broader band of higher carbon content (but nevertheless low-carbon), and this band extended into the fragment of corrosion products which had been detached during sampling. The carburized bands comprised ferrite, and spiky martensite of distinctly lathy appearance (Plate B24c) with some dark-etching irresolvable ?pearlite at its edges - microstructures similar to those seen in the other 2 sections (S30 and S32) from this hammer. Where the carbon content was lowest, the martensite was more spiky. There was no evidence of deformed grains, though some veining was present.

Hardness  Ferrite (near face) 142 HV 0.2. Higher-C region: ferrite + martensite 214 HV 0.2.
Grain size  ASTM 6-9; in general there was a gradation across the section, with the grains at the carburized bands smaller than those in the ferrite banding.

SEM-EDXA  Carburized band: f 0.15% arsenic. Ferrite band: f 0.5% arsenic.

Comments  The banding suggests much fold-welding, resulting in arsenic enrichment and carbon segregation. Like the other face (S30), this face was also partly austenitized and then quenched.

S32 (Plate B24, d-f)  HAMMER, No. 76  Ham Hill, Somerset

Metal sample  Eye: TS, from the underside of the eye. See also S30 and S31.
Unetched  Groups and loose alignments of multi-phased dendritic inclusions.

Etched [a]  Banded structure comprising 2 broad ferrite bands and 2 broad carburized regions, the latter of very low-carbon (below 0.1%C). The carburized regions revealed a small amount of light-etching spiky martensite with dark-etching irresolvable ?pearlite, some of which had a feathery appearance (Plate B24f). These transformation products were similar to those seen in the other 2 sections from this hammer (see S30). The ferrite grains revealed some veining (Plate B24f).

Hardness  Carburized band: ferrite 151 HV 0.2; 189 HV 1. Ferrite band: 148 HV 0.2.
Grain size  ASTM 3-5; larger grains only in the ferrite bands.

SEM-EDXA  Carburized band: f 0.15% arsenic. Ferrite band: f 0.5% arsenic.

Comments  Like S31, the banding seems to be due to arsenic, which had caused segregation of the carbon. The hammer eye, like the two faces of this hammer (S30 and S31), had been quenched from the partly austenitized condition.

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PLATE B24. Metallography of hammer No. 76 (S31 and S32).
(a) S31. Whole section.  (b) S31. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (c) S31. Ferrite, martensite, pearlite (arrowed).  (d) S32. Whole section.  (e) S32. Inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (f) S32. Ferrite with veining, spiky transformation product (?martensite), feathery constituent (?pearlite).
The 3 sections from this hammer (S31-S32) were similar in carbon-content and microstructure, and all had been quenched. This suggests that the whole hammerhead was quenched, without selective heat-treatment of the faces.

S33 (Plate 825, a-b)  
HAMMER, No. 77  
Bredon Hill, Glos

Metal sample  TS, 4mm from the extant rounded (rectangular) face, through the side of the hammer. See also S34.

Unetched  A very small amount of single-phase and duplex inclusions. Carbides were visible within the corrosion layers.

Etched  Fairly homogeneous across the section but of lower carbon content at one region; the range c. 0.2 to 0.4% C. Fine nodular carbide was present, some outlining former grain boundaries, and some as intragranular carbide. There were traces of acicular ferrite.

Hardness  Higher-carbon regions: 136, 137 HV 0.2; 111 HV 5.  Grain size: ASTM 7.

Comments  The hammer face had been reheated to a moderate temperature (below A1) causing spheroidization and recrystallization to occur. The small size of the carbide suggests that the former microstructure was of fine morphology.

S34 (Plate 825, c-e)  
HAMMER, No. 77  
Bredon Hill, Glos

Metal sample  TS, 3mm from the extant rectangular face. See also S33.

Unetched  A few well-broken and narrow inclusion stringers; multi-phased, one diagonal alignment. Some carbides were visible in the corrosion layers.

Etched  Fine nodular carbides outlined some of the grain-boundaries and were present with in the grains. The carbon content was uniform across the section, c. 0.5 - 0.6%C.

Hardness  155 HV 0.2, 168 HV 0.2; 157 HV 5.  Grain size: ASTM 6.

Comments  Like the section from the other face (S33), the former structure had spheroidized as a result of reheating, and had probably been a fine structure originally.

S35 (Plate 826)  
HAMMER, No. 84  
Glastonbury, Somerset

Metal sample  TS, 3mm from the extant face of the longer thinner arm, behind the burr, incorporating part of the front and part of the side of the hammer. The condition of the hammer permitted only the one sample to be taken.

Unetched  Essentially no inclusions; there were only 3 tiny particles (even on repolishing).

Etched [a]  Homogeneous structure which etched rapidly and darkly, comprising networks of cementite films, visible in Plate B26c as dark lines, and arrowed in Plate B26d. Within the networks was degenerate pearlite cementite (some of which was continuous with the free [grain-boundary] cementite).

Hardness  At side of section: 198 HV 0.2. At apex: 207 HV 0.2.  Grain size: ASTM 4.
PLATE B25. Metallography of hammer No. 77 (S33 and S34).
(a) S33. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S33. Spheroidized carbide.  (c) S34. Slag distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(d) S34. Carbide.  (e) S34. Detail of carbide.
PLATE 826. Metallography of hammer No. 84 (535).
(a) Whole section. (b) Diagram of section: hardness (HV 0.2). (c) Centre of section: degenerate pearlite, the free (grain-boundary) cementite is dark (some circled).
(d) Degenerate pearlite, free cementite arrowed.
Comments The degeneracy of the pearlite suggests that the carbon content was low-medium (perhaps about 0.5% C max.) and had been rapidly cooled. (See also discussion on degenerate pearlite in S56.)

S36 (Plate 827) HAMMER, No. 86 Bredon Hill, Glos

Metal sample TS, 5mm from the extant burred face, from the underside corner of the hammer.

Unetched A few glassy and duplex inclusions.

Etched [a, d] The section comprised lath martensite with grain-boundary nodular pearlite, with some feathery grain-boundary ferrite (? bainite). At one corner of the section (bottom right in Plate 827, a-b) there were curved light-etching lines without associated inclusions, some bainite, and the matrix appeared blocky (Plate 827c).

Hardness Martensite: side 477 HV 0.2; 485 HV 0.5; apex 493 HV 0.5; upper centre 480 HV 5; near white lines 408 HV 0.2. Bainite: 211 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 5.

Comments The segregation lines at one corner of the section suggest variable elemental composition, which could account for the bainitic microstructure. The hammer face was probably of low-medium carbon content as judged by the moderate hardness. The face was quenched from the fully austenitized condition, the microstructures suggesting a mild quench (although this may be because the sample was taken well back from the original hammer face).

S37 (Plate 828) HAMMER, No. 89 Bredon Hill, Glos

Metal sample TS, 5mm from the tip of the unburred face, through the side of the hammer.

Unetched Many inclusions, many of which were aligned. At one side of the section was a broad band of large, angular, glassy inclusions (left in Plate 88b). Vertically across the centre were 2 narrow bands of small, rounded, multi-phase inclusions.

Etched [a] Even carbon gradation across the section, from essentially carbon-free at the top of the hammer (left in Plate 828, a-b) to g. 0.7% C at the underside (right in Plate 828, a-c). At the low-carbon region there was a very small amount of grain-boundary pearlite with ferrite. Elsewhere there was very fine, barely resolvable pearlite, with Widmanstätten ferrite. The pearlite etched unevenly; near the fine inclusions (centre) the pearlite etched darkly, and light-etching parallel lines were visible close by (Plate 88c).

Hardness Low-carbon region: 130 HV 0.2; 142 HV 0.5. High-carbon region: 234 HV 0.2; 236 HV 5.


Comments The alignments of fine inclusions and differentially etching pearlite suggests welding (i.e. pile-forging) at that region. The hammer face was finally fast air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition.
PLATE 827. Metallography of hammer No. 86 (S36).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(c) Feathery grain-boundary ferrite, ?bainite.
PLATE B28. Metallography of hammer No. 89 (S37).
(a) Whole section. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(c) Higher carbon region: pearlite with Widmanstätten ferrite. Dark-etching band of higher inclusion content runs down the section to the left (arrowed).
### S38a (Plate B29, a-c)  
**HOT CHISEL OR SET, No. 108**  
Hunsbury, Northants

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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>Aligned duplex inclusions. Corroded along a stringer at one side (top edge in Plate B29, a-b [arrowed], and visible at bottom in Plate B29c).</td>
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<td>Etched [a]</td>
<td>The section comprised fine pearlite with Widmanstätten ferrite. The carbon content was c. 0.1-0.4% at the centre of the section, but the extreme edges of the section were of much higher carbon content (Plate B29b). Plate B29c shows one carburized edge of the section (top edge in diagrams); the other edge of the section reached eutectoid composition.</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>212 HV 0.2. <strong>Grain size:</strong> ASTM 4 at carburized edges, elsewhere ASTM 6.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The very high carbon levels at both edges of the section suggests that the chisel had probably been surface carburized. However the cutting edge of the tool is now much corroded and surface layers have been lost, which makes this identification uncertain. The cutting edge was air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition.</td>
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### S39a  
**COLD SET, No. 113**  
Worthy Down, Hants

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<th>Metal sample</th>
<th>LS, through the cutting edge, just off-centre (Ehrenreich WD11a). The cutting edge is on the left in Plate B29, d-e.</th>
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>Aligned multi-phased slag inclusions (Plate B30b) and particles.</td>
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<td>Etched [a]</td>
<td>Banded structure comprising a central martensitic band which has some grain-boundary nodular pearlite, and feathery grain-boundary ferrite (probably bainite). At the sides of the section are lower-carbon ferritic regions, the carbon concentrated into narrow bands of spiky, and feathery, light-etching constituents which were irresolvable at magnifications up to X500. Possibly this is pearlite although the hardness is rather high, or perhaps a mixture of several high-temperature transformation products including martensite (?tempered) and bainite. 'Ghosting' was visible in the ferrite (arrowed in Plate B30a).</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>Martensite (band): 447 HV 0.2. Light-etching constituents: 476 HV 0.2. Ferrite: 262 HV 0.2. <strong>Grain size:</strong> ASTM 4-5.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The banding in the section suggests that the tool had been piled, possibly with the deliberate use of a central higher-carbon component to create a hard cutting edge. No evidence of welding was seen at the edges of the central martensitic band although this may have been obliterated by forging. The ghosting effects in the ferrite may be due to phosphorus (determined to be present in moderate levels by Ehrenreich 1985). The tool was quenched; there was no certain evidence for tempering in the central martensitic band, and the hardness was similar to that of 452</td>
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PLATE 829. Metallography of hot chisel/set No. 108 (S38) and cold set No. 113 (S39).
(a) S38. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S38. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution. (c) S38. Carburized edge of section.
PLATE B30. Metallography of cold set No. 113 (S39), and hot chisels No. 95 (S40) and No. 91 (S41).  (a) S39. Low-carbon band: ferrite (pale), ghosting (arrowed), light-etching constituent (grey), inclusion stringers.  (b) S39. Detail of low-carbon region.  (c) S40. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (d) S41. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  (e) S41. Ferrite (white), pearlite (dark), weld lines.  (f) S41. Weld line with inclusion particles.
the light-etching constituents in the outer ferritic regions. The hardness of the central martensitic band may indicate a low-medium carbon content.

Reference

Ehrenreich 1985, 199, 215, WD11a, fig. 3.9; Salter and Ehrenreich 1984, 157, fig. 10.9A.

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<td>S40° (Plate 830c)</td>
<td>HOT CHISEL, No. 95, Bigbury, Kent</td>
<td>Metal sample: LS through the cutting edge (Ehrenreich B6b). The sample was in 2 pieces; one fragment seems to have been inverted during mounting. Unetched: Abundant, aligned, multi-phase and single-phase inclusion stringers and particles. Etched [a]: Both fragments revealed equiaxed grains of ferrite, with a very small amount of grain-boundary pearlite and carbide. The carbon content was below 0.05%. Slight 'ghosting' effects were visible at one region. Hardness: 219 HV 0.2. Comments: The relatively high hardness and the 'ghosting' was presumably due to phosphorus (as determined by Ehrenreich 1985), and may also indicate work-hardening (though no deformed grains were seen). The chisel had been air-cooled. Reference: Ehrenreich 1985, 125, 207, B6b.</td>
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<td>S41° (Plate 830, d-f)</td>
<td>HOT CHISEL, No. 91, Hunsbury, Northants</td>
<td>Metal sample: LS, through the middle of the cutting edge (Ehrenreich HNY23b). The cutting edge of the chisel is on the left in Plate 830d. Unetched: Aligned duplex inclusion stringers and fine particles. Etched [a]: Across the section was fine pearlite and Widmanstätten ferrite; c. 0.4-0.6% C. There were two light-etching lines with associated inclusion particles at the centre of the section (Plate 830, e-f), the microstructure continuous beneath. Hardness: 221 HV 0.2. Comments: The alignments of inclusions and light-etching lines indicate welding (piling). The chisel had been air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition. Reference: Ehrenreich 1985, 170, 212, HNY23b.</td>
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<td>S42° (Plate 831, a-b)</td>
<td>HOT CHISEL, No. 94, Hunsbury, Northants</td>
<td>Metal sample: LS, at one side of the damaged cutting edge (Ehrenreich HNY18a). The cutting edge of the chisel is on the left in Plate 831a. Unetched: Aligned, well-broken, duplex and glassy inclusions. Etched [a]: Homogeneous structure of fine pearlite and ferrite; the carbon content c. 0.3%. At one side of the section (lower right-hand corner in Plate 831a) was a band of fine pearlite, where the carbon content was c. 0.7% (Plate 831b, lower half). Hardness: 159 HV 0.2. Comments: Grain size: ASTM 7.</td>
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PLATE 831. Metallography of hot chisels No. 94 (S42) and No. 103 (S43).

(a) S42. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S42. Carburized edge of section. (c) S43. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution.
(d) S43. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(e) S43. Banding. (f) S43. Centre of section: irregular inclusion (centre), stringers (top).
The small grain structure suggests grain refinement during hot forging. The area of high-carbon at the edge of the section may be the traces of surface carburization, but the sample (and the chisel) is too damaged by corrosion to be certain. The chisel had been finally air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition.


References

S43° (Plate B31, c-f)  HOT CHISEL, No. 103  Hunsbury, Northants

Metal sample LS, through the corner of the cutting edge (Ehrenreich HNY10b). The cutting edge of the chisel is on the left in Plate B31, c-d.

Unetched Abundant, aligned, multi-phase inclusions and fine particles. At the centre was a broad alignment of large, irregular, duplex inclusions (Plate B31f), and the section (and artifact) has split longitudinally along these lines.

Etched [a] Much banded structure comprising ferrite, and fine pearlitic iron £. 0.1%C (Plate B 31e, lower right-hand corner of section). The bands were of variable widths; long etching times revealed numerous narrow light lines, either in the ferrite bands or associated with inclusions in the carburized bands. Equiaxed grains.

Hardness Ferrite: 224 HV 0.2; 195 HV 0.2. Carburized bands: 143 HV 0.2.


Comments The much banded structure suggests considerable piling and welding during forging, though the iron remained heavily contaminated with slag and other inclusions. The chisel had been finally air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition.

Ehrenreich 1985, 166, 211, HNY10b.

References

S44° (Plate B32)  HOT CHISEL, No. 100  Hunsbury, Northants

Metal sample LS, through the middle of the cutting edge (Ehrenreich HNY21a). The cutting edge of the chisel is on the left in Plate B32, a-c.

Unetched Longitudinal alignments of abundant duplex inclusions, with curved alignments of well-broken stringers at the rear of the section.

Etched [a] There was an even carbon gradation from zones of medium-carbon content which comprised large grains of very fine pearlite and Widmanstätten ferrite, through ferrite with grain-boundary carbide and pearlite, to ferrite alone (centre left, Plate B32b). The highest carbon concentration (£. 0.5%C) was at the rear of the section (Plate B32b, right), and at one edge (Plate B32b, top). The ferritic zones were associated with coarse slag stringers, whereas the carburized zones were associated with finer inclusions, particularly at the rear of the section. Long etching times revealed narrow light lines (Plate B32c) which followed the overall structure but were not directly associated with inclusions. Grains were equiaxed.

Hardness Ferrite: 116 HV 0.2. Low-carbon: 156 HV 0.2. Medium-carbon (pearlite): 193 HV 0.2.
PLATE B32. Metallography of hot chisel No. 100 (S44).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution. (b) Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) Diagram showing light-etching lines. (d) Rear of section (medium-carbon): pearlite (dark), Widmanstätten ferrite (white). (e) Part of section (the hardness indents are from analysis by Ehrenreich 1985).
Grain size

Comments
The alignments of inclusions, carbon variations, and light-etching lines suggest that a core of medium-carbon iron had been inserted between 2 outer pieces of low-carbon iron. Surface carburization is suggested by traces of enhanced carbon (e.g. 0.5%) at one side of the section. Possibly the cutting edge of the chisel was made by welding-on outer strips of low-carbon iron and the whole was then surface carburized; corrosion (+resharpening) has removed too much of the original metal to be certain. Since the 'core' of medium-carbon occurs well away from the cutting edge, it seems unlikely that this tool had been intentionally made with a welded-in steel component. The chisel was air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 170, 212, HNY21a.

S45* (Plate B33, a-d)   HOT CHISEL, No. 104   Hunsbury, Northants
Metal sample
LS, through one side of the cutting edge (Ehrenreich HNY55b). The cutting edge of the chisel is on the left in Plate B33, a-c.

Unetched
Aligned duplex inclusions.

Etched [a]
Two bands of low-carbon iron (e.g. 0.1%), comprising ferrite and grain-boundary carbide, separated by 2 bands of medium-carbon content (e.g. 0.6%) which comprised fine pearlite and Widmanstätten ferrite. Long etching times revealed 3 light lines with associated inclusion stringers, the microstructure continuous beneath.

Hardness
Low-carbon: 151 HV 0.2. Medium-carbon: 185 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 5.

Comments
The banding and light-etching lines suggest that the chisel was piled from an unevenly carburized bloom; it was finally air-cooled.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 181, 213, HNY55b.

S46 (Plate B33, e-f)   FILE, No. 135   Fiskerton, Lincs
Corrosion flake
Sampled from one side of the blade, near the broader end of the file fragment.

Unetched
Traces of spheroidized carbide, either well-dispersed within the corrosion matrix (Plate B33e), or tending to be grouped (Plate B33f).

Comments
Low volume fractions of preserved carbides on their own can be misleading. The file may have been thoroughly annealed (and therefore of low hardness), or reheated after manufacture. No further conclusions can be drawn.

S47* (Plate B34)   FILE, No. 119   Hunsbury, Northants
Metal sample
LS, through the tip of the blade (Ehrenreich HNY68a).

Unetched
Well-broken duplex stringers aligned diagonally across the section.

Etched [a]
The carbon content was g. 0.4 - 0.7%, comprising very fine pearlite (some irresolvable) with Widmanstätten ferrite. There was some banding of the micro-
PLATE 83. Metallography of hot chisel No. 104 (S45) and file No. 133 (S46).
(a) S45. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution. (b) S45. Diagram showing relative carbon distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) S45. Diagram showing light-etching lines. (d) S45. Pearlite (dark), Widmanstätten ferrite (white). (e) and (f) S46. Spheroidized carbides (white) within corrosion matrix.
PLATE 834. Metallography of file No. 119 (S47).
(a) Pearlite and Widmanstätten ferrite.  (b) Diagrams of section: left, inclusion distribution; right, relative pearlite distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(c) Detail of pearlite.
structure, which together with the variation in carbon content, seems to be related to the inclusion alignments.

Hardness
Pearlite: 222 HV 0.2, 284 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 3-4.

Comments
The banding of microstructures and the inclusion alignments were probably effects of forging and piling. The file was finally rapidly air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition. The hardness was higher in the lower-carbon region; this may be due to the fineness of the pearlite in the grains which were analysed.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 185, 214, HNY68a.

S48 (Plate B35)  FILE, No. 120  Meare Village East, Somerset

Metal sample
TS, c. mid-length (100mm from the point), incorporating part of the cut face and parts of 2 plain sides.

Unetched
Groups and lines of rounded duplex inclusions.

Etched [a, c]
Medium carbon content but unevenly carburized with some zoning of the microstructures. One half of the section (including the cut face of the file) revealed martensite, pearlite, and a very small amount of featherly grain-boundary ferrite, possibly bainite. The pearlite was nodular at grain-boundaries or was massed and irresolvable. At the other side of the section (Plate B45e), the carbon content was low, with ferrite (in excess), a spiky light-etching constituent which may have been martensite, and a dark-etching constituent, probably pearlite. A slight lathy appearance developed in the light-etching constituent with longer etching in nital, and with hot alkaline picral. Some of the dark-etching constituent had a feathery appearance at the edges, elsewhere it was more nodular, and some was associated with the light-etching constituent.

Hardness
Medium-carbon region: martensite 708 HV 0.2; 734 HV 0.5. Low-carbon region: all constituents 228 HV 0.2.

Grain size

Comments
The zoning of the microstructures may be due to segregations arising during forging, due to, or resulting from, an uneven chemical composition and/or carbon content. It was probably accidental that the cut face was of higher carbon content. The medium-carbon region was fully austenitized during the final heating, whereas the spikiness in the low-carbon region suggests incomplete austenitization. The file was finally quenched.

S49 (Plate B36)  FILE, No. 122  Weelsby Avenue, S. Humberside

Metal sample
TS, 11-14mm from the first ridge, incorporating part of the cut face, an uncut side, and part of a second uncut face. Much corroded; some carbides survive.

Unetched
Small amount of well-broken, two-phase and glassy inclusions, roughly aligned.
PLATE B35. Metallography of file No. 120 (548).
(a) Whole section: low-carbon region at right. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) Diagram showing relative carbon distribution. (d) Centre of section: medium-carbon at left (martensite + pearlite), low-carbon at right (ferrite + pearlite). (e) Low-carbon region: ferrite (white), spiky martensite (pale grey, arrowed), irresolvable ?pearlite with feathery edges (dark).
PLATE 836. Metallography of file No. 122 (549).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: hardness HV 0.2.  (c) Diagram of section (excluding corroded layers): inclusion distribution.  (d) Ferrite, grain-boundary carbide and pearlite.  (e) Detail of microstructure at corrosion boundary. Upper: metal, lower: corrosion layer with carbides (white) within corrosion matrix (dark).
Etched [a] Very low carbon content, ≤ 0.05 - 0.1%, the structure comprising ferrite with grain-boundary carbide and pearlite. The ferrite had a Widmanstätten appearance.

Hardness Ferrite + carbide: 131 HV 0.2; 126 HV 0.5. Grain size: ASTM 7.

Comments The small grain size and homogeneous structure suggests that the metal had been well-worked. The file was air-cooled, probably rapidly from an elevated temperature and during the final forging of the file. Residual carbides in the corrosion layers extend close to the edge of the file and there was no indication of enhanced carburization towards the surface.

**FILE, No. 124** Wetwang Slack, N. Humberside

Corrosion flake A loose flake was detached from the side of the file (adjacent to the ridges), 23mm from the shoulder.

Unetched A few small duplex inclusions.

Etched [a] A short etching time (5s) revealed (within the corrosion matrix) a group of about 10 small equiaxed grains comprising ferrite with a very small amount of grain-boundary carbide. The carbon content was negligible.

Hardness Ferrite: 159 HV 0.05

Comments Grain-boundary carbide is commonly seen in low-carbon irons where there is insufficient carbon to form pearlite. The file was most probably air-cooled.

**FILE, No. 126** Gussage All Saints, Dorset

Metal sample TS, 71mm from the point, incorporating parts of both cut faces and one plain face.

Unetched Several alignments of small multi-phase inclusions.

Etched [a, a+b] One half of the section was martensitic apart from one corner where there was a small amount of ferrite (bottom right in Plate B37, a-c). Within the martensite there were a few short quench or corrosion cracks. The other half of the section revealed zones of martensite with a small amount of ferrite, alternating with zones of martensite and ferrite in roughly equal proportions. The inclusion alignments were associated with the regions of higher martensite content. The ferrite was generally Widmanstätten-like although some was more rounded, and there were some intragranular ferrite plates. There was a small amount of an irresolvable transformation product (?pearlite) outlining some of the martensite grains, particularly at the centre of the section adjacent to the wholly martensitic region (Plate B37e, arrowed).

Hardness Martensite: 569, 571 HV 0.2; 613 HV 5. Martensite + ferrite: 260, 338, 382, and 436 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 7.

Comments The file was forged from unevenly carburized iron, the moderate hardness of the martensite suggesting a medium carbon content; the range ≤ 0.2 - 0.5%C. It was
PLATE B37. Metallography of file No. 126 (S51).
(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution.
(c) Diagram showing relative martensite concentration and hardness (HV 0.2).
(d) Centre of section: ferrite (white), martensite (grey), multi-phase slag inclusion.
(e) Top: martensite zone; lower: ferrite and martensite, with irresolvable ?pearlite (dark).
severely quenched from about the $A_3$ temperature, and was probably incompletely austenitized in the lower carbon regions. Localised chemical variation, as well as carbon distribution, may have contributed to the zoning of the microstructures.

Reference

Fell 1985, 177.

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<td>S52</td>
<td>TS, 15mm from the point of the blade, incorporating parts of 3 cut faces. The file was much corroded, thus the sample is representative of metal from the centre of the metal forming the blade. The sample is now almost polished out.</td>
<td>Martensite: 337 HV 0.1; martensite + ferrite 144 HV 0.2.</td>
<td>Very small; not possible to determine ASTM value.</td>
<td>The file had been quenched; the spikiness of the martensite suggests incomplete austenitization. The lath structure of the martensite may indicate that the carbon-concentration was moderate within the locally formed austenite (i.e. the austenite which transformed to martensite).</td>
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<td>S53</td>
<td>LS. A transverse sample was taken, though mounted as a longitudinal section.</td>
<td>Martensite: FACE 1, 462 HV 0.2; FACE 2, 255 HV 0.2.</td>
<td>Very small; not possible to determine ASTM value.</td>
<td>The file was severely quenched; the angularity of the martensite suggests incomplete austenitization.</td>
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PLATE B38. Metallography of file No. 130 (S52).
(a) Whole section: the 3 cut faces are at the top and sides. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion, distribution and hardness. (c) Centre of section, short etch.
(d) Long etch, the martensite now with a lath structure.
PLATE 839. Metallography of file No. 132 (SS3).
(a) Whole section showing inclusion distribution and zoning of micro-structure.
(b) Diagram of section: relative martensite distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(c) Centre of section: ferrite and martensite.
Metal sample: TS, 45mm from the tip of the tang, incorporating parts of 3 cut faces. The file was much corroded, thus the sample represents metal from within the blade.

Unetched: A small number of inclusions, visible as tiny rounded particles, and some large and angular, dendritic duplex inclusions.

Etched [a]: There was a carbon gradation from less than 0.1%C to low-medium carbon (at one edge of the section). The latter comprised martensite (Plate B40c), grain-boundary nodular pearlite, and a small amount of feathery grain-boundary ferrite, possibly bainite. Some of the pearlite was feathery at the edges (visible in Plate B40, d-e); in other areas transformation products were irresolvable at magnifications up to X1000, and were lighter etching. At the low-carbon region the ferrite was roughly polygonal and showed some veining (arrowed in Plate B40d).

SEM: At the low-carbon region, the microstructure was partly resolved into continuous parallel orientations, suggesting lamellae of cementite (i.e. pearlite). Plate B41a shows the orientated microstructure; Plate B41b shows also carbide (arrowed) growing out from the grain-boundary into adjacent ferrite (i.e. the featheriness visible under optical microscopy).

Hardness: Higher carbon region: martensite at edge of section 680 HV 0.5. Low-carbon region: ferrite + pearlite 190 HV 0.2; ferrite 160 HV 0.2.


Comments: The hardness at the higher-carbon region suggests a medium-carbon content. At the low-carbon region, the transformation products appear to largely comprise pearlite, though other constituents such as martensite and bainite may also be present. The file was quenched, probably from the partly austenitized condition.

Metal sample: Metal survived only at the tang end of the file (Plate IVa); a TS was removed from the most substantial position, 3mm from the tang junction (2nd ridge), incorporating a cut face (top in Plate B42, b-c) and parts of 2 plain faces (left and right in Plate B42, b-c).

Unetched: There were many angular multi-phased inclusions aligned at one corner of the section (apex in Plate B42b), elsewhere as single or grouped particles. Spheroidized carbides survived in the corrosion products.

Etched [a]: The section comprised zones of phosphoric ferrite and zones of spheroidized carbides. Ferrite was large-grained especially at the centre of the section, and revealed sub-grain strain lines and 'ghosting'. The carbides were either massed or were concentrated at grain-boundaries. At one corner of the section (lower right, Plate B42b), the carbide concentration was high and the grain size very small.
PLATE B40. Metallography of file No. 133 (S54).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness, cut faces of the file at top, left, and right. (b) Diagram showing relative carbon distribution. (c) Higher carbon region at edge of section. (d) Low-carbon region. (e) Detail of low-carbon region showing feathery pearlite.
PLATE 841. Metallography of file No. 133 (S54).
SEM micrographs at low-carbon region: fine lamellar pearlite (centre, the carbide is white) within ferrite (dark). (a) Parallel orientations of carbide (white). (b) Carbide fingers growing from the grain boundary into adjacent ferrite.
PLATE B42. Metallography of file No. 142 (555).
(a) High-carbon region: spheroidized carbides, light-etching band running across the section.
(b) Whole section: ferrite (white), carbide zones (dark), light-etching band (arrowed).
(c) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 1).
A narrow light-etching band was visible across this corner of the section (Plate B42a, and arrowed in b). Grains were equiaxed.

**Hardness**
Ferrite: at centre 210 HV 0.2; 177 HV 1; at face 180 HV 1. High-carbon zone: 197 HV 0.2, 182 HV 1.

**Grain size**

**SEM-EDXA**
Phosphorus was detected in the central large ferrite grains whereas none was detected in the high-carbon region.

**Comments**
The section revealed an heterogeneous structure, in carburization, grain size, and inclusion content. Phosphorus could account for the relatively high hardness in the ferrite (equal to that in the carburized regions), as well as the carbide segregations. The heterogeneity in structure had probably resulted from forging of a carburized bloom containing phosphorus. The spheroidization of the carbide may be due to hot-working, but equally, the file may have been reheated to a moderately high temperature causing the former microstructure to spheroidize.

**SS6 (Plates B43 and B44a)**
FILE, No. 147
\[\text{TS, 14-15mm from the point of the blade, incorporating part of the cut convex side and part of the cut flat side.} \]

**Unetched**
Many small, rounded, two-phase inclusions grouped or aligned in curved bands.

**Etched [a, c]**
Evenly carburized across the section but of low-carbon content, probably below 0.3% C. The microstructure comprised ferrite and irresolvable transformation products. One constituent was light-etching, angular or slightly acicular, and developed a lathy appearance with long etching times in nital, and in picral. At some of the phase boundaries of this constituent there was a darker-etching constituent (arrowed in Plate B43, b-c). At the centre of the section, the ferrite grains revealed many sub-grain boundaries (veining), whereas at the edges of the section, the ferrite grains were less strained and more rounded. A proportion of the ferrite was present as small rounded pools (marked F in Plate B43c) - probably ferrite which had not been austenitized during the final heating cycle.

**SEM**
Very little structure was discernible in the transformation products, except for a few small areas which appeared to be lamellar (Plate B44, a, top centre), and a few lamellar growths into the adjacent ferrite (Plate B44, a, arrowed). Sub-grain boundaries in the ferrite were clearly visible (some circled).

**Hardness**
All constituents: 284 HV 0.2; 297 HV 1. **Grain size:** ASTM 8.

**Comments**
The lathy appearance of the lighter-etching constituent suggests that this was martensite. The darker-etching constituent was probably pearlite. It seems likely that the heating cycle was complex, the final forging and the final heating both within the A₁-A₃ range. The veining in the ferrite suggests hot-forging in the A₁-
PLATE B43. Metallography of file No. 147 (556).
(a) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (b) Centre, short etch. Ferrite (white), ?martensite (pale grey) with ?pearlite at edges (some arrowed), and large dark inclusions. (c) Detail, long etch. The stressed ferrite grains are here grey, the ?martensite is darker grey and lathy, undissolved ferrite is white (marked F).

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PLATE B44. Metallography of files No. 147 (S56) and No. 150 (S58).
SEM micrographs. (a) S56. High-temperature transformation products (light), ferrite (dark) with veining (white lines). (b) S58. Acicular ferrite (dark plain zones), and cementite (white) - visible as free (grain-boundary) cementite and degenerate (pearlite) cementite.

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A$_3$ range, which possibly occurred during a heating cycle prior to the final heating to quench. Moreover, a previous heating had also been below the A$_3$ temperature. The rounded ferrite grains at the edges of the section compared with those at the centre suggests that at some stage the outer grains were heated sufficiently to become annealed. The file was finally quenched but its low carbon content resulted in a partially martensitic structure of low overall hardness.

**FILE, No. 148** Meare Village West, Somerset

**Metal sample**
TS, 50mm from the tip of the blade, incorporating part of the convex side and part of the flat side.

**Unetched**
Many single-phased and duplex inclusions, some aligned in curved narrow bands; the majority were small, but one alignment comprised larger angular inclusions.

**Etched [a]**
Martensite was in excess; some regions were wholly martensitic, and here the martensite was lath-like and etched rapidly. At some of the martensite grain-boundaries was nodular pearlite and a small amount of feathery ferrite, probably bainite (Plate B45d). A few areas of the section comprised ferrite with a range of transformation products which were acicular and only partly resolvable, but may include martensite, pearlite (some of which had a feathery appearance at the edges - arrowed in Plate B45e), or other transformation products. Light-etching, arced segregation lines (visible in Plate B45a), were present towards the centre of the section, and fine inclusion particles were orientated along these lines. The carbon content was low to medium.

**Hardness**
Martensite: at convex face 663 HV 0.2; 642 HV 0.5; at flat face 467 HV 0.5.

**Grain size**
Mostly ε. ASTM 5.

**Comments**
The file was quenched from A$_1$-A$_3$ range, and variation in carbon (and perhaps chemical composition) probably accounts for the range of transformation products which were observed. The segregation lines and inclusion lines indicate welding.

**FILE, No. 150** Meare Village West, Somerset

**Metal sample**
TS, 4mm from the broader end of the file fragment, incorporating parts of both cut faces. The specimen broke into 2 pieces (Plate B46, b-c) during sampling.

**Unetched**
Very small amount of rounded single-phase inclusions, plus 3 aligned larger inclusions. Some small grain-boundary and interstitial carbides were present within the corroded layers surrounding the metal.

**Etched [a]**
Fairly homogeneous across the section, but with a slight carbon gradation (within the low-medium carbon range). At some grain-boundaries was acicular ferrite, and cementite films outlined the ferrite. The matrix was barely resolvable at magnifications up to X1000, although some parallel orientations were visible.
(a) Whole section: weld line arrowed. (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.5). (c) Diagram of relative martensite distribution. (d) Martensite (M), nodular pearlite (P), ?bainite (arrowed). (e) Ferrite zone: martensite (M), nodular pearlite (P), spiky ?martensite and feathery ?pearlite (arrowed).
PLATE B46. Metallography of file No. 150 (S58).
(a) Diagram of sample (broken in 2 pieces): inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) One fragment of sample.  (c) Other fragment of sample.  (d) Detail of centre of fragment shown in fig. b: ferrite (white), matrix of degenerate pearlite (grey) with free cementite (arrowed).
SEM

SEM revealed discontinuous morphologies of degenerate pearlite, with cementite outlining the prior austenite grain boundaries (Plate 844, b arrowed). Some continuous growth of pearlite and the free cementite (grain-boundary).

Hardness


Comments

The degeneracy of the pearlite suggests that the carbon content was low (e.g. in the range 0.2 - 0.4%C), and the microstructure was similar to 'low-carbon' pearlite which has been transformed at low temperatures by fast cooling, perhaps even by mild quenching (N. Ridley pers. comm.). The continuous growth of the pearlite and free cementite suggests that the ferrite separation preceded the pearlite formation (Cheetham and Ridley 1975) which, together with the acicular form of the ferrite, suggests that the file was fully austenitized before cooling. Probably not quenched.

S59 (Plate 847)  FILE, No. 159  Meare Village West, Somerset

Metal sample

TS, 6mm from the broader larger end, incorporating parts of 3 cut faces.

Unetched

There was a small amount of glassy inclusions. Much internal corrosion; spheroidized carbides survived in the corroded regions.

Etched [a]

Homogeneous, almost eutectoid composition, with fine spheroidized carbides across the section. Some grain boundaries were delineated by ferrite.

Hardness

Ferrite + carbide 227 HV 0.2. Grain size: ASTM 7.

Comments

The file had been reheated at a sufficient temperature and for long enough to have allowed the former microstructure to totally spheroidize. The small size of the carbides suggests that the former structure had been relatively fine, probably as a result of fairly rapid cooling.

S60* (Plate 848, a-b)  7GRAVER, No. 208  Barbury Castle, Wilts

Metal sample

LS, through the rounded (?spatulate) tip (Ehrenreich BC5b).

Unetched

Aligned duplex inclusions. Much corroded; spheroidized carbides survive in the corroded layers (some visible in Plate 848b).

Etched [a]

There was a slight gradation in carbon content; the central longitudinal zone was ≤ 0.5%C, the outer sides of the section ≥ 0.6 or 0.7%C. The structure comprised spheroidized carbides; at the higher-carbon regions there was also discontinuous grain-boundary cementite (Plate 848b); a few diffuse light-etching lines.

Hardness

176 HV 0.2.

Comments

The tip of the tool had been reheated sufficiently such that the former microstructure had spheroidized.

Reference

Ehrenreich 1985, 130, 207, BC5b; Ehrenreich and Salter 1984, fig. 10.8, B.
PLATE 847. Metallography of file No. 159 (559).

(a) Whole section.  (b) Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(c) One edge of section. At left: corrosion layers (black) with carbides (white dots).
   At centre and right: spheroidized carbides.

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PLATE B48. Metallography of ?graver No. 208 (S60), and ?scriber No. 219 (S61) and No. 220 (S62).  
(a) S60. Whole section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  
(b) S60. Spheroidized carbides.  
(c) S61. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).  
(d) S61. Pearlite, grain-boundary carbide.  
(e) S62. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>Aligned duplex, and some glassy, inclusion stringers and particles.</td>
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<td>Etched [a]</td>
<td>There was a carbon gradation from 0 to c. 0.2% C across the section (transverse to the tool's length). One side of the section (lower in Plate B48c) comprised large-grained ferrite with occasional traces of grain-boundary carbide. The other side, where the inclusions were concentrated, comprised ferrite, fine pearlite, and at the edge of the section, also grain-boundary carbide (arrowed in Plate B48d). Grains were equiaxed; sub-grain strain lines (veining) were visible (Plate B48d).</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>Ferrite: 103 HV 0.2. Carburized region: 158 HV 0.2.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The veining suggests that the tool was forged in the A1-A2 range. The tip of the tool had been finally air-cooled.</td>
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<td>Ehrenreich 1985, 146, 209, D33b.</td>
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>Aligned angular glassy inclusions.</td>
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<td>Etched [a]</td>
<td>The section comprised ferrite and grain-boundary carbide, the maximum carbon content c. 0.1%. There was some slight variation and longitudinal banding in the concentration of carbon, and in the grain size. Grains were roughly equiaxed.</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>207 HV 0.2.</td>
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<td>The overall structure suggests that the iron was well-worked, and the grains thus refined during forging. The tip of the tool was finally air-cooled.</td>
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<th>Metal sample</th>
<th>7LS, through the hook, where the metal had fissured (Ehrenreich HNY69a).</th>
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>Aligned multi-phase and glassy inclusions. Much corroded: many islands of corrosion within the metal, some with residual (pearlite) cementite.</td>
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<td>Etched [a]</td>
<td>Irregular zones of ferritic iron with traces of grain-boundary carbide within the predominant structure of ferrite with fine pearlite. Plate B49b shows ferritic iron at the edge of the section (lower) and carburization at the centre of the section (upper). The maximum carbon content was c. 0.4%. A slight mottling was visible at grain-boundaries in the ferritic zones, possibly due to the presence of phosphorus. Grains were equiaxed in the ferritic zones whereas the ferrite in the carburized region was angular (almost Widmanstätten-like).</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>Ferrite: 131 HV 0.2. Carburized region: 155 HV 0.2.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The heterogeneity in carbon may be due to phosphorus segregating the carbon. The</td>
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PLATE B49. Metallography of hooked block (S63) and files (S64 and S65).
(a) S63. Diagram of section (ignoring internal corrosion): inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
(b) S63. Ferritic region (lower), carburized region (top).
(c) S64. Carbides (white) within corrosion matrix (dark).
(d) S65. Whole section; the high-carbon regions are darkly etched.
(e) S65. Diagram of section; inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2).
block was finally air-cooled.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 185, 214, HWY69a.

S64 (Plate B49, c) FILE (Table 3:6, f) Fiskerton, Lincs (SF298)
Corrosion flake A flake was removed from the fracture across the blade, and another from the bend on the cranked tang.

Unetched In the sample from the tang there were spheroidized carbides in circular formations which betrayed the original grain shape. No residual metal structures survived in the other sample.

Comments The file was carburized at the tang, the microstructure suggesting possible reheating/annealing. No further conclusions can be drawn.

S65 (Plates B49, d-e, and B50, a-d) FILE (Table 3:6, g) Fiskerton, Lincs (SF364)

Metal sample TS, mid-blade (56mm from the 1st ridge, through the groove between 2 ridges). The section incorporates part of the cut face (one groove), a narrow plain face, and part of the broad plain face. A flake of corrosion products was removed from the opposing narrow plain face of the file, 10mm closer to the tang.

Unetched Clustered single-phase and duplex inclusions. Abundant grain-boundary and interstitial carbide survived in the corroded layers.

Etched There was an even carbon gradation across the section, from low-carbon (below 0.1% C at the centre of the file blade (centre left in Plate B49d, light-etching), to hypereutectoid at the narrow plain face of the file (centre right in Plate B49d, dark-etching). The carbon gradient at the cutting face (below the corroded layers) was c. 0.4%C (top left, Plate B50a) to c. 0.8%C (top right, Plate B50a). At the hypereutectoid region, proeutectoid cementite clearly delineated the grain boundaries and was persistent across the corrosion front. Plate B50, b-c show the hypereutectoid region, the micrographs orientated at 90° to Plate B49d. At the medium- and high-carbon regions, the microstructure comprised coarse, coalescing pearlite; at the low-carbon region there was coarse grain-boundary carbide.

The sample of corrosion products revealed small-grained, fine pearlite cementite (Plate B50d) at a similar proportion to that seen at the top and lower left corners in Plate B49d (i.e. medium-carbon content).

Hardness Low-carbon: 125 HV 0.2; 104 HV 1. Eutectoid, cutting face: 178 HV 0.2.

Hypereutectoid: 236 HV 0.2; 208 HV 1. Grain size: ASTM 6.

Comments The even carbon gradient suggests that a carburized bloom was used; there was no evidence for surface carburization. Evidence from the flake of corrosion products suggests that the carburization was heterogeneous across the file and that there had been no preferential use of the highest-carbon metal at the cutting face. The
PLATE 850. Metallography of S65 & S66 (files).
(a) S65. Carbon distribution. (b) S65. Hypereutectoid region: edge of metal (lower),
corrosion front across centre, corroded layers (upper). Carbides (white) are visible in
the metal and corrosion products. (c) S65. Detail of hypereutectoid corrosion front.
(d) S65. Opposite face: cementite (white) in the corrosion matrix (dark). (e) S66.
(f) S66. Whole section.
file was air-cooled from the fully austenitized condition; the coarseness of the pearlite may be due to the file having been reheated to moderate temperatures, to anneal, or may have arisen during final forging.

**S66** (Plates B50, e-f, and B51, a)  FILE (Table 3:6, d)  Meare Village West, Somerset

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<th>TS, 2mm from the fracture across the blade; includes one ridge from the cut face.</th>
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>There were a few well-rounded inclusions of duplex dendritic structure. Some were grouped, possibly from fold-welding, and there were a few larger inclusions.</td>
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<td>Etched (a)</td>
<td>Fairly evenly carburized: the structure comprised very fine pearlite with Widmanstätten ferrite. Carbon content &lt; 0.6-0.7%.</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>Pearlite matrix: 242 HV 0.2.  Grain size: ASTM 2-3.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The file was rapidly air-cooled from the fully austenitized state. The large grain size suggests grain growth from elevated heating.</td>
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**S67°** (Plate B51, b-d)  TANGED TOOL (Table 3:10)  All Cannings Cross, Wilts (20.6)

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<th>?LS, through the ?functional tip, 'from the sharper end' (Ehrenreich ACC2b).</th>
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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>A few elongated duplex inclusions. Much corroded, with internal islands corrosion in which some very fine carbides were present.</td>
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<td>Etched (a, b, a+b)</td>
<td>The section etched extremely rapidly revealing nodular pearlite, fine and irresolvable pearlite, ferrite, and martensite. Pearlite was the dominant constituent. There was a variation in carbon content: at both ends of the section (top left, Plate B51, c-d, and lower right in Plate B51c) was a region where there was a concentration of ferrite grains in which proeutectoid ferrite was visible (arrowed in Plate B51e). Elsewhere the ferrite was present as grain-boundary Widmanstätten ferrite. Isolated partial grains of martensite were present (e.g. centre left in Plate B51e), particularly towards the tip of the tool.</td>
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<td>Hardness</td>
<td>Pearlite: 270 HV 0.2.</td>
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<td>Comments</td>
<td>The tip of the tool had been very rapidly cooled. For a rod of this small cross-section the microstructure could have been formed by rapid cooling in air.</td>
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**S68°** (Plate B51, e)  TANGED TOOL (Table 3:10)  All Cannings Cross, Wilts (20.8)

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<td>Unetched</td>
<td>No inclusions were visible.</td>
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<td>Etched (a, a+b)</td>
<td>Across the section was ferrite and grain-boundary nodular carbide (&lt; 0.1%C max).</td>
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<td>[a, a+b]</td>
<td>Grains were equiaxed and had recrystallized revealing a coarser grain structure, with the carbide now present at the former grain-boundaries (Plate B51f).</td>
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PLATE B51. Metallography of S66 - S69; (file (S66), tanged implements (S67 and S68), and 'saw' (S69)). (a) S66. Slag distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (b) S67. Diagram of section: inclusion distribution and hardness (HV 0.2). (c) S67 tip: ferrite (white), martensite (pale), pearlite, and corrosion (dark). (d) S67 tip: proeutectoid ferrite arrowed, martensite at centre left (with Widmanstätten ferrite). (e) S68. Recrystallised ferrite, with carbides. (f) S69. Carbide (white) within corrosion matrix.
Hardness

Comments
The recrystallization with grain growth suggests that the tip of the tool had been reheated below $A_1$, possibly during annealing. Probably originally air-cooled.

Reference
Ehrenreich 1985, 121, 207, ACC2a.

S69 (Plate B51, f) 'SAW' BLADE Fiskerton, Lincs (SF288A)
Corrosion flake The blade is engraved on both sides; metallurgical information may therefore be useful in interpreting the nature of the tool used to engrave the blade. Sample removed from the surface of the side of the blade (undecorated region).

Unetched Residual cementite from fine pearlite was visible at concentrations suggesting a medium-carbon content in the original structure at the surface.

Comments The pearlite need not be typical of the whole blade, but nevertheless, at least part of the blade comprised carburized iron. The pearlite may be the remains of surface-carburization. The blade had been air-cooled.
Concordance list for catalogued tools (Appendix A), metallographic examinations (Appendix B), type and date of site (or likely date if a hoard), geographic location, and key references.

1) Dates are for the sites (or for the hoards if stated). If there is more than one occupation this is indicated, but pre-Iron Age occupation is not included. The date ranges are estimates; even for recent excavations, the dating is often based on pre-war chronologies (e.g. Hawkes 1931) which cannot easily be translated to Calendar years. Moreover, where there are indications of activity over a long period, few sites have been examined sufficiently thoroughly to be sure of continuity of occupation/intensive activity. Even between the start and end dates indicated for a particular occupation, frequently there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate that occupation was in fact continuous between these dates.

2) Dating is taken from bracketed references, where shown.


4) Context and dating of individual tools is given in Appendix A; tools from asterisked sites and hoards are discussed in Chapter 5.

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Bigbury, Kent
TR 117575 *

Hillfort, C5th/3rd BC - mid/late C1st BC.
Boyd Dawkins 1902; Jessop 1932; Thompson 1983

Anvil 46
Hammer 63 S16
Hammer 68 S21-S23
Hot chisel 93
Hot chisel 95 S40

Billingborough, Lincolnshire
TR 1134

Settlement, ?C3rd BC - ?C1st BC.
Chowne 1979

Poker 28

Bredon Hill, Gloucestershire
SO 958400

Hillfort, ?C3rd BC - early C1st AD.
Hencken 1938

Hammer 73 S28-S29
Hammer 74
Hammer 77 S33-S34
Hammer 86 S36
Hammer 89 S37

The Breiddin, Powys
SJ 292144

Hillfort, ?C8th/7th BC;
?(C3rd BC) - C1st AD; C4th AD.
O’Neil 1937; Musson 1970; 1976;
Thorburn 1988

Punch 198

Bulbury, Dorset
SY 929942 *

Hillfort with possible hoard:
'hoard', ?C1st BC/C1st AD.
Cunliffe 1972

Set hammer 56
Set hammer 57

The Caburn, Glynde, Sussex
TQ 444089

Hillfort, ?C7th BC - mid C1st AD;
early Roman.
Curwen and Curwen 1927;
(Haselgrove 1987)

Hammer 87

Casterley Camp, Wiltshire
SU 115535

Settlement, ?C2nd/1st BC; early
C1st AD; late C1st AD - C4th AD.
Cunnington and Cunnington 1913

Hammer 64

Castle Yard (Castledykes' Camp),
Farthingstone, Northamptonshire
SP 617563

Hillfort, ?C5th - ?C1st BC.
Knight 1988

Poker 20

Conderton (Danes) Camp,
Hereford and Worcestershire
SO 972384

Hillfort,
C4th/3rd BC - early C1st AD.
Thomas 1959

Poker 7
Croft Ambrey, Hereford and Worcestershire
SO 445668
Hillfort, mid C6th BC - mid C1st AD.
Stanford 1974

Danebury, Hampshire
SU 323376 *
Hillfort, mid C6th/5th BC - mid C1st BC
with limited occupation to mid C1st AD; later activity.
Cunliffe 1984b

Dragonby, South Humberside
SE 905138
Settlement, ?C4th BC - C4th AD; limited C6/7th AD activity.
May 1970; (Eldsdon and May 1987)

Fiskerton, Lincolnshire
TF 055716 *
Possible deposit(s) found near C5th/4th BC causeway; hoard(s) dated to c. C4th BC or later.
Field 1986; forthcoming

Fison Way (Gallows Hill), Thetford, Norfolk
TL 86658515 *
Possible religious/ceremonial centre, ?C1st BC - 3rd quarter C1st AD; C4th AD.
Gregory 1981; forthcoming

Garton Slack, North Humberside
SE 957596 - SE 953603 *
Settlement, C3rd BC - C1st AD.
(See also Wetwang Slack)
Brewster 1975; 1980

Glastonbury, Somerset
ST 493408 *
Settlement, C2nd BC - C1st AD;

Hammer 84 S35
Hot chisel 92
Limited use in Roman period.
Bulleid and Gray 1911; 1917; (Coles 1987)

Groundwell Farm, Blunsdon
St. Andrew, Wiltshire
SU 157889
Settlement, C5th - C3rd BC.
Gingell 1981

Gussage All Saints, Dorset
ST 998101 *
Settlement, before C5th BC - third quarter C1st AD.
Wainwright 1979

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Ham Hill, Somerset
ST 478170  
Hillfort, C7th BC - C4th AD; medieval activity.  
Gray 1924; 1926; (Burrow 1981; Morris 1987)

Hod Hill, Dorset
ST 857106 *  
Hill fort, C4th/3rd BC - mid Clst AD; early Roman (to AD 51).  
Brailsford 1962; Richmond 1968

Hunsbury, Northamptonshire
SP 738583 *  
Hillfort, late C5th/4th BC - end Clst BC/?C1st AD  
Fell 1936; (Knight 1984; Cunliffe 1978)

King Harry Lane, St. Albans, Hertfordshire
TL 133065 *  
Cemetery, Clst AD - C2nd AD  
with main use AD 1 - AD 60; (settlement, late Clst AD - C3rd AD).  
Stead and Rigby 1989

Llyn Cerrig Bach, Gwynedd
SH 306765 *  
Possible ritual deposits, c. C2nd BC - early Clst AD.  
Fox 1946; (Savory 1976a)

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Hillfort, C5th BC – 1st AD; C4th AD.
Wheeler 1943; (Sharples 1985; 1989)

Meare Village East, Somerset
ST 446421 *
poker 26
Settlement, C2nd BC – 1st AD;
poker 27
?limited use C2nd – C4th AD.
anvil 48
Coles 1987
anvil 52
hot chisel 99
file 120 S48
file? 160
punch/graver 189

Meare Village West, Somerset
ST 444422 *
poker 18
Settlement, C3rd BC – 1st AD;
poker 24
?limited use C2nd – C4th AD.
chisel 111
Bulleid and Gray 1948;
file 134
Gray and Bulleid 1953;
file 148 S57
Gray 1966; (Coles 1987)
file 150 S58
file 158
file 159 S59
punch 187
punch 200
chisel? 206
graver? 212

Midsummer Hill, Hereford and
Worcestershire
SO 760375
hammer 69
Hillfort,
hammer 70
mid C5th BC – mid 1st AD.
file 127
Stanford 1981
file? 140

Mynydd Bychan, Llysworney,
Glamorgan
SS 963756
file? 139
Hillfort,
end 1st BC – mid 1st AD.
Savory 1955

Oare, Wiltshire
SU 172643
hammer 80
Possible settlement: single
pit, early-mid 1st AD.
Cunnington 1909; (Swan 1975)
Rainsborough Camp, Northamptonshire
SP 526348
Hillfort, ?C6th/5th - C4th BC; ?late C2nd BC; ?late C1st AD; ?C4th AD.
Avery et. al. 1967

Rudston, North Humberside
TA 095692 - TA 094703 *
Cemetery, C4th BC - C1st BC.
Stead 1976; 1979; forthcoming

Santon, Norfolk
TL 837873 *
Hoard, mid C1st AD.
Smith 1909; (Sprating 1975)

Sheepen, Colchester, Essex
TL987253
Settlement, C1st AD.
Hawkes and Hull 1947;
Niblett 1985

Skeleton Green, Puckeridge, Hertfordshire
TL 387240
Settlement, later C1st BC - mid C1st AD.
Partridge 1981

South Cadbury, Somerset
ST 628252 *
Hillfort, c. C8th BC - early C1st AD; ?C3rd - C4th AD;
C5th - C11th AD; later use.
Spratling 1970a; 1970b

Southcote, Reading, Berkshire
SU 698724
Settlement, from ?C4th BC.
Piggott and Seaby 1937

Sutton Walls, Hereford and Worcestershire
SO 525464
Hillfort, c. mid C1st BC - C4th AD.
Kenyon 1953

Tre'r Ceiri, Gwynedd
SH 373446
Hillfort, ?C2nd/1st BC - C1st AD; C4th AD.
Hughes 1907; Hogg 1960
**Tywn-y-Gaer, Gwent**  
SO 294219  
Hillfort,  
c. C5th BC - C3rd BC or later.  
Probert 1976; forthcoming

**Wakerley, Northamptonshire**  
SP 940983  
Settlement,  
?C2nd BC - C3rd AD or later.  
Jackson and Ambrose 1978

**Waltham Abbey, Town Mead, Essex**  
c. TL 3700  
Probable ritual deposit,  
late C1st BC/mid C1st AD.  
Manning 1980; 1985

**Weelsby Avenue, Grimsby, South Humberside**  
TA 283085  
Settlement,  
C1st BC - first quarter C1st AD.  
J. Sills forthcoming

**Wetwang Slack, North Humberside**  
SE 945602  
Settlement,  
(See also Garton Slack)  
Dent 1982; forthcoming

**Whitcombe, Dorset**  
SY 711881  
Cemetery,  
C1st BC - early C2nd AD.  
Aitken 1967; Collis 1972;  
Whimster 1981; Aitken and Stead forthcoming

**Witham Bury (Chipping Hill Camp), Essex**  
TL 820152  
Hillfort,  
poker 2  
poker 3

Woodeaton, Oxfordshire
SP 53641255
Settlement with Clst AD temple adjacent, late C7th/5th BC - late Roman. Harding 1987

Worthy Down, Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire
SU 469350
Unenclosed settlement, ?C6th/5th BC; c. C3rd/C2nd BC - mid Clst BC; mid Clst BC - mid Clst AD; Romano-British. Hooley 1931

Worthy Down, South Wonston, Hampshire
SU 459358
Settlement, MIA; C3rd AD. Whinney 1985; forthcoming

poker 4

file? 149

punch? 184

cold set? 113 S39

punch? 201

scriber? 220 S62

hot chisel 98
PLATE I

(a) Upper. Detail of engraved iron 'saw'-blade from Fiskerton
(b) Lower. Pokers Nos 12, 13, 16, 17, 21 and 25 (from Hunsbury)
PLATE II

(a) Upper. Hammers Nos 62 and 71 (from Fiskerton)
(b) Lower. Hammers Nos 73, 77, 86 and 89 (from Bredon Hill)
PLATE III
(a) Upper. Hammers Nos 66 and 76 (from Ham Hill)
(b) Lower. X-radiograph showing hammer marks on a bronze vessel fragment from Potterne. x1.
(Circled: marks from the use of a damaged hammer. Arrowed: narrow elongated marks.)
PLATE IV
(a) Upper. X-radiographs of files Nos 128, 142 and 145 (from Fiskerton). x1
(b) Lower. X-radiographs of file No. 122. (Plan and side views.) x1

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PLATE V
(a) Upper. File fragments Nos 152-156 from pit 209 at Gussage All Saints
(b) Lower. Files Nos 121, 122, 144, 151 and 157 (from Weelsby Avenue)
PLATE VI

(a) Upper. X-radiograph showing tool marks on part of a repoussé decorated copper alloy sheet metal mount from the Marlborough bucket. x1. (b) Lower. Possible implements and tools in copper alloy and bone from Weelsby Avenue. (The 5 on the left are copper alloy.)
ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations are those recommended by the Council for British Archaeology, with the following additions:

- BAR - British Archaeological Report British Series
- BAR -S - British Archaeological Report Supplementary Series
- BBCS - Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies
- CBA - Council for British Archaeology
- CPSA - Comité pour la Sidérurgie Ancienne
- DoE - Department of the Environment
- Dorset Proc. - Proceedings Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society
- Hants Proc. - Proceedings Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society
- JISI - Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute
- OUCA - Oxford University Committee for Archaeology
- PPS - Proceedings Prehistoric Society
- PSAS - Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- UKIC - United Kingdom Institute for Conservation
- UISPP - Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques
- WAM - Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine

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