

Textiles

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Grave 281

793149. Fragments bronze, iron and wood

Replaced textile, Z,Z, 2/2 twill with centre reverse, i.e. broken diamond, clear area 1.3 X 1.0 cm, count c.16/12 per cm; even spinning, weaving, two layers or folds lying on top of each other.

Grave 334

793145. Bronze ring

Replaced, mass raised threads or soft pile all round ring, one system Z, other obscured.

793162. Iron pin

Fragments surrounded by replaced textile scraps, and wad c.1.8 X 1.8 cm, same fabric in layers; probably all same, Z,Z, 2/2 twill, very even spinning, weaving, count 13-14/13-14. On one pin scrap, fragment same twill with tubular selvedge, L.1.3 cm, 4 warps visible, i.e.?? in tube. Some coarser Z threads, ?from fringe. Cf. Buckle from same grave.

Grave 778

793152. Iron and bronze fragments

Fragments, small, replaced, Z,Z, 2/2 twill, probably with reverses, count estimated 10/10; layers ?leather round bronze.

793153. Bronze wire spring from brooch

On fragments, twill as above, deteriorated; S threads wound round spring.

Grave 884

793143. Bronze brooch

Small fragments textile, ?wool, best 1.2 X 0.8 cm, Z,Z, 2/2 twill, too confused for count; long S (or Z,Sply) thread, darker colour, across weave, ?sewing.

793144. Bronze ring

793159. Iron ring

Replaced Z,Z textile, surface deteriorated.

793142, 793160 probably only wood fibres and some Z threads.

Grave 923

793141. Bronze tweezers

Lump 0.8 X 0.7 cm, replaced Z,Sply parallel threads (8), ?tablet weave.

. Shield grip

In debris, fragment replaced Z,S 2/2 twill, count estimated c.14/14, 1.6 X 0.8 cm.

Grave 951

793166. Knife, iron

Replaced fragments one side blade, Z,Z, 2/2 twill, area c.1.8 X 1.8 cm, going round edge, count probably c.8/8.

Grave 964

793148. Applied brooch fragments (pair to 731448)

(a) detached replaced fragments, Z,Z, tabby, count 14/14, largest 0.9 X 0.75.

(b) two fragments ?cord, possibly 7 or 8 Z threads wound loosely round with one Z thread; one (1.1 cm L.) seems to have thread of weave beyond, i.e. they may be deteriorated hems.

(c) Fragment string, two Z threads S 2plyed together, L.8 mm.

Threads in all these look similar, ?flax, but very regular.

Gr.117,585 may have some Z threads; rest in box no textile, some wood, leather and bone replacements.