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Textiles
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47A. Burial 127

Alley applied brooch (Lab. no. ⁸¹12032)

On back, along and under pin, ⁸¹ area of ?leather or skin; under this, on pin, with root fibres, deteriorated area of textile, 2.5 X 0.8 cm, flattened surface, Z spinning, probably fine tabby weave.

Pair to above (Lab. no. ⁸¹12033)

Again on pin and attachment, and detached fragments, deteriorated fragments Z threads visible, as on 12032.

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Disc brooch (Lab. no. 8112026)

Deteriorated replaced threads, Z, on pin attachment.

Detached, (a) fragment textile, fibres replaced, spinning Z one system, S the other, weave probably tabby (plain), but very deteriorated.

(b) fragment 0.8 X 0.6 cm, spinning Z both systems, weave tabby, one thread system fairly coarse, lightly spun, ?weft, the other almost hidden, finer and with tighter spin; count 7-8/7 threads on 5 mm.

The appearance of threads in (a) and (b) is very similar, apart from the spinning directions.

Pair to above (Lab. no. 8112053)

Front, two small areas textile, 0.65 ⁸¹ and 0.6 and 1.0 X 0.5 cm, probably flax, natural colour, Z spun both systems, tabby weave, count 18/16 (taken as 8 on 5 mm) threads per cm, fairly even spinning and weaving.

Back, ?bone replaced, under it replaced fairly coarse textile, Z, Z spinning, broken threads, but appearance suggests twill.

Fragments pin (Lab. no. 8112035)

All along one side, deteriorated replaced textile; on the other, replaced tablet twists, 1.2.0 cm, with c.7 mm, probably the border on a Z, Z spun tabby weave, count estimated c.20/18 threads per cm (5 on 2.5 mm/9 on 5 mm); border 4-hole tablet weave, 2 coarse twists lying S, Z, the rest confused, possibly all Z, or patterned weave, surface deteriorated.

(Lab. no. 8112036)

On other fragment, probably same tabby weave, but looser ~~area~~, count c.12/12 per cm, all over the length of the pin, 4.0 X c.1.2 cm, with tablet weave better preserved, showing c.8 twists on 5 mm, diagonal patterned weave, edge hidden by a fold of the tabby weave.

Pin from 12054 (Lab. no. 8112037)

Replaced Z, Sply threads going round pin, either to tie, or from fringe.

A few threads of fine weave, Z one system, and possible tablet weave remains above