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PLATE 10

AMPHORAE FROM ALLEN & HANBURY'S SITE, HERTS

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The amphorae sherds were classified by fabric and form, and in order to consider the material quantitatively were then weighed and counted. The types represented are Dressel 20, which represents the vast majority of amphorae recorded, Pélisset 47, possibly Camulodunum 185A and a small number of unassigned types. Brief notes on the origins and chronological span of the amphorae are given below together with a percentage breakdown of their occurrence in Areas I, II and III.

Total weight of amphorae from the site 35,647 gms
Total number of amphorae sherds from the site 451

Table I

% Total of each fabric from the site as a whole

	<u>% By weight</u>	<u>% By count</u>
Dr. 20	32,218 gms 90.4%	331 73.4%
Pélisset 47	1,885 gms 5.3%	73 16.2%
?Cam. 185A	146 gms 0.4%	7 1.6%
Unassigned	1,398 gms 3.9%	40 8.8%

Table II

% Total of each fabric from Area I

	<u>% by weight</u>	<u>% by count</u>
Dr. 20	1940 gms 93.9%	23 79.3%
?Cam. 185A	103 gms 5.0%	4 13.8%
Unassigned	24 gms 1.1%	2 6.9%
	<u>2067 gms</u>	<u>29</u>

Table III

% Total of each fabric from Area II

	<u>% by weight</u>	<u>% by count</u>
Dr. 20	24,809 gms 89.0%	267 71.6%
Pélichet 47	1,788 gms 6.4%	71 19.0%
?Cam. 185A	8 gms -	1 0.3%
Unassigned	1,284 gms 4.6%	34 9.1%
	<u>27,889 gms</u>	<u>373</u>

Table IV

% Total of each fabric from Area III

	<u>% by weight</u>	<u>% by count</u>
Dr. 20	1,778 gms 88.8%	22 73.4%
Pélichet 47	97 gms 4.9%	2 6.6%
?Cam. 185A	35 gms 1.8%	2 6.6%
Unassigned	90 gms 4.5%	4 13.4%
	<u>2,000 gms</u>	<u>30</u>

Table V

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Dr. 20	3,691 gms	19 sherds
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Dressel 20

Dressel 20 amphorae come from the Guadalquivir region of Spain, between Seville and Cordoba, where they were used principally for the transportation of olive-oil (Bonsor, 1931). This type of amphora has a wide date-range from the pre-Roman Period I levels at Camulodunum (Hawkes and Hull, 1947) to the third century A.D.

Pélichet 47

A flat-bottomed amphora form predominantly made in Southern Gaul,

more particularly around the mouth of the Rhône and around the Gulf of Lyons, and probably used for carrying wine (Peacock, 1978). It was also one of the amphorae types made at the recently excavated kilns at Crouzilles, Indre et Loire (information from Alain Férdiere), indicating that the form was made in Central Gaul as well. In Britain these vessels date from the latter half of the first century A.D. to the beginning of the third century, with the main concentration of finds occurring during the second century.

Camulodunum 185A

This amphora form originated from southern Spain and may have held defrutum, which had various uses (Parker and Price, 1981). The life of this form seems approximately to cover the hundred years from the mid first century B.C. to the mid first century A.D. (Colls et al, 1977, 35-38; Tchernia, 1980, 306). Unfortunately small undistinguished bodysherds have similarities in fabric with Dressel 20, and it is possible that the sherds from the Allen & Hanbury's site are in fact thin-walled Dressel 20 rather than Camulodunum 185A.

Non-Amphorae

G2B/1A - 017/2 (Area 1).

G113C - 91 (Area II, 1-199) ?Flagon handle.

G113C - 201 (Area II, 200-204).

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