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Angon

Commune de découverte : Saint-Dizier

Lieu-dit : «La Tuilerie»

Où le trouver ?

Saint-Dizier (52) - Musée Municipal

52100 Saint-Dizier

Domaine : Military equipment; Furniture associated with the deceased

Période chronologique Middle Ages [476 / 1492] → Early Middle Ages [476 / 1000]

Dimensions L. 144 cm Poids 480 g

Description :

Soldier's Grave

Long javelin with a short wooden shaft, the angon is characteristic of the offensive equipment of the Frankish warrior. This one, dated between 470 and 530, was found in the necropolis of Saint-Dizier in the Haute-Marne. The weapons of this period are rarely isolated in the burials, but on the contrary constitute a defensive and offensive panoply. In this period it is possible to discover in the same burial one or more of the following elements: angons, spearheads, shields, arrowheads, scramasaxes, axes, long swords. These weapons may also be accompanied by ritual funerary deposits and objects related to the mortuary clothing of the deceased. The study of these burials is particularly rich in information on military equipment and therefore on the practice of warfare in the Merovingian period. They also provide valuable clues to the economic and social level of the deceased during this period, with the **warrior burials** often being among the wealthiest.