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Élément de char

Commune de découverte : Orval sur Sienne

Lieu-dit : «Les Plaines»

Où le trouver ?

Caen (14) - Musée de Normandie

14000 Caen

Domaine : Military equipment; Furniture associated with the deceased

Période chronologique Protohistory [- 2200 / - 50] → Iron Age [- 800/ - 50]

Dimensions L. 14 cm | 5.5 cm

Description :

Face and profiles, for complete protection

This **chariot element** features bas-relief decoration consisting of a central **mask** framed by two similar heads shown in profile. The **symmetry of the image** and the **decorative treatment** of the plant-like hair and beard are typical of early Celtic art. The function and significance of this decoration remains unclear, but its quality illustrates the high degree of artistic development of objects associated with princely tombs in Western Europe during the Second Iron Age.