

6 Addendum

After completing the manuscript, four new finds of armour were brought to the attention of the author: a helmet of Type Paks, perhaps from Serbia (Fig. 6.1), a helmet of Type Biebesheim from an unknown private collection (sold at auction in 2014 and put up for auction once again in 2015), an Italian crested helmet (also on sale), and a greave of Type Lengyeltóti, also potentially from Serbia.

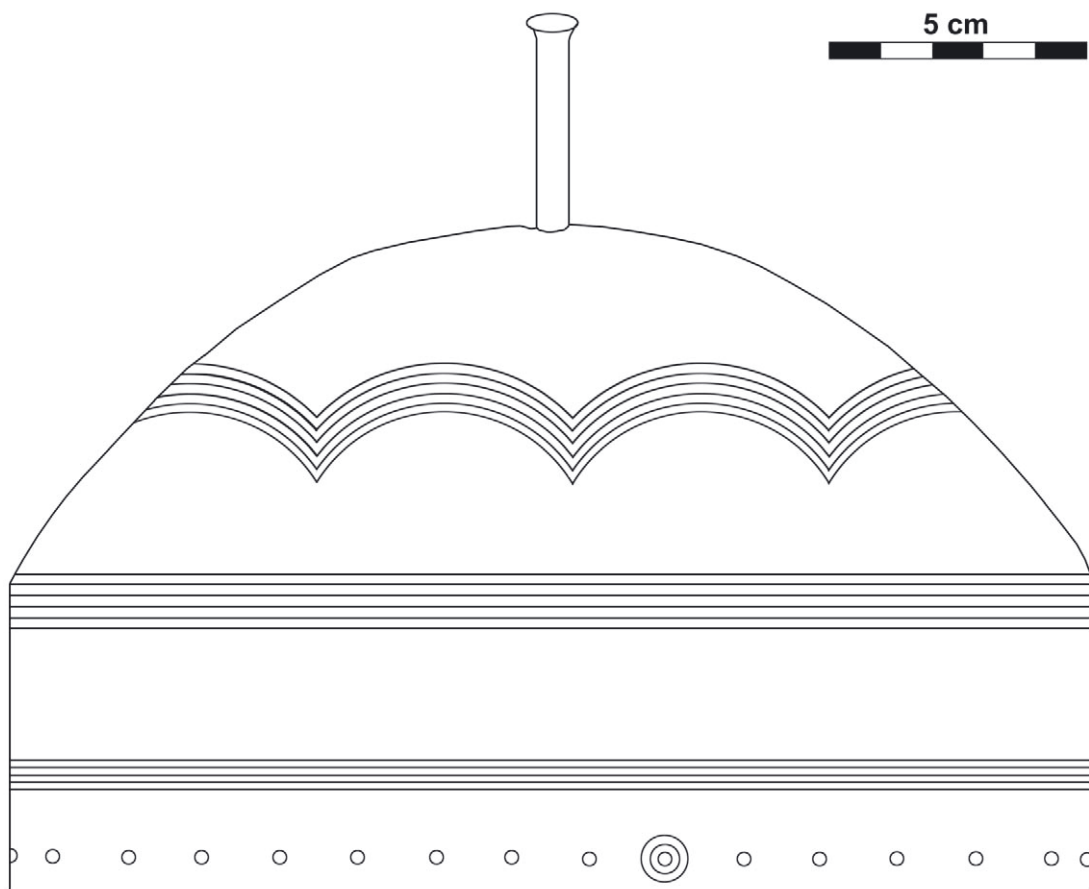


Fig. 6.1 Unprovenanced helmet of Type Paks (possibly from Srem district, Vojvodina, Serbia). Current location unknown.

In mentioning these finds, the author obviously does not want to improve their monetary value, or pass judgement upon the validity of the finds as original, or encourage forgeries or support the trafficking and selling of archaeological objects. Instead, it is simply our desire to bring such rare finds to the attention of archaeological research, in the full knowledge that their provenance remains at this time highly questionable.

Helmet

Helmet of Type Paks

Unprovenanced (possibly Srem district, Vojvodina, Serbia) – unknown find circumstances – complete helmet – measurements unknown – private collection – Fig. 6.1 – unpublished.

The helmet was presumably found in the region of Vojvodina, Serbia. The helmet was brought to the attention of the museum in Vojvodina in the 1990s, before the helmet was sold and most likely brought out of the country. Its current location is unknown.

Helmet of Type Biebesheim

Unprovenanced – complete helmet. Measurements: height: 23.5cm; diameter: 28.7 × 26.4cm – private collection – unpublished.

The helmet was sold at Timelines Auctions at The Swedenborg Hall, London, on 3 September 2014¹¹⁹⁰ and put up for auction at Hermann Historica, Munich, on 30 October 2015.¹¹⁹¹ It is said to derive from a German collector, who bought it at an English auction house, which had purchased it from a private Bavarian collector, who had bought it during the 1990s from an older German collection. No names are known.

Italian Crested Helmet

Unprovenanced – An Italian crested helmet is on sale at Phoenix Ancient Art, Geneva. The 32.5cm high helmet allegedly derives from the former G. Ligabue Collection. The top of the crest is broken. It has two rows of bosses on the cap and three rows of smaller bosses along the crest, which makes it appear very similar to the helmet from Veio, Quattro Fontanili, grave Z15A (Fig. 2.29.7), apart that the latter has three and not two holes on the sides to attach the chinstrap.

Greaves

Greave of Type Lengyeltóti

Unprovenanced (possibly Srem district, Vojvodina, Serbia) – unknown find circumstances – almost complete greave – measurements unknown – private collection – unpublished.

The greave was presumably found in the region of Vojvodina, Serbia. It was (most likely after the Bronze Age) wrapped around a re-worked, and shortened Reutlingen sword, giving the impression that it was used as a sheath for the sword. The current location of the find is unknown.

¹¹⁹⁰ Timelines 2014.

¹¹⁹¹ Hermann Historica 2015a.