

NEW CELTIC DISCOVERIES FROM BLANDIANA

SUMMARY

The article presents a series of new archaeological pieces, accidentally discovered on a terrace, on the left bank of the river Mureş. They come from one or more cremation graves belonging to the Celtic population and may be dated in Latène C.

A number of 7 objects are circumstantially described: 5 pots, an iron clasp and an iron application. We must remark the great vessel with anthropomorphous handles, representing a two-headed man and woman. This pot represents a unique piece among the whole Celtic pottery discovered on the Romanian territory, but it has some analogies on the territory of Hungary.

These two-headed human representations cannot be alien to a certain religious significance, so that the vessel from Blandiana belong to the category of cult vessels.

EXPLICATION OF FIGURES

- Fig. 1. Blandiana. Celtic pots (photo).*
Fig. 2. Blandiana. Celtic pots (drawing).
Fig. 3. Detail with anthropomorphous handles (photo).
Fig. 4. Detail with anthropomorphous handles (drawing).
Fig. 5. Blandiana. Iron application and fragmentary clasp.