

(III) Late Bronze Age

305 (PW 555). Electrotpe copy of a **BRACELET**, penannular, with expanded terminals, round-sectioned (T. 5.5), overall diam. 67. One of the two found at **Beaumaris**, Ang. The originals are in the British Museum. *Anglesey*, 205f. (fig.). Purchased. 31.69.5.

306 (PW 556). **BOWL**, of shale, formerly thought to be bog-oak, round-bottomed and oval in plan with decoration of applied or inlaid gold leaf suggesting the features of a sea-going boat with shields (or possibly sun discs) below the gunwales, oars, waves and apotropaic "eyes" on prow and stern. The rim is covered with longitudinal strips of gold leaf, engraved with fine transverse lines, and the upper part of the side of the bowl is covered by a horizontal strip of gold leaf (W. 16) on which is a frieze of contiguous discs, each containing 17 finely engraved concentric circles and varying from 11.5 to 15 diam. The rest of the decoration is inlaid, with gold leaf, bearing incised lines, wrapped round a soft material (tin?) and filling the incised patterns; below the circles is a row of pendant triangles and below that are three horizontal zig-zags; along the keel of the bowl run two rows of narrow triangles, base to base and with the points upwards. The "eyes" consist of deeply incised circles (diam. 15) with central dot on each side of the main axis. About half the original remains, the rest having been restored; much of the gold leaf has disappeared, leaving only the grey core embedded in the inlaid patterns. L. 182; W. 111; H. 79. Found (about 1820) "during drainage operations in a boggy field SW of the Rhydyn, SE of **Caergwrle Castle**", **Hope**, Flints. (?SJ 311570). *AC*, 1875, 268-74; *Flintshire*, 203-6; *Bericht über den V. Internationalen Kongress für Vor-und Fruhgeschichte*, Hamburg, 1958, 200-203 (Corcoran); *Tartessos, V Symposium International de Prehistoria Peninsular, Jerez de la Frontera*, 1968 (Barcelona, 1969), 185-97 (Hawkes); Green, H. S., *et al*, *RIGS*. (in press) Donor: H. Foster Cunliffe. 12.128. Fig. 10 and Pl. IX.

307 Personal Hoard, comprising: (1) Irish gold "**LOCK-RING**" with hollow biconical section, made of two conical sheets and a rectangular strip soldered together, with an edge binding of cylindrical section wire which has come adrift at one point; the surfaces are decorated with 23 fine concentric furrows with a spacing of three to a millimetre. Diam. 32; T. 12. Wt. 91 grs. (5.9 grammes). (Fig. 47). (2) As last, but smaller (diam. 30; T. 8), undecorated and with an edge binding of wire beaten into a curve forming $\frac{1}{3}$ circumference of tube, which has come apart from the conical sheets at more than one point. The inside is somewhat buckled and drips of solder from soldering tools are visible on the surface of the conical sheets (Fig. 47). (3) Looped bronze **PALSTAVE** of late type with narrow blade (undecorated) and straight, undercut stop, part of the butt being broken off. Present L. 101; W(edge). 47. Fig. 40. (4) Bronze socketed **AWL** for leatherworking (or spiked ferrule?), with two rivet-holes near the mouth. L. 65; diam. (socket) 13. Fig. 40. Found near the **Pigeon's Cave**, on the W side of Pen Trwyn, on the N side of **Great Orme's Head**, Caern. (SH 778839). Rev. W. Venables Owen, *Archaeological History of Llandrillo-yn-Rhos*, 61; *AC*, 1958, 56f., (Pls.) (Savory). Donor: Executors of Dr. Willoughby Gardner. 54.82.1-4. Figs. 40 and 47

D. STONE IMPLEMENTS FROM BURIALS*

(I) Flint Dagger

308 (PW 557). Flint **DAGGER**, patinated white, with lanceolate blade, demarcated from straight-sided pointed tang by two slight shoulders. Widest part at middle, blade and tang being of equal length. A pair of hafting notches on each side of latter below shoulders. Surface well worked and ground in parts; brown lines across base of blade mark line of handle. L. 161; W. 64. Fig. 48 (2-10) other worked and unworked **FLINTS**, all patinated white; (2) a plano-convex blade completely worked over one face, the bulbar face unretouched, (Fig. 48); (3) and (6) **SCRAPERS** (Fig. 48); (4) and (5) **BLADE** worked along edges (Fig. 48). (11) Miscellaneous fragments of **FLINT**, some patinated white. (12) Calcined human bones and charcoal. (13) Bones and teeth of *Bos taurus* var.

*The burial groups, Sections D to I, are classified arbitrarily according to what appears to be the most important object in the group. Cross references to other sections are introduced wherever necessary.

longifrons, *Sus scrofa*, *Turdus musicus* and Rat sp. (14) Fragments of pottery, relatively well-fired with surface grey or buff, probably from at least two coarse **BEAKERS** decorated partly with bird-bone impressions and partly with a bone tool with oval tip, some of the fragments coming from close to the junction of the neck and the globular body, with a raised cordon at the base of the former (Fig. 55). From the excavation of a round cairn 1200 m. SW of Plas-y-gors, **Ystradfellte**, Breck. (SN 916146), (1) found 2 m. E of centre, (2-5) 1 m. S of centre, (12) (14) about 1 m. NE of centre in association, all in black layer on old ground surface, the different deposits being apparently protected by larger stones. Remaining flints (6—11) scattered through black layer; animal bones amongst stones of cairn. *AC*, 1898, 248-64 (Cantrill). Wheeler, 131-2. Donor: James Mathews. 98.28. 1-13; 98.29. Fig. 48

(II) Perforated Axe-hammers, Battle-axes and Hammer

309 (*PW* 558). **AXE-HAMMER**, of ophitic olivine gabbro (P10), well made, with smooth polished surface, flat faces tapering towards edge, slightly convex sides, and hour-glass perforation towards rounded butt. L. 181; W. 53; T. 45. Found in a cairn of Bronze Age type on Crugiau-dwy, Pentregalar, **Llanfyrnach**, Pemb. (SN 173307). *AC*, 1927, 387 (fig.) (Nash-Williams); 1935, 267 f. (Grimes). Purchased. 27.200. Fig. 13.

310 (*PW* 559) **BATTLE-AXE** (cast) (original in Brecon Museum, of spotted ophitic dolerite from Presely area (XIII) (RA4)), of Beaker type with rounded butt, hour-glass perforation slightly to rear of centre, flat faces and convex sides. In side-view the implement tapers slightly from edge to butt, both of which are battered by use. L. 164; W. 52; T. 34. Found "between two upright stones" at the centre of a round cairn known as Clap-yr-arian, **Llansantffraid Cwmdeuddwr**, Rad. (SN 936699). *AC*, 1911, 151 (fig.) (Edmondson Owen); 1935, 278 (fig.) (Grimes). 36.274. Fig. 13.

311 (*PW* 560). Miniature **BATTLE-AXE** of quartz-dolerite (XXIIIb) (P11), beautifully made and finished, narrow-pointed oval in plan, with hour-glass perforation to rear of middle. Waisted in side view, the expanded edge being wider than the butt. Slightly convex sides, L. 73.5; W. 29; T (edge) 29. Found (in 1805) in the material thrown out from a large cist beneath a barrow known as The Beacon, **Llanrhian**, Pemb. (SM 832315). The cist apparently contained traces of bone, probably but not certainly, the remains of an inhumation burial. Fenton, *Pembrokeshire*, (1903 ed.), 20. Purchased. 33.226. Fig. 13

312 (*PW* 561). (1) **HAMMER** of picrite (Group XII) (MO 4). Both ends blunted, but one is thinner in plan and more expanded in side view than the other. Hour-glass perforation approximately at middle. L. 100; W. 37; T (edge) 53. (Fig. 14). (2-5) **WORKED FLINTS**; (2) and (4) being irregular plano-convex **BLADES** (Fig. 48) the others with edge working (Fig. 48). (6) **CINERARY URN** (Food-vessel Urn type) (Fig. 57) of coarse gritty ware with buff surface (much damaged) black core and dark interior, decorated with two rows of oblique blurred impressions on inner bevel of rim, four on external hollow neck. H. 197; diam. (shoulder) 191. From the excavation of Foel Cairn, Cae-crwyd, **Garthbeibio**, Mont. (SH 988112); (1-4) with primary cremation burial, probably a boy of about nine, in cist; (5) with secondary cremation of woman on old ground surface; (6) from mound, without signs of burial. *AC* 1923, 279-90 (fig. 3) (Wheeler). Lent by: The Earl of Powis. 25.71A. 1-6. Figs. 14, 48 and 57.

(III) Plano-convex Flint Knives (see also nos. 308, 312, 338, 347, 397, 399 and 478)

313 (*PW* 562). **PLANO-CONVEX KNIFE** of grey-black flint. The convex face well worked over whole surface, the bulbar face at tip and down part of one edge. L. 107 (Fig. 48) (2) Small fragments of **POTTERY** of good quality, probably from a small "Food-bowl" of Irish affinity. The decoration remaining consists of impressed "maggot-pattern", while one fragment shows triangular impressions made with the angular end of a flat tool (Fig. 56). (3) **FLINT IMPLEMENT**, perhaps a scraper of curved half-crescentic form. L. 43.5. (Fig. 48) (4-5). Unworked flakes. From the excavation of a tumulus on Cadno Mountain, **Pendine**, Carm. (SN 235095); (1-3) from pit with cremated burial, 2 m. NW of centre; (4-5) find-spot not stated. *AC*, 1918, 42-51 (fig.) (Ward). For other finds from the same site see below, No. 400. Donor: G. G. T. Treherne 19.211. 2-6. Fig. 48 and 56.

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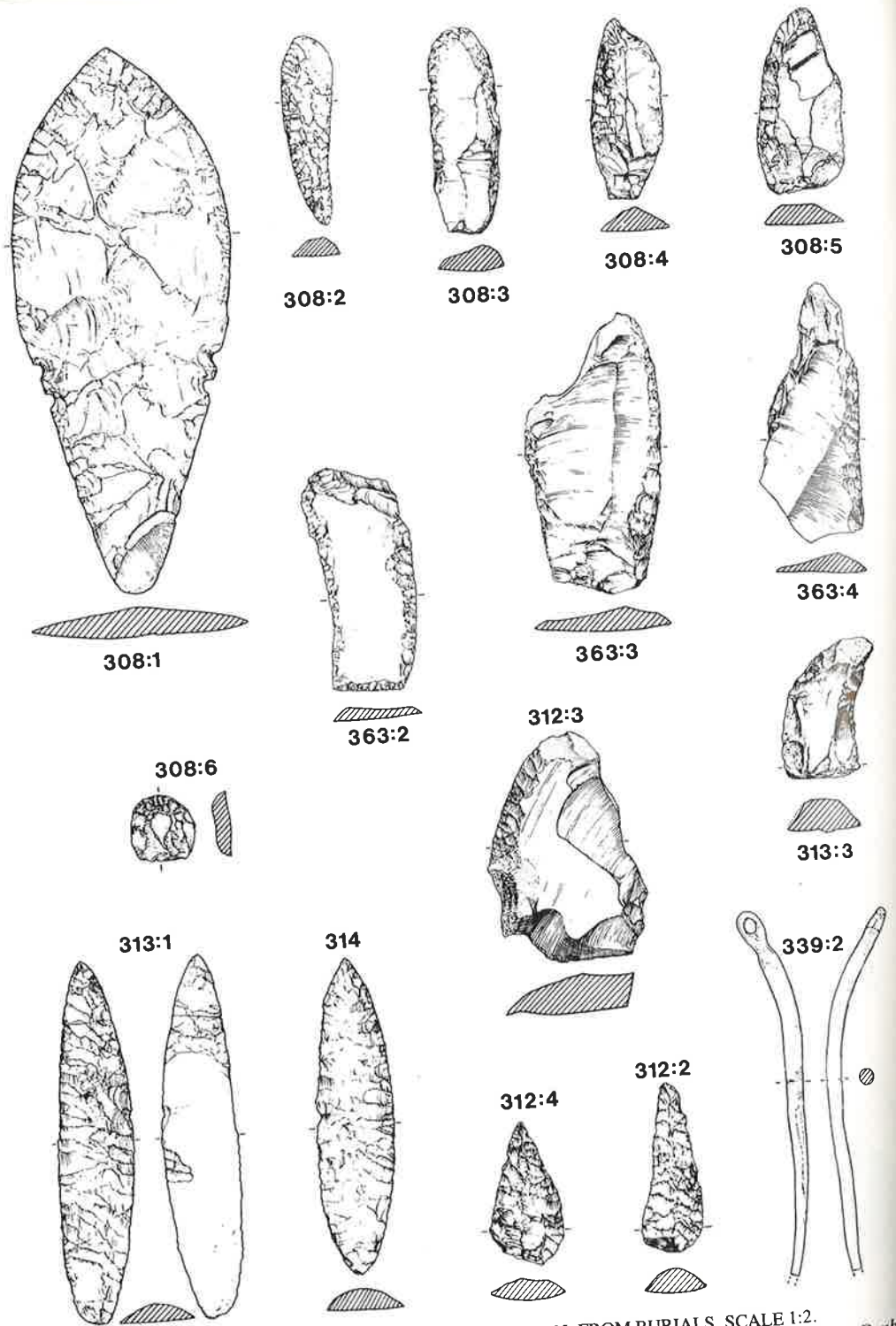


FIG. 48. FLINT IMPLEMENTS AND BONE PIN, FROM BURIALS. SCALE 1:2.
 308 Ystradfellte, Breck.; 312 Garthbeibio, Mont.; 313 Pendine, Carm.; 314 Glyn-traean, Denb.;
 339 Tredunnoch, Mon.; 363 Llannon, Carm.

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