

Buckle with plate from Leiden

Ordinary buckle and plate made of sheet bronze, with folded hinges, typical of the early 1st century from Vectio-Fectio - Germania Inferior (Bunnik-Vechten, Netherlands).

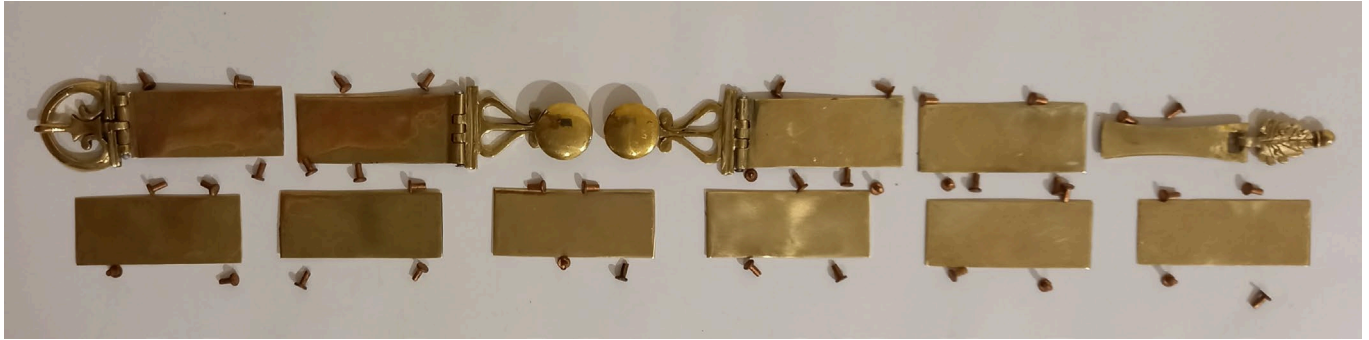


These hinges are classic for this early 1st century period. Such plates were produced easily and cheaply in the vicus.

The rivets used to attach the plate to the belt have small flat heads and are distinctly copper. Most likely this is part of a whole cingulum, but it is possible that it is a single shoulder strap /balteus with a buckle or a regular legionary belt, this will remain a mystery to us and gives us reenactors the opportunity for interpretation.

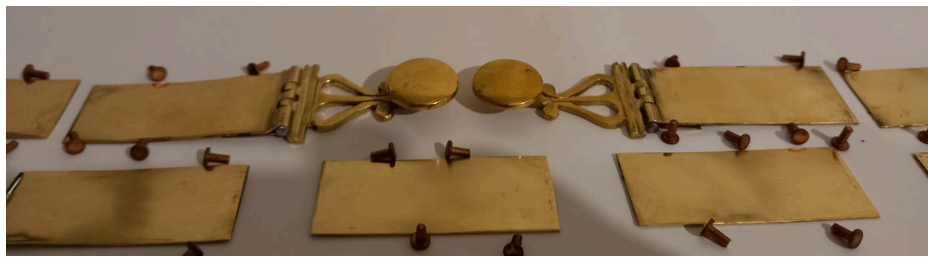


Pugio hangers are not published, but I have asserted that the most suitable dagger-pugio hangers for this period are those similar or the same from an archaeological publication about legionary equipment from Vindonissa.



In principle, for such ordinary plate models cingulum, characteristic mainly for legionnaires, the most suitable would probably be pugio hardening of the most ordinary model or these of disks with ears!

https://www.legio-iii-scythica.com/images/roman_pdf/swords_hangers.pdf



The similarity of belt parts from the Rhine, Danube and their tributaries matches with great accuracy! But this is normal! All these items from the legionary fashions were produced by the same craftsmen in the vicus around the castrums of the Rhine and Danube! This buckle and plate are not part of a single cingulum belt, and therefore the interpretation in combination is possible!

The apron studs plats model are in a wide variety from archaeological publications throughout the limes, with shapes ranging from squares and rectangles (including round ones). Mounted on the leather straps with 1 or 2 rivets on the back. So we have room for interpretation with the apron studs.



A leaf shaped belt pendant tip is a wonderful addition from Vindonisa!



My wax model.



The Pugio hangers in this case are a matter of interpretation due to their absence. But the finds from Vindonisa are from the same historical period and are appropriate for the case!

