

Jade
(Nephrite)

19.60

a-b

S.I.1440

Chinese,

~~Chou dynasty, early.~~ Late Shang

trapezoidal

Tablet, in long narrow ~~rhomboidal~~ form, a fragment of a larger original. Single bevel on one face; double bevel on the other. Type hu. Two perforations. Box.

Color: dull olive-green, slightly mottled, and with grayish areas of incipient disintegration. Decoration incised.

Textile impression on both sides.

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~~33.1~~ x ~~8.8~~ (13-1/16" x 3-1/2")

33.1 cm x 8.8 cm

Length Width

1. Bought from Seaouke Yue of Shanghai. Said to have been excavated at An Hsi, in Chekiang. For price, see Voucher No. 32, August, 1919. (Original Miscellaneous List, p. 347.)
2. Original attribution: Chou. See further S.I. 1440.
3. (J.E.L., 1929). Chou.
4. (A.G.W., 1943). Type hu 笏.
5. Sp. G. is 2.999. Nephrite.
6. (H.E.Buckman, 1964) The Envelope File contained no further information, and has now been destroyed.
7. (T.Lawton, 1978) Late Shang.
8. (Julia Murray, 1980) Attribution is changed from Late Shang to Shang.

9. (Julia K. Murray, 1982). The parallel and crisscross lines incised on one side of 19.60 are a design also found on a large and magnificent jade blade with seven perforations from Erh-li-t'ou, Yen-shih 偃師二里頭 Honan (for discussion, see W. Fong, ed., The Great Bronze Age of China, cat. no. 3), attributed to the Early Shang period. The excavated blade is also incised on only one side, but at both ends; perhaps 19.60 was originally a longer blade of the same type that got broken and lost one of its decorated ends. The absence of a bevel there supports the possibility that the undecorated end has been refinished.

For further discussion see 17.24.