

Jade

17.28

S.I.1117

Chinese,

Sung dynasty.

Long narrow chisel-shaped object of the type kuei; slightly diagonal beveled blade tapering to a gently rounded end with conical perforation; mottled yellow and golden tan with reddish areas and shadowy diagonal lines; decoration: carved in countersunk relief and incised, alike on both sides, two bands of ogee and one of meander design, a small circular hollow with central knob; satin smooth surface. (Old break near end, chip on blade). Box.

20.4 cm

~~20.4~~ in length. (8-1/16")~~06.4~~ width at blade. (2-9/16")

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1. Bought from Lee Van Ching, of Shanghai, in New York. For price, see Original Miscellaneous List, p. 249.

2. Original attribution: Han. See further, S.I.1117, Appendix VIII. ~~(XXXXXX)~~

3. Sp. G. is 2.901.

4. (A.G.W., 1945) Sung dynasty.

This piece is archaistic rather than archaic.

A good example of the work of this period.

5. (Julia Murray, 1982) For a general discussion of chisel-shaped jades, see folder sheet 17.31 . Although the designs carved on 17.28 are archaistic and would not have appeared on an ancient jade chisel, in shape and size 17.28 is strikingly similar to a jade chisel found at the Early Shang site at Erh-li-t'ou, Yen-shih, Honan (reproduced in K'ao-ku 1975/5, pl. 9/1). The excavated piece has two complete perforations, where the Freer chisel has one finished hole and another that is only partially drilled on both sides of the slab. The combination of a complete perforation with one that is incomplete is also seen on the Freer chisel 35.7 .