

NOTE.

Bronze Spearhead from Windsor, Berkshire.

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WHILST inspecting the collections of my friend, Mr. P. E. Rumbelow of Great Yarmouth, I came across the here-with illustrated bronze spearhead (*Fig. 1.*) which was labelled as "*from Windsor.*" Mr. Rumbelow kindly looked up his notes concerning it and told me it was discovered by him in 1917 at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, when turning over a heap of Thames ballast. He made inquiries and found that the ballast originated from Windsor, but he could obtain no more detailed information about the place of excavation.

The spearhead is $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch at its greatest width, namely at the base of the blade. The blade is ogival in shape but this is possibly due to constant sharpening. The socket measures $1\frac{1}{16}$ inch at its mouth, and extends to a point $3\frac{5}{16}$ inches from it. Thence to the tip of the blade it is transformed into a solid elliptical-sectioned cone. Mr. Rumbelow still has a piece of the wood which remained in the socket. The spearhead subsequently broke at the base of the blade.

The distribution of small looped spearheads has not yet been fully worked out. I made an attempt towards such an end in 1937 when publishing a similar spearhead from Allerston, Yorkshire (*Yorks. Arch. Journal*, XXXIV, 4-8). I included with that account a distribution map and a list, which made no claim to be complete.

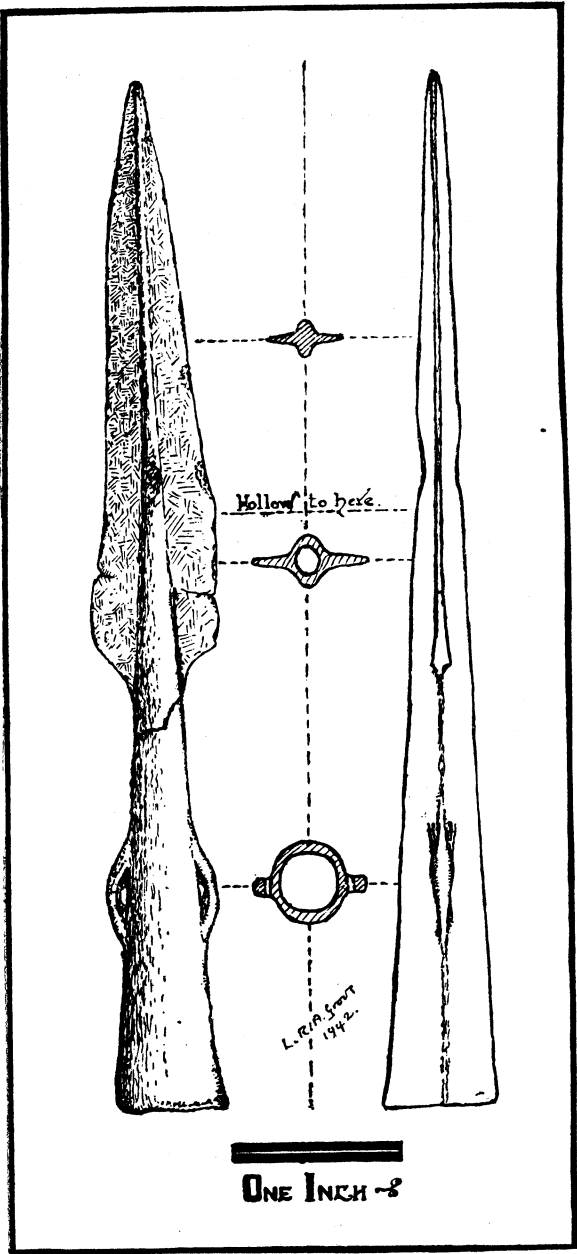


FIG. 1. Bronze Spearhead from Windsor.