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Relief with a Bull

350-300 BC

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Object Details

Catalogue Number	36
Inventory Number	71.AD.220 
Typology	Relief
Location	Taranto region
Dimensions	H: 5.8 cm; W: 8 cm

Fabric

Beige in color; hard, purified, and friable, with foil gilding.

Condition

Intact, surface worn.

Provenance

– 1969, Fallani (Rome, Italy); 1971, Royal Athena Galleries (New York, New York), sold to the J. Paul Getty Museum, 1971.

Bibliography

SELECTED WORKS 1971, no. 62; KINGSLEY 1976, p. 14, fig. 41; LULLIES 1977, pp. 247–51, no. 3.

Description

The bull is depicted heading to the left with its head tilted in three-quarter view. The left front hoof is raised, and the back right hoof extends forward; the tail curves around full circle. There is a hole pierced through at the bull's neck. A comparable example was found in Tomb 1 in Contrada Tesoro in Taranto.¹

Notes

1. See D. Graepler's cat. entry in DE JULIIS 1984, pp. 393–96, no. 29; LEYENAAR-PLAISIER 1979, no. 165, pl. 28, p. 82.