



## Keyhole Plate made from a Breastplate

### Date

breastplate about 1555-60

### Primary Maker

Northern Italian

### Medium

etched and blackened steel

### Description

The breastplate has two holes for a lance-rest, one of them now plugged, though the metal seems rather light for a cavalry breastplate. There are 9 holes around the perimeter for attaching the plate to what was probably some sort of door. Part of one side-edge is partly crimped over.

### Dimensions

36 x 33.5 cm (14 3/16 x 13 3/16 in.), 2 lb, 14 oz (weight)