



**Excavated "Baselard" Dagger**

**Date**  
1300s–1400s

**Primary Maker**  
European

**Medium**  
steel and iron

**Description**  
1 piece of iron, "Baselard" form. Acutely pointed blade of stiff, flattened-diamond section, with pronounced medial rib on faces. Base of blade flares into 2 integral trapezoidal projections (one lacking) forming a rudimentary crossguard. Projection punched by

single hole. Corroded blade has been ground down. Face of tang cut with full-length, broad channel into which was set wood or horn plaques (missing). 3 vertically aligned, punched mounting holes & traces of a fourth. Upper part of tang flares out into flattened, mushroom-like profiled terminal. This transversely cut for inset plaque of elliptical form, & retains 2 crudely fitted, iron dome-headed rivets. Tang has cracked near the crossbar.

**Dimensions**  
31.8 × 20.2 × 4 × 6.2 cm (12 1/2 × 7 15/16 × 1 9/16 × 2 7/16 in.), 6 oz (weight)