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11.4.1 Copper alloy: Roman

Fraser Hunter

From a pit in Cramond House Garden comes the end of an openwork military belt fitting (Illus 41c). Nothing of the design survives, but the type is typical of the 2nd and 3rd centuries (see Elliot & Hunter 2012: 189, nos 4–5 with references); this find is rather broader than the examples noted there, but can be readily paralleled (eg Oldenstein 1976: Taf 62, no. 786 [Osterburken]).

► **Catalogue no. 1**

Badly corroded terminal of an openwork military belt mount, preserving the triple-arched end (the central one broader) and raised rectangular moulding (rounded in profile) around the openwork design. All that survives of this is the rectangular end of the openwork field. A heavy integrally cast stud with circular head (Diam: 12–13mm) lies on the longitudinal axis at the end of the mount, giving a strap thickness of around 3mm. The whole object is slightly distorted from removal; its surface suggests it is heat-affected, perhaps from intended recycling. L: 27mm; W: 40.5mm; Th: 13mm; weight: 8.09g. Pit 3. Illus 41c.