

Table 5.13: Quentovic - putative Etaples hoard

Quentovic			Possible hoard material				Hoard total
Type	Duration	Period	Primary sceat	Continental sceat	Merovingian deniers	Secondary sceat	
A, 2a	680-700	4b	3				
B	680-710	4b	9				
C	700-710	4b	8				
F	695-705	4b	3				
Vernus	to 710	4b	4				
30b/8 mule	to 715?	4b?	1				
D, 2c	700-715	4c		10			
D, 8	700-715	4c		12			
E, primary	700-720	4c		41			
Mero. den.	670-730	4d			80		
H	720-745	5b				4	
J	710-725	5b				31	
K	720-745	5b				1	
N	715-720	5b				1	
E, secondary	720-760	5c		17			
G	710-720	5c		6			
Total			28	86	80	37	231

Sources:

The assemblage of 148 sceats (among 267 coins) sold by Compagnie Générale de Bourse, Paris, (www.cgb.fr) in Monetæ IV, June 2013 145-174, are thought to be a putative hoard from Étapes, Table above. Many specimens presented surface corrosion consistent with hoard material. Enquiries to the management failed to elicit information on provenance but Continental experts suggested that it was plausible that this represented the release of a hoard from Étapes rumoured years previously. Certainly, this is not reliable but such a provenance would suggest that these coins may well represent the mix of sceats and other coins in circulation in Quentovic. Indeed, this is exactly the mix of coins one would expect – English & Frisian Primary & secondary in similar proportions to the Frankish deniers.

Purpose:

To assess the composition and origins of material in the putative hoard.