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An ANNAROVECI *quinarius* found in Halle-Booienhove (Zoutleeuw),
with an updated list of reported finds

IN 2016 A SILVER ANNAROVECI *quinarius* (Scheers [1977] 58; *LT* 8893; *DT* 638)^[1] was offered by a metal detectorist for identification. The coin originates from on a field in Halle-Booienhove (Zoutleeuw). Other related finds consisted of fragments of Roman ceramics, bricks and tiles.



Æ *quinarius* – 1.6 g – 13.45 mm (picture 2 × actual size)

The type is ascribed to the Eburones/Tungri; most of the specimens with known provenance come from their tribal area. It follows the Roman weight standard, so must be dated after the defeat of the Eburones in 53 BCE. Nico Roymans connects the emission with the ethnogenesis of the Tungri in the third quarter of the first century BCE in which a leader of the Tungri named Annaroveci may have played a part.^[2]

The coin is rare. The reference study on the Eburonian and early Tungrian coinage by Simone Scheers mentions fifteen known specimens.^[3] However, detector finds have since considerably increased that number. For instance, Scheers & Creemers list fifteen specimens found in the Maastricht-Tongeren area, of which only six were included in Scheers' earlier study.^[4] Doyen mentions a total of nine specimens found in Braives (prov. Liège) of which only two were reported in Scheers 1996. Four of the seven 'new' finds are merely rumoured detector finds.^[5] Published recent individual finds include one specimen found in Val-Meer,^[6] and one in the Roman *vicus* of Asse (prov. Vlaams-Brabant).^[7] Dengis' recent overview of coin finds and hoards in Belgium lists many more reported but unpublished finds. We have therefore thought it useful to provide an updated list of finds with a distribution map.

The list is certainly incomplete. At least ten finds are reported without location details (but with photographs) on various webfora for detectorists since

[1] Depeyrot 2005, p. 122, no. 52.

[2] Roymans & Aarts 2009, p. 16-17; Roymans 2008, p. 19.

[3] Scheers 1996.

[4] Scheers & Creemers 2012, p. 150 ; cf. also Roymans & Dijkman 2012, p. 196.

[5] Doyen 2005, p. 179, nos. 3-9; 2012, p. 94.

[6] Nijssen 2016.

[7] Magerman & Saerens 2009, p. 156, no. 1.

2008. Some of these are probably among the attributed finds, but not necessarily all of them. One detector find was sold on Ebay in 2016 by a vendor from the Dutch province of Noord-Brabant. The other finds appear to come from the same general area: Belgian and Dutch Limburg, Brabant, or the province of Liège. The four reported detector finds from Braives may (or may not) be among these. The unusually heavy specimen weighing 1.80 g reported on the website of the Belgian Metal Detector Team (23 May 2014), maybe the coin found in Tourinnes-Saint-Lambert (Walhain), but we cannot be sure of this since the plated specimen in the D.F. Allen collection also weighs 1.81 g and another specimen sold by Jean Elsen in 2000 has the same weight (1.80).^[8] Disregarding the coins reported on webfora that cannot be attributed we now have fifty nine Annaroveci coins with a clear find location.

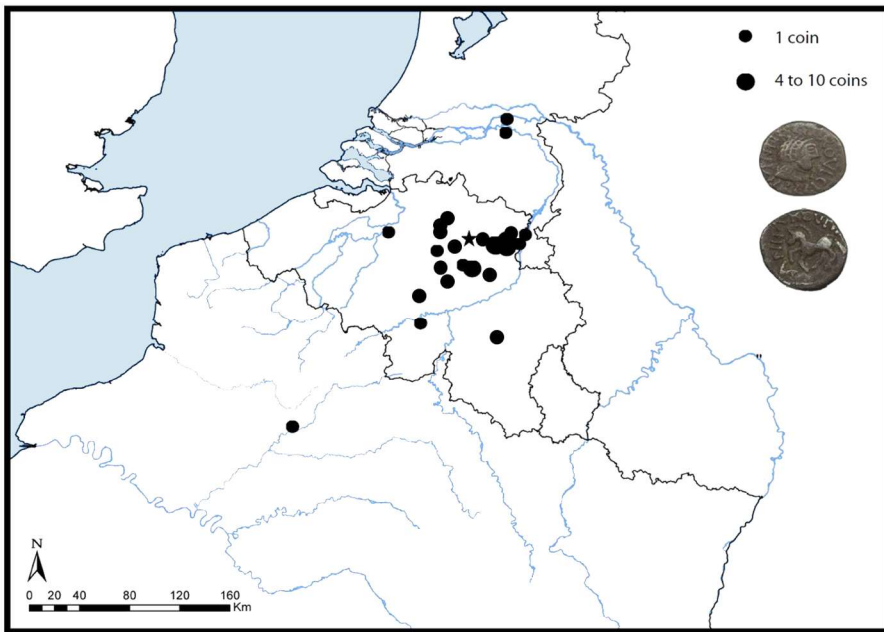


Table 1 – Reported find locations of Annaroveci coins

Aarschot			Dengis 2009, xx, G 450/2
Amby	1980s		Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 60 = Roymans & Dijkman 2012, p. 196, no. 21 detector find P. Stassen, Stassen collection
Asse (Kalkoven)	2004-2009	1.57 g	Magerman & Saerens 2009, p. 156, no. 1
Attichy, Pierrefonds (Compiègne) (~ vicus of Saint-Etienne-Roilaye)		1.64 g	Scheers 1977, 509, no. 1; Scheers 1996: 12; CAG 60, no 572, p. 400-413 (Saint-Etienne-Roilaye)

^[8] For the coin from the D.F. Allen collection see Scheers 1977, p. 509; for the coin auctioned by Jean Elsen see table 3; see also the very heavy specimen (2.00 g) from Tongeren (Dengis XII, G 470/1).

Berg (Tongeren)		1.64 g	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 45 Collection Gallo-Romeins Museum, GRM 10906
Berg (Tongeren)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 46
Berg (Tongeren)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 49
Berg (Tongeren)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 50
Boxtel			Scheers 1996, p. 12
Braives		1.67 g	Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 3
Braives	< 2003	1.57 g	Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 4
Braives		1.29 g	Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 5
Braives			Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 6
Braives			Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 7
Braives			Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 8 ('sold by Jean Elsen')
Braives			Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 9 (found by Dutch metal detectorist)
Braives			Scheers 1996, p. 12, 20
Braives			Scheers 1996, p. 12, 20
Brunehaut		1.70 g	Dengis 2009, XII, G 422/1
Chastres (Philippeville)		1.63 g	Scheers 1996, p. 12; Scheers 1977, p. 509, no. 3 Royal Coin Cabinet Belgium, FU, G 186
Eben-Emael (Bassenge)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 47 = Scheers 1996, p. 12
Empel			Scheers 1996, p. 12, 20
Grand-Hallet (Hannuit)			Scheers, private mail 2017-06-15a, no. 05
Grez-Doiceau		1.68 g	Scheers 1996, p. 12; Scheers 1994, p. 12, no. 1; Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 58, 12/VI/1999, no. 738; <i>idem</i> , auction 98, 13/XII/2008, no. 23
Grez-Doiceau		1.45 g	Scheers 1996, p. 12; Scheers 1994, p. 12, no. 2; Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 58, 12/VI/1999, no. 739
Halle-Booienhove (Zoutleeuw)	2016	1.6 g	coin here published
Haneffe (Donceel)			Dengis 2009, XX, G 485
Hargimont			Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017a, no. 06
Herselt			Dengis 2009, XII, G 436/1
Leuven (between Leuven en Lovenjoel)			Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017b
Liberchies (Pont-à-Celles)	1970-2000?	1.41 g	Dengis 2009, XX, G 504/18 (Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017a, no. 03)
Lincent		1.62 g	Dengis 2009, XX, G 505
Oreye			Dengis 2009, XXIII, G 634/4
Oupeye			Dengis 2009, XII, G 460
Petit-Hallet			Scheers 1996, p. 12
Ramsel (Herselt)			Dengis 2009, XX, G 530
Riemst			Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017a, no. 02
Rutten (Tongeren)		1.40 g	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 48 Ferdij Willems collection
Slins (Juprelle)			Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017a, no. 04
Tienen			Dengis 2009, XII, G 468/3
Tongeren		2.00 g	Dengis 2009, XII, G 470/1
Tongeren		1.40 g	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 56; Dengis 2009, XII, G 554/5
Tongeren		1.45 g	Dengis 2009, XII, G 554/4; Sferrazza 2014
Tongeren		1.50 g	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 57 = Scheers 1977, 509, no. 2; Royal Coin Cabinet Belgium
Tongeren		1.16 g (plated)	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 58 = Scheers 1977, 509, no. 2; Paris, BNF 8893
Tongeren		1.12 g (plated)	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 59; Paris, BNF 8894
Tongeren (between Koninksem and Rutten)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 51 = Scheers 1996, p. 12 = Van de Weerd 1914, p. 8-9
Tongeren (between Koninksem and Rutten)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 52 = Scheers 1996, p. 12 = Van de Weerd 1914, p. 8-9
Tongeren (between Koninksem and Rutten)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 53 = Scheers 1996, p. 12 = Van de Weerd 1914, p. 8-9
Tongeren (between Koninksem and Rutten)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 54 = Scheers 1996, p. 12 = Van de Weerd 1914, p. 8-9
Tongeren (between Koninksem and Rutten)			Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 149, no. 55 = Scheers 1996, p. 12 = Van de Weerd 1914, p. 8-9
Tourinnes-Saint-Lambert (Walhain)		1.80 g	Dengis 2009, XX, G 561/1

Val-Meer	2015	1.50 g	Nijssen 2016
Vechmaal (Heers)		1.60 g	Scheers & Cremers 2012, p. 151, no. 83
Walsbets (Landen)			Scheers, private mail 15/VI/2017a, no. 01
Westerlo			Dengis 2009, XII, G 475/2
Westerlo			Dengis 2009, XX, G 578/2
Wommersom (Linter)			Dengis 2009, XII, G 476/3

Table 2 – Unattributed detector finds

'Noord-Brabant' Ebay, no. 191931118743, 2016-08-24 http://www.ebay.fr/itm/191931118743 (detector find)	2016	
Ben's Zoekpagina, Vraagbak, 2002-12-12 http://members.upc.nl/b.oonk1/kemr.htm	2002	
Belgian Metal Detector Team, 2008-09-01 http://www.bmdt.be/forum/viewthread.php?thread_id; 5915	2008	
Bodemvondstenwereld.nl, 2008-11-13 http://www.bodemvondstenwereld.nl/viewtopic.php?p; 45112#p45112	2008	
Munten Bodemvondsten Club Forum 2008-10-10 http://www.jozefherman.nl/mbc-forum/index.php?topic; 869.0	2008	
Belgian Metal Detector Team, 2010-10-05 http://www.bmdt.be/forum/viewthread.php?thread_id; 16664	2010	1.50 g
Belgian Metal Detector Team, 2012-08-15 http://www.bmdt.be/forum/viewthread.php?thread_id; 26216	2012	1.61 g
Bodemvondstenwereld.nl, 2012-11-18 http://www.bodemvondstenwereld.nl/viewtopic.php?f; 215&t; 43333	2012	1.51 g
Belgian Metal Detector Team, 2013-06-05 http://www.bmdt.be/forum/viewthread.php?thread_id; 30629	2013	
Belgian Metal Detector Team, 2014-05-03 http://www.bmdt.be/forum/viewthread.php?thread_id; 38237	2014	1.80 g
Bodemvondstenwereld.nl, 2014-02-22 http://www.bodemvondstenwereld.nl/viewtopic.php?f; 215&t; 56269	2014	1.46 g

Depeyrot lists three specimens circulating on the market with unknown provenance.^[9] A quick search on the internet, however, provides seven more specimens that cannot be attributed to a specific find.^[10] At least some are likely to be among the specimens with reported find locations. According to Doyen one of the coins found in Braives was sold by Elsen, but the author gives no further specifications.^[11] The auction photographs in any case do not match the coins shown on the detectorists' webfora.

Table 3 – Annaroveci reported in auction catalogues, with unknown find spots

Depeyrot 2005, VII, 122, no. 52/15: Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 61, 18/III/2000, no. 26	1.80 g
Depeyrot 2005, VII, 122, no. 52/19: Paul-Francis Jacquier, auction 31, 2003, no. 22	1.57 g
Depeyrot 2005, VII, 122, no. 52/18: Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 98, 13/XII/2008, no. 24; <i>idem</i> , auction 82, 11/XII/2004, no. 26 (via CoinArchives)	1.64 g
cgb.fr, mail bid sale 26, 22/VI/2006, no. 732 (via CoinArchives)	1.60 g
Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 94, 15/XII/2007, no. 21 (via CoinArchives)	1.55 g
Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 103, 12/XII/2009, no. 12 (via CoinArchives)	1.72 g
Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 112, 17/III/2012, no. 33 (via CoinArchives)	1.40 g
Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 123, 6/XII/2014, no. 128 (via CoinArchives)	1.41 g
Jean Elsen & ses Fils S.A., auction 125, 13/VI/2015, no. 277 (via CoinArchives)	1.62 g
Pecunem. Numismatik Naumann (formerly Gitbud & Naumann), Gitbud & Naumann auction 33, 5/VII/2015, no. 01 (via CoinArchives)	1.54 g

[9] Depeyrot 2005, p. 122, no. 52; 52/16 and 52/17 are the specimens found in Grez-Doiceau.

[10] Clearly the real number must be considerably higher.

[11] Doyen 2005, p. 179, no. 8.

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