



The De Carteret Leangle War-Club

A rare and historical fighting club in the form of a pickaxe. This type of weapon, know as leangle, was much feared as the curved point could reach far behind the opponents shield. Leangle is a vernacular name that comes from the Western and Central Victoria language groups. Early spellings include 'leungail', 'lee-eng-ile' and 'lee-ung-ile'. These clubs are rare in Western collections. Western Victoria (possibly Murray River), Australia. Wood with a fine aged patina. 67,5 x 22 x 3,4 cm. C-14 test FO-08-42-01-C-14 : 145 +/- 40 BP (1765 – 1845 AD) (there is a 26,3 % possibility in the C-14 results that it dates from as early as 1663 to 1742 AD.)

Literature:

III. : WALKABOUT the Early Art of the Australian Aborigines – and a Selection of Early Eskimo Art.
Galerie Meyer, Paris, 2012, fig. 29.

See early photographe of an Aboriginal man carrying a shield and waddy, South Australia.
Photographed by Captain Sweet ca. 1875. State Library of South Australia

