THE KAPULUKAYA SOLIDUS HOARD

MELİH ARSLAN

The hoard was found in a pottery vase in the vicinity of the Kapulukaya dam in the Keskin district of the province of Kırıkkale. This hoard was bought by Mr. Yüksel Erimtan, who is a private collector in Ankara.

As there is no independent evidence about the nature and circumstances of the find. We have to accept what the salesman told Mr. Erimtan about the discovery of the hoard. The salesman obtained this information from the person who actually found the hoard. There remains some uncertainty about the exact find-place. Similarly, the vessel is very large for such a small hoard and, therefore, one may be justified in suspecting that it originally comprised a large number of coins. The salesman, however, has asserted that the twenty-one coins make up the entire hoard. The vase would seem to date from the same period as the coins, and so it is quite plausible that the hoard was indeed found in this vessel. The vase is damaged around the neck and the rim is missing. Its height, as extant, is 16 cm; the diameter of the body is 11 cm and that of the base is 6 cm.

This small hoard, now in Mr. Erimtan's collection, provides some useful information about the officinae of the Antioch mint in the reign of Valens. But of much greater significance is the presence in the hoard of an unique issue of Valentinian II (cat.no.21). That this coin survives may, perhaps, confirm the integrity of the hoard.

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**367-375**

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GLORIA-R-O-MANORVM R.I.C.9: 16d 4.50gr
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;
Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBS

5) D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O-MANORVM R.I.C.9: 16d 4.46gr
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;
Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBZ

4) D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O-MANORVM R.I.C.9: 16d 4.50gr
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;
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Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBH

10) D.N. VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
R.I.C.9: 16d 4.41gr
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBH

11) D.N. VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
R.I.C.9: 16d 4.47gr
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBH
12-) D.N. VALEN-S-PER. 
F. AVG
Pearl-diademed, 
draped and 
cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis, 
helmeted, seated on throne, 
Roma facing. Constantinopolis 
turning head towards Roma, 
each holding sceptre and both 
together shield inscribed 
VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot 
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBΘ

R.I.C.9: 16c 4.46gr

13-) D.N. VALEN-S-PER. 
F. AVG
Rosette-diademed, 
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GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis, 
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VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot 
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBI

R.I.C.9: 16d 4.46gr

14-) D.N. VALEN-S-PER. 
F. AVG
Pearl-diademed, 
draped and 
cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis, 
helmeted, seated on throne, 
Roma facing. Constantinopolis 
turning head towards Roma, 
each holding sceptre and both 
together shield inscribed 
VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot 
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark KANOBΘ

R.I.C.9: 16c 4.47gr
15-) D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, drapéd and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark PANOB[2]

R.I.C.9: 16d 4.46gr

16-) D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Rosette-diademed, drapéd and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
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Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark PANOBH

R.I.C.9: 16d 4.42gr

17-) D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG
Pearl-diademed, drapéd and cuirassed, r.

GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi-Rho. Mint-mark PANOBI

R.I.C.9: 16c 4.39gr
Gratian (367-383)
Mint of Antioch
367-375

18) D.N.GRATI-ANVS AVG
   Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed,
   VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
   r.Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
   shield behind, writing VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
   held on knee. In field r., Chi-Rho. Mint-mark ANOBI
   R.I.C.9: 21a 4.47gr
   12

19) D.N.GRATIA-NVS PF AVG
   Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.
   VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
   Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
   shield behind, writing VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
   held on knee. In field r., Chi-Rho. Mint-mark KANOB
   R.I.C.9: 21b 4.52gr
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20) D.N.GRATI-ANVS AVG
   Rosetta-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.
   VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
   Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
   shield behind, writing VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
   held on knee. In field r., Chi-Rho. Mint-mark PANOB
   R.I.C.9: 21c 4.46gr
   12

Valentinian II (375-392)
Mint of Antiochia
375-378 or 378-383

21 D.N.VALENTINIA NVS IVN.P.F.AVG
   Pearl-Diameded, ..
   GLORIA-ROMANORVM
   Two emperors nimbate standing facing, in consular robes holding r.hand sceptre; above and between them a cross. Mint-mark ANOBI
   NC.1990 4.45gr
   pl.23A (Variant)
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Definenin genel görünümü.
Melih Arslan

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Arka Yüz

Unique Konsular Solidus