Abstracts



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The roman coin hoards dated to the time of Maximinus I from the territory of present-day Serbia.

From the therritory of present-day Serbia we have a four wel-known hoards of Roman coins, ending with specimens of Maximinus I: Supska II hoard (near Ćuprija), Ravna hoard (from the fortress of Ravna on the Danube), Mehovine hoard (near Šabac) and Sremska Mitrovica hoard. Taking into account the Roman division of the provinces, the hoards from Ravna and Supska (II) originated from the territory of Upper Moesia, while Mehovine and Sremska Mitrovica was the finds from this period deposited in Lower Pannonia.

There are conspicuously few known hoards from the times of Maximinus Thrax in the neighbouring provinces: from Thrace (four hoards), from Lower Moesia (one hoard), from Dacia (not one hoard is known), from Upper Pannonia (one hoard), from Noricum (one hoard). Further westwards, in the territory that in ancient times belonged to Italy, two more finds are known from the times of Maximinus I, the first from near Postojna and the other from the hinterland of Trieste, Monrupino.

Maximinus' camp was located in Sirmium, the biggest city of the province of Pannonia Inferior already by the end of 235, where he spent most of his time until he set out for Rome with his army in early 238 AD. Except the Sirmium hoard, Mehovine hoard also was closely connected with antic Sirmium.

Since the latest pieces in all four hoards are dated broadly (from January/autumn 236 to the first quarter of 238 AD) the reasons for burying the finds may be different: the terror spread by Maximinus' agents when collecting the taxes; or the violence of the troops and of the local administration; or with the reactions to the news about the rebellion in Africa and in Rome.