NORMAN GATE TOWER, BURY ST. EDMUNDS

THE FINDS NOVEMBER 1973

Pottery, by J. G. Hurst

Layer 2
1A. Base of East Anglian red ware jug of 14-15th-century character but possibly early 16th-century. Fig. 73.

Bronze
Layer 6
1A. Very small, unidentifiable fragments of corroded bronze.

Window Glass, by S. E. Rigold

Layer 2
1A. Part of a border-strip in fairly thick (2 mm), good-quality glass; perhaps soda, rather than potash, glass, but thicker than the fine 15th-century glass that was sometimes imported unpainted. Some pitting on the exterior, but the fract shows deeper denaturing on the interior. Neatly grozed to make a rectangle 4.5 cm wide. Colourless, but painted black to leave a clear cresting of a trefoil between 2 half-trefoils, cut off at their tops, perhaps the fleurs of a stylised crown. These borders belong generally with grisaille glass, having coloured figures or emblemata, and thus to the 14th or early 15th century, rather than later. Fig. 74, a.

Fig. 73.—Pottery (November 1973), Scale ½.

Fig. 74.—a, Fragment of window glass. Scale ½. b, ‘Boy-Bishop’ token. Actual size.