

Bronze Age Burnabz

Sinking of H.M.S. Natal 1915

Wrecked Ferry Boat Disaster 16<sup>th</sup> August 1809

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Fair Deal for the Scots

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Great Scots.

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## Bronze Age Burials.

About the year 1848, a crofter at Balblair, in the parish of Creich, Sutherlandshire, removing stones from a cairn for agricultural purposes, discovered a coarsely-made urn of considerable size inverted over a deposit of burnt bones upon a flat stone.

(*Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scot.*, vol. vii page 475.) He removed the urn, but as his wife refused to admit the "uncanny" thing within the door of their dwelling, it was set outside on an adjoining knoll, & became a mark at which the passing schoolboys exercised their skill in stone-throwing until it was smashed to pieces. Among the bones covered by the urn there was found a small bronze blade, so thin that it suffered a good deal from rough handling.<sup>2</sup>

(2. This blade, and those found at Rogart & Lierabol, are preserved in the Duke of Sutherland's Museum at Durnobin (*Proc. Soc. Antiq. Scot.* vol. x. p. 431.)

In its imperfect condition it measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in greatest breadth. It is, or rather has been, of an oval, pointed form, with a tang at one end about an inch in length, for insertion in the handle. The middle portion of the blade is raised, and ornamented in the centre of the oval raised portion by lines crossing each other diagonally. The marginal segments