

# **RUNES AROUND THE NORTH SEA AND ON THE CONTINENT AD 150-700; TEXTS & CONTEXTS**

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1. *Ferwerd* (Friesland), combcase, antler, found in 1916 in the *terp* Burmania I, during commercial digging. Seen at the FM, Leeuwarden. Date: 6th c. The runes run from right to left and read me ura or me uræ.

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There are no particular Anglo-Frisian runeforms in this inscription. The ultimate rune may be transcribed either *a* or *æ*, but as there is no *āc* rune in the inscription, the sound value of *ġ* cannot be determined. The inscription starts with a bindrune me which has another ductus than the rest. OE *me*, OFris *mi* is a pers. pron. 1 sg. dat. 'to me'. ura may be a masculine PN, nsm. *n*-stem. uræ may be taken too as a woman's name, nsf. *ō*-stem. The text can be interpreted as: '(this comb belongs) to me, Ura, Uræ', an owner's formula.