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

## Proefschrift

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Geboren op 12 juni 1948 te Groningen 22. <u>Wijnaldum A</u>, piece of antler, found in 1914. Seen at the FM, Leeuwarden. No date. On two sides the antlerpiece is inscribed, on one side with ornaments such as crosses, squares and triangles; the other side has runes in a cartouche ending in some ornament. One end of the antlerpiece is badly weathered and so are the runes that were carved there. If some of the runes would be mirror-runes, a reading could be, from right to left, zwfuwizw???



I have no interpretation for this sequence. At least two runes, f and u, are in double lines. At least one rune is upside-down. If taken as single runes, it is possible to read z ng z u ng i z ng ??? which, when read from right to left may be interpretated as ?ngz inguz ngz, which might be the name of the Germanic god Inguz, repeated thrice (Sipma 1960:70).