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FRITWARE BOWL, MOLDED AND PAINTED IN MANGANESE IN A
TRANSPARENT GLAZE (BAMIYAN TYPE)

AFGHANISTAN; C. 1200

H: 8; DIAM: 16.5 CM

The bowl belongs to a ceramics group that is traditionally associated with the city of Bamiyan. Bamiyan ware has been known in modern times since the 1950s, but there are no precise descriptions of the archeological conditions under which this type of pottery was excavated. It must have been made in a fairly short period from the mid-12th century to 1221, when the city was destroyed by the Mongols.

Fritware bowls of the Bamiyan type are generally in very good condition. They have closely related forms and often display fine decorations in low relief on the inside that may have been made in the mold or using stamps.

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