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Unofficial cast coinage in 3rd-c. Gaul: the evidence from Châteaubleau

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Châteaubleau is a village of 270 inhabitants some 70 km southeast of Paris. A local teacher, Victor Burin, first discovered its Gallo-Roman past in the second half of the 19th c. But it was left to his grandson, Jacques-Paul Burin, to begin the first methodological excavations in 1962, which have continued regularly and led to the discovery of several monuments which functioned between the 2nd and the end of the 4th c. (fig. 1): a spring sanctuary tied to the cult of healing waters,¹ a central group of *fana*² where Epona and Mercury Solitumaros were worshipped;³



Fig. 1. The Gallo-Roman monuments of Châteaubleau.

- 1 Burin 1963-87.
- 2 Parthuisot 1990-95 and 1993.
- 3 Gricourt, Hollard and Pilon 1999.