

Artifact 2-8-S-7 Green Bottle

Artifact 2-8-S-7 is a broken green glass bottle found in the WR-1 fire feature unit during the 2007 Niku V expedition. Also found in that unit was a broken amber glass bottle, 2-8-S-25, since identified as a pre-war American beer bottle. The bottoms of both bottles were melted while the upper portions showed little or no heat damage, suggesting that the bottles had once stood upright in the fire. A length of wire found on the surface was twisted and looped in such a way as to suggest that it had been used to hold a bottle upright,

Re-assembly of the recovered green bottle pieces showed the bottle to be consistent with a design patented in 1933.



Research conducted by Joseph Cerniglia, a member of the general public who worked from photos available on the TIGHAR website, shows 2-8-S-7 to be consistent with photos of a bottle of 1930s vintage "St. Joseph N and B Family Liniment." Also shown in the photos is a bottle for St. Joseph aspirin.







Mr. Cerniglia has purchased the bottle pictured and will loan or donate it to TIGHAR for direct comparison to the artifact.

In the days before Deep Woods Off, this is the type of product that served as insect repellent – something it would be wise to have along on a trip to South America, Africa, India, Southeast Asia, and New Guinea. Not needed so much on Niku except that this stuff was undoubtedly highly flammable.

Mr. Cerniglia will soon be a TIGHAR member and will join us in EPAC.