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Provenience: Melanesia (Solomon Islands)

Field No.

People or Culture:

Object: shield (rectangular)

Material: wood, bark, pearl shell, hardened
mastic

Description:

Bark shield with pattern of pearlshell fragments (rectangles with notches) set in mastic in such a manner as to form a rectilinear decoration including a stylized human figure. Red and black colors on face of

Dimensions: shield. Curved, concave face.
(in cm.)

width: 20.7 Length along curve: 107.5

Neg. No.

~~Collection/~~ Exchange: Raymond Wielgus of
Chicago

Acc. 2670

Extremely rare. Only two others known (British Museum and Pitt-Rivers Museum, Oxford). See Man, Vol. 6, 1906, No. 867, Plate I-J, pp. 128-130. Probably from Rubiana Lagoon.

Purchased from a New York dealer in 1958-9 by Mr. Wielgus for something over \$4,000.00.

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