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ADMIRALTY ISLANDS SPEAR WITH OBSIDIAN TIP

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19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 182CM, 140 CMAND 135CM LONG PLEASE CONTACT, (TWO SOLD - CENTRAL SPEAR AVAILABLE) ALL THREE NOW SOLD

LITERATURE

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OBSIDIAN IS A VOLCANIC GLASS WHICH TAKES A RAZOR SHARP EDGE AND IS WIDELY USED IN MELANESIA WHEREVER IT IS AVAILABLE FOR CUTTING TOOLS AND WEAPONS. IT IS FOUND IS SHAFT MINES ON THE SMALL ISLANDS OF LOU AND PAM WHOSE GREAT SEAFARING INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN TRADING IT TO GREAT ADMIRALTY ISLAND NOW CALLED MANUS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, AND EVEN FURTHER ACROSS THE SEAS TO NEW GUINEA AND TO NEW IRELAND.