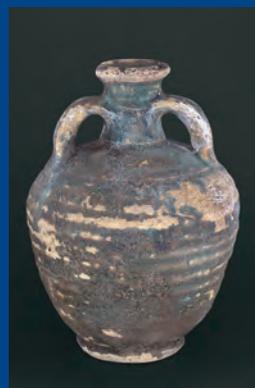


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Various Ceramics

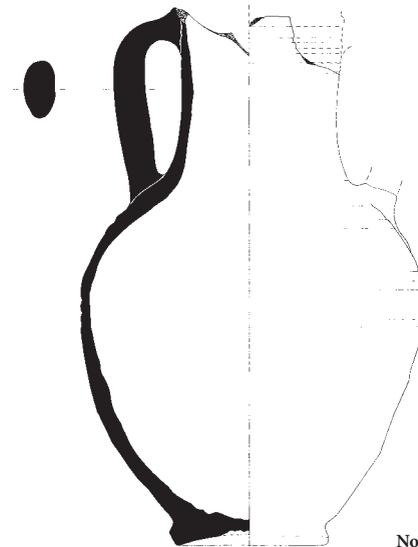
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## Amphora

9th century  
Turquoise-glazed earthenware  
West Asia  
Ht. 28.2 cm

This ovoid vase has a long neck and rests on a slight splayed foot. One of the two vertical handles is still intact. The porous yellowish earthenware body is covered with turquoise-blue glaze.

A similar piece has been excavated in Yangzhou.<sup>1</sup> Fragments and vessels of this type of ceramic ware have frequently been found in the harbour-cities of Yangzhou in China,<sup>2</sup> as well as in Siraf in Iran<sup>3</sup> and in the ruins of Samarra in Iraq<sup>4</sup>, this reflecting the lively trade of goods between China and Persia during the 9th century.



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1 Zhou Changyuan 1985, 152, fig. 1 left; see above p. 88, fig. 8.  
2 Ibid., 153, fig. 2 and pp. 152-153; Yangzhou bowuguan 1996, fig. 3.  
3 Whitehouse 1971, pls Xa-d.  
4 Sarre 1925, 26, figs 93-95 and pl. II, no. 4.



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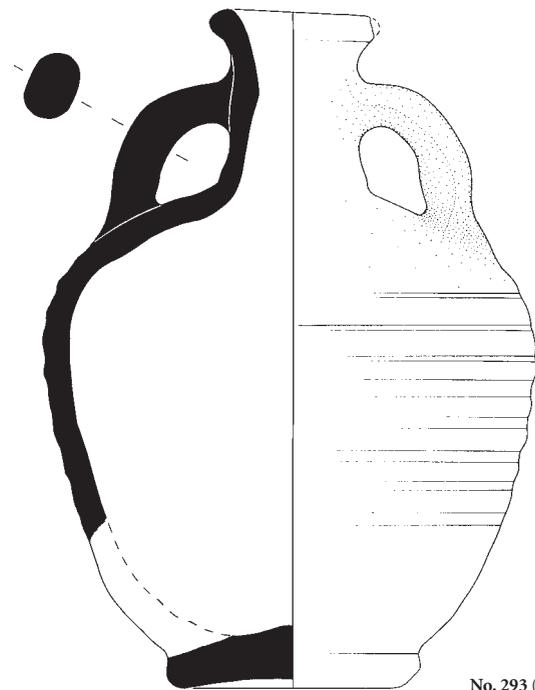
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## Amphora

9th century  
Turquoise-glazed earthenware  
West Asia  
Ht. 17.9 cm

This amphora has an ovoid body, a slightly cylindrical neck with everted rim flange and one handle on each side of the shoulder; the yellowish earthenware body rests on an almost solid foot with flat base and is covered with a turquoise glaze.

A similar piece of work has been excavated in Siraf, Iran.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Whitehouse 1971, pl. Xc: site D; see above p. 89, fig. 9.



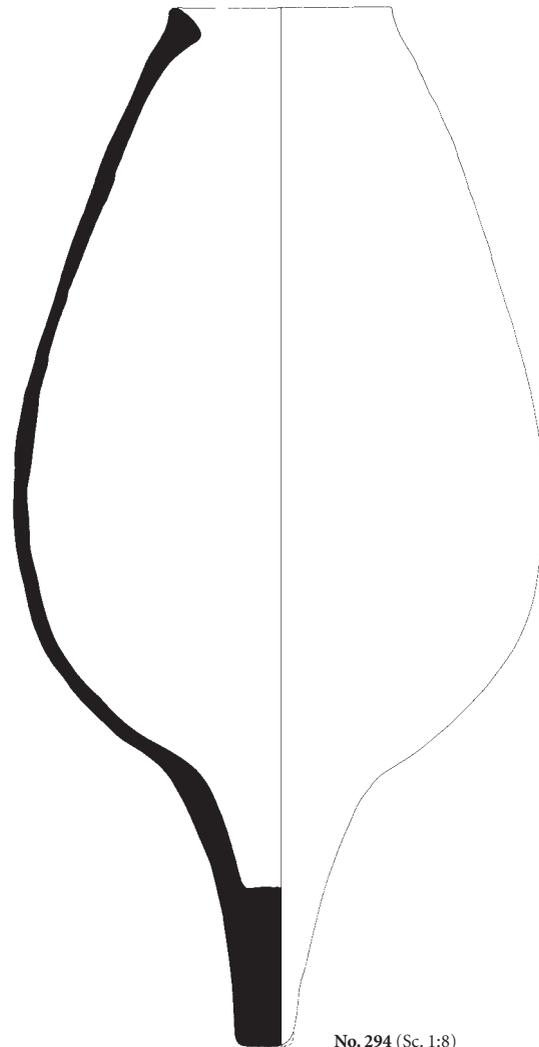
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## Amphora with a pointed base

9th century  
Earthenware  
China  
Ht. 113 cm

This elongated amphora has a somewhat bulging body, a narrow opening and a pointed bottom. The body has fired yellowish-brown and is unglazed.





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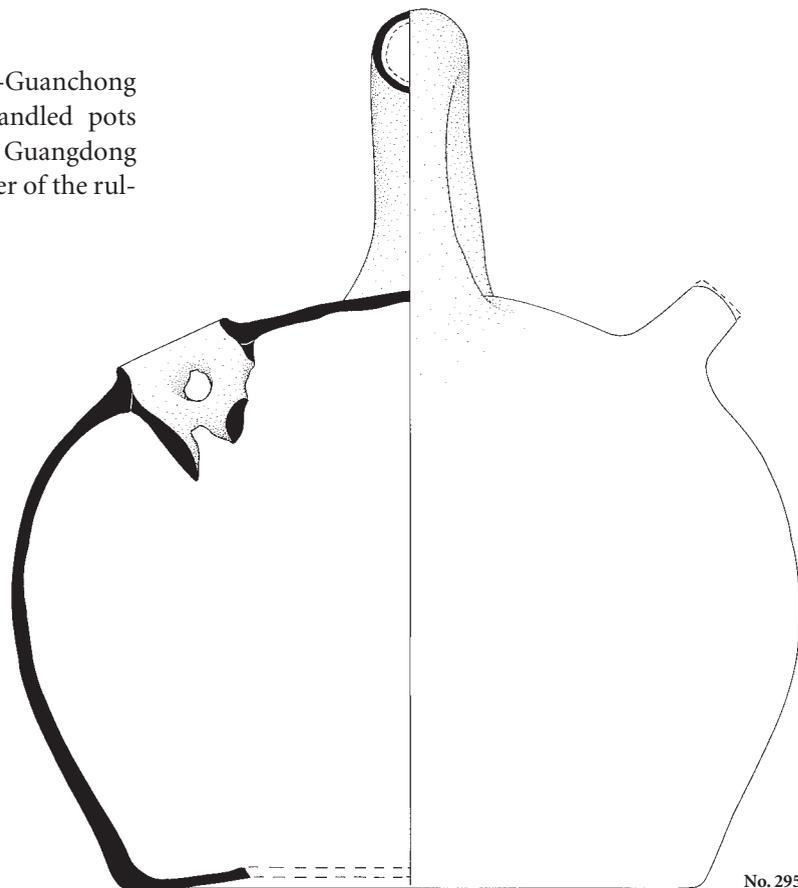
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## Pot with an overhead handle

Tang dynasty, early to mid-9th century  
Earthenware  
Xinhui-Guanchong kilns, Guangdong province  
Ht. 23.2 cm

This earthenware pot has a squat body exhibiting a short tubular spout at the front and concave filter-like holes on the back. It rests on a flat base and has an overhead handle. The base is partially missing. Traces of white slip and parts of darker horizontal lines on brownish glaze are visible on the body. Eight pieces of this type have been recovered from the Belitung wreck.

This type of pot has been found in the Xinhui-Guanchong kiln sites in Guangdong.<sup>1</sup> Similar overhead-handled pots have been excavated in the Huazhou district in Guangdong province and in the tomb of Lord Ning, a member of the ruling class of the *Li*, in Guangxi.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Guangdong sheng wenwu 1990, 69, pl. 103; Guangdong sheng wenwu 2000, 31, fig. 10, nos 2, 3, 14 and pl. 4.

<sup>2</sup> Guangxi zhuangzu 1984, pl. 6, no. 6.



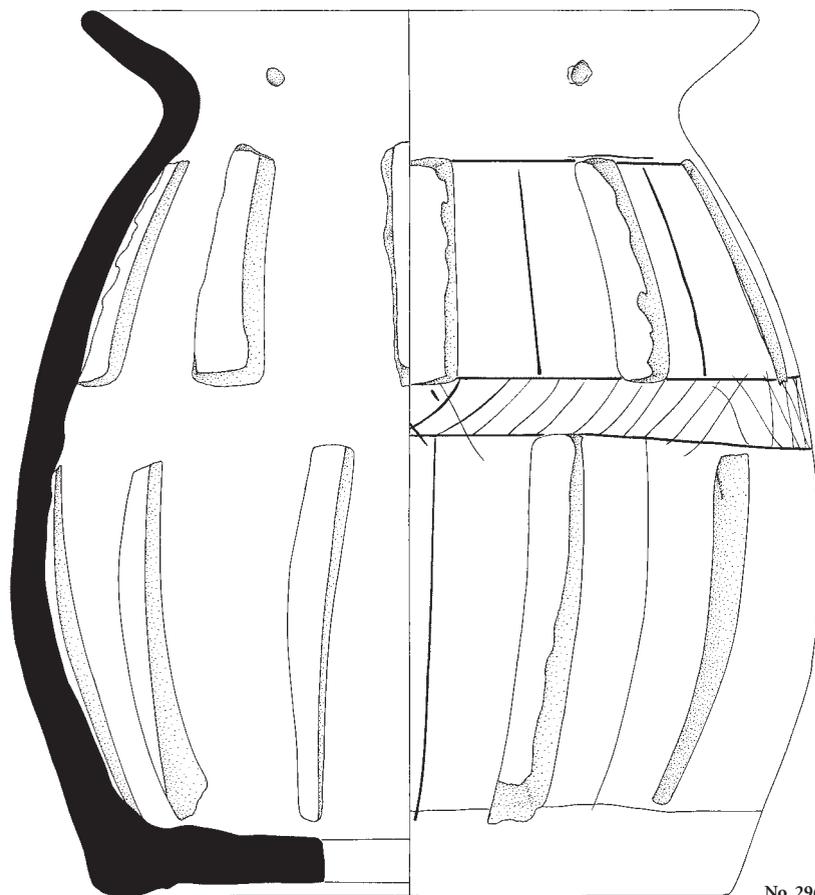
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## Incense burner?

Tang dynasty  
Green-glazed stoneware  
South China  
Ht. 23.4 cm

This grey stoneware vessel has an ovoid body, a flared mouth and a narrow neck; its flat base has a round hole in the middle. On the rim there are three small, regularly spaced holes, while the sides of the object are decorated with two zones of rectangular openwork. Between these two zones is an incised mesh pattern. Two pieces of this type have been recovered from the Belitung wreck.



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## Cauldron

9th century  
Earthenware  
China  
Ht. 13.5 cm, diam. 20.0 cm

This cooking vessel of yellowish earthenware has a flat base, a tapered body, a narrow neck and a flared mouth. The base and a part of its body were burned to achieve a black colour. The piece is unique among the ceramics recovered from the shipwreck.



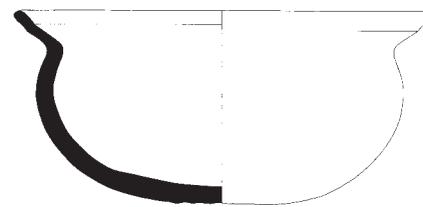
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## Cauldron

9th century  
Earthenware  
China  
Ht. 10.2 cm, diam. 20.8 cm

This cooking vessel of red-brown earthenware has a rounded squat body without foot or base, a narrow neck and a flared mouth. A part of the unglazed body was burned to achieve a black colour. Four pieces of this type were found on the Belitung wreck.



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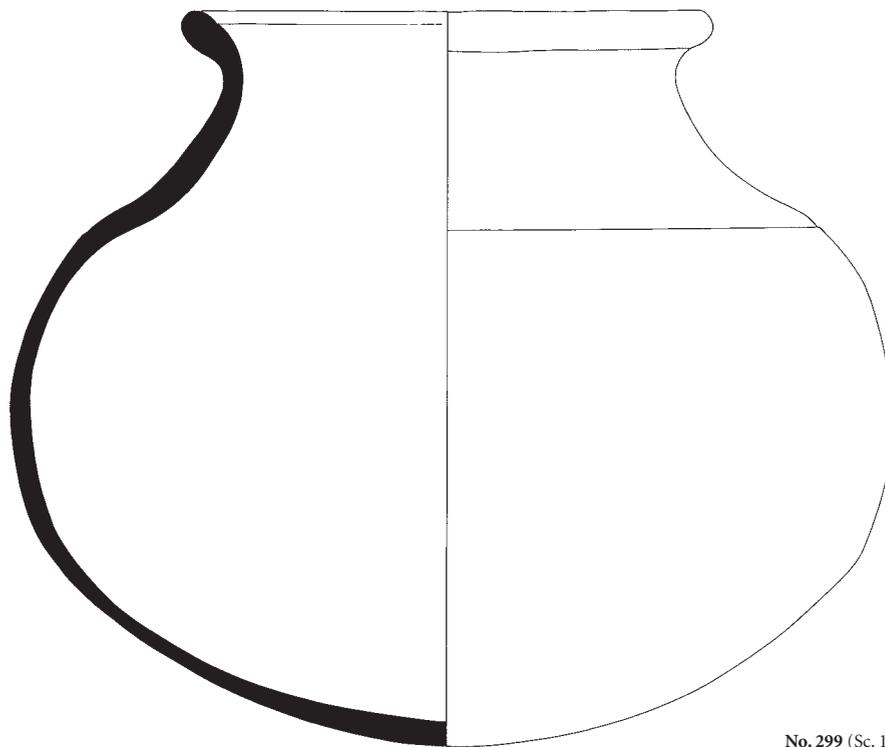
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## Jar

Tang dynasty  
Earthenware  
China  
Ht. 19.3 cm, diam. 23.3 cm

This jar of cream-yellowish earthenware has a deep, rounded body without foot or base, a short neck and an everted rim. A single line is incised on the shoulder. The piece is unique among the ceramics recovered from the wreck.



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