

BLOOD TRANSFUSION ARTEFACT RECORD	
NUMBER	AA-004
ITEM / TITLE	550ml GLASS MRC BLOOD BOTTLE
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	An empty glass blood bottle with a STERILE label (red writing) attached. Metal screw cap with single centre hole – rubber bung underneath.
OTHER INFORMATION	<p>Label (number N.B.T.S. 12) states:  <b>NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE</b>  <b>STERILE</b>  <i>Date:.... 17 OCT 1988</i>  <i>Batch No....3063</i></p> <p>The centre hole of the rubber bung was divided into sections that were intended to avoid using the same area of the bung for the needles used when taking the blood from the donor and when transfusion the blood to the patient. However, this bottle would have had a bijou sample bottle in a metal neck collar fitted prior to sterilisation if used for collecting donor blood. Note: The 'sterile label' is a later version of the one identified in artefact AA-003. The 'batch number' refers to the blood bottles sterilised at the same time.</p>

