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As the *USS Monitor* was sinking on the early morning hours of Dec. 31, 1862, many of the survivors recalled a red signal lantern hanging from the turret mast. The lantern hung as a beacon showing the ship's location. Finally, the lantern rose and fell no more as the ship slipped beneath the surface. In 1977, scientists discovered the lantern near the turret. Could one of the last objects seen by the *Monitor's* crew be one of the first artifacts recovered from the site?

