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A CURIOUS WEST AFRICAN WOOD CLUB FROM THE GOLD COAST OF GHANA

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EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SIZE : 61 CM LONG – 24 INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE MUSEUM LABEL WITH THIS CLUB READS : 'THIS WEAPON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO MURDERS ON THE GOLD COAST (GHANA) IN 1920 . A NATIVE RAN AMOK AND MURDERED HIS NEIGHBOUR , THEN TOOK SHELTER IN THE BUSH . A SERGEANT IN THE GOLD COAST DEFENCE FORCE WAS SENT TO ARREST HIM , BUT WAS HIMSELF BRUTALLY HIT ON THE HEAD AND HIS SKULL BROKEN . THE FORCE OF THE BLOW CAUSED THE SPLIT IN THE WOOD OF THE WEAPON .

PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM BY MRS E BRADDICK , WHOSE HUSBAND WAS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER . '