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WITH A LABEL READING : 'PIECE OF WOOD FROM NELSON'S FLAGSHIP HMS VICTORY . DONATED BY MR W CANTELOW ,  
BOLVENTOR'  
SIZE : 53 CMLONG – 21 INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

ON OCTOBER 21 ST 2005 IT IS THE 200 TH CELEBRATION OF NELSON'S VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR .  
TRAFALGAR WAS THE LAST GREAT FLEET ACTION OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS AND THE LAST TO BE FOUGHT UNDER SAIL  
BETWEEN EUROPEAN POWERS . TWENTY SEVEN SHIPS OF THE LINE COMMANDED BY VICE-ADMIRAL LORD NELSON  
INTERCEPTED A FRANCO-SPANISH FLEET OF 33 SHIPS OFF CAPE TRAFALGAR . THIS WAS STRUNG OUT IN LINE ON THE  
PORT TACK WHILE THE BRITISH RAN DOWN ON THEM IN TWO DIVISIONS . BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT WIND , THE LEADING  
BRITISH SHIPS WERE BADLY MAULED BEFORE THEY BROKE THE ENEMY LINE IN TWO PLACES . IN THE ACTION THAT  
FOLLOWED 17 OF THE ENEMY WERE CAPTURED AND ONE BLEW UP .  
THIS WAS NELSON'S LAST AND MOST GLORIOUS AND SPLENDIDLY VICTORIOUS BATTLE . HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED  
ON DECK BY A FRENCH SNIPER IN THE RIGGING OF A NEARBY MAN OF WAR AND DIED . IT MADE HIM THE WORLD'S MOST  
FAMOUS ADMIRAL .