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Provenience: Rotuma or Tonga

Field No.

People or Culture:

Object: club

Material: wood

Description: elaborately incised head; plain shaft
with splayed butt. Part of sides of head chipped
off.

SEE SKETCH

Neg. No.

SEE REVERSE SIDE

Dimensions: length - 129; width (max.) - 14.6
(in cm.)

Acc. 2820

Collection: Fuller Collection: presented by
Mrs. A. W. F. Fuller, 16 January 1964.



Fuller label - Rotuma or Tonga. This is a rare and fine specimen as the points are broken as usual. It is typically Rotuman - very long, dark colour, straight line carving, no suspension loop - but the butt-end is most unusual as it is splayed out instead of being perfectly straight (which also applies to Tonga). Samoa is the home of splayed-out clubs in Polynesia. The shallow etched lines up the shaft is purely Rotuman, but it is often missing: ?Traces are here (see pencil mark). I strongly favour Rotuma. From Imperial Institute Museum (pulled down and done away with.) 26 April 1961.