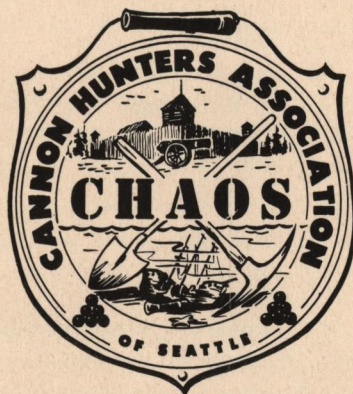


Cannon Hunters' Association of Seattle



Haller Cannon Hunt
at Fort Simco

Report to Active Cannoneers Chaotic Activities

FEBRUARY, 1957

From Cannon House—4329 Semple Street
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Oldest Cannon Contest. As a proper award to the active Cannoneer who owns the oldest cannon, CHAOS offers remission of any and all dues and assessments which may be ordered, until such time as another Cannoneer proves ownership of an older cannon.

According to our present records of cannon owned by Cannoneers, the oldest is a Chinese gun with manufacturer's dating of 1553. It is 40 inches in barrel length, weighs 97 cattles (129½ pounds) and is a modified breech-loader. A cast-iron chamber is inserted into a slot in the breech, wedged into place, and fired through a touch-hole in the chamber.

The owner is a cannon addict—Ashley Halsey, Jr., Associate Editor of the *Saturday Evening Post*. His claim to the oldest cannon, substantiated by authentic inscriptions on the gun, will stand until a Cannoneer can prove ownership of an older piece.



Joint Dinner of CHAOS and Explorers Club Members in Seattle. Seattle members of CHAOS, with seven members of the Explorers Club of New York who reside in this vicinity, joined in a dinner at Fort Lawton for Explorer-Cannoneer Admiral Donald B. MacMillan, distinguished Arctic explorer who accompanied Peary as executive officer on the expedition that reached the North Pole. The famous Arctic traveler gave an interesting account of his many years north of the Arctic circle to his appreciative listeners. It is our present plan to co-operate occasionally with Seattle Explorers Club members (many of whom are also Cannoneers) in a continuation of these joint dinners honoring famous visitors to our city.



Order of the Purple Lanyard. Cannoneer Howard B. Brown of Philadelphia is singled out by the Great Guns for this extraordinary award of merit as a cannon collector supreme. Recently Brown built on his 131-acre estate what is probably the first private Cannon House in the United States. It houses more than 50 artillery pieces. Prizes of the collection are two 800-pound brass boat howitzers. These Dahlgren 12-pounders, firing explosive shells, were used in amphibious operations in the Civil War. They were made by the Washington, D. C., Navy Yard in 1858 and 1861. In the illustration we note what appears to be a Moro bronze lantaka, several small saluting cannon, a mortar and several swivel guns. The collection started about ten years ago when a friend, Arthur Mansey, a retired British naval commander, gave Brown an old saluting cannon from a German oil tanker. From that day, states Mrs. Brown, "Howard was cannon crazy." What a lovely form of insanity. In our next report we hope to have a complete description of the collection. The Great Guns will hold a special meeting to discuss the cannonization of Howard Brown for splendid work in recovering these fine old bronze pieces from shameful oblivion. Congratulations, Cannoneer Brown, for this assemblage of thousands of years of history within the walls of your Cannon House at Bennerbrook Farm, Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Muzzle Blasts. Vancouver, British Columbia, has silenced its 9 o'clock gun which has signalled the hour for 60 years. Gun said to be in dangerous condition . . . Severe earthquakes in Acapulco have destroyed many buildings, but Cannoneer Carlos Barnard reports that the fine old guns at his El Mirador Hotel came through undamaged . . . Cannoneer Kenneth Roberts has written another best seller in "Boon Island." We hope he will now have time for some serious dowsing and cannon hunting . . . The Great Guns, in formal session, have designated Ed Link as "Cannoneer of the Year." Ed, in addition to his great results at the site of the "Santa Maria" wreck, has recovered another gun that may have belonged to Sir Henry Morgan. Ed was searching for Port Royal, Morgan's headquarters, which sank beneath the sea in 1692 . . . A law passed by the Washington Legislature in 1943 to regulate the use of firearms was invoked against Seattle Cannoneers who fired a cannon at 7th and Union Streets before proceeding on a hunt. Head Hunter Clark protested the application of the law, and the State's Attorney General upheld the protest with a decision that the firing of toy cannon clause in the law does not apply to full-sized artillery. However, the suggestion was also made that CHAOS seek a firing range outside the city limits in future as the authorities frown upon cannon fire in the streets in time of peace. To test the decision, Head Hunter Clark fired a small cannon in the lobby of the Washington Athletic Club. He remains at large as we go to press . . . A group of cannon enthusiasts in Los Angeles who make scaled replicas of ancient guns asks CHAOS for help in securing photographs and measurements of cannon used during the period between the American Revolution and the War Between the States. Cannoneers who can assist in this worthy project are urged to send any information they have to Cannoneer John L. Nowlen, 6501 Maryland Drive, Los Angeles 48.



With shovels, metal detectors and cameras, Seattle cannon hunters search the site of old Fort Walla Walla for buried guns.

Beat to Quarters. We won't do this again for a long time because of critical space demands in making the CHAOS Report. To aid Cannoneers in keeping in touch with each other, we call the roll and detail the organization of CHAOS. *KEEP THIS LIST!* It will be supplemented in the future only by a supplementary list of new Cannoneers.

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SAINTS OF CHAOS

The following Active Cannoneers of CHAOS, each of whom has recovered, or caused to be recovered, by his own efforts, a cannon of an authentic date of manufacture prior to 1889 A.D., has been Cannonized by order of the Great Guns of CHAOS:

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Cannoneers who have nominees for Cannonization should send to headquarters the name and address of each person nominated, together with supporting evidence of the recovery. If the nominee is not at present a Cannoneer of CHAOS, the nomination should include a recommendation for membership.

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WIKSTROM, ROBERT	112 E. 110th St., Seattle 55, Wash.
WILCOX, MILO F.	Rt. 2, Box 390, Mercer Island, Wash.
WILLARD, CAPT. F. E.	314 North Commercial St., Bellingham, Wash.
WILLIAMS, G. M.	5435 West Fort St., Detroit 9, Mich.
WILMOT, WILLIAM	Colfax Gazette-Commoner, Colfax, Wash.
WILSON, CLIFFORD P.	Hudson's Bay House, Winnipeg, Canada
WILSON, JACK E.	P. O. Box 1066, Marietta, Georgia
WOLFF, FRANK T.	14549 48th S.W., Seattle, Wash.
WOOD, RAY	c/o Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas
WORDEN, WILLIAM L.	9015 Haddin Way, Yarrow Point, Bellevue, Wash.

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Preservation of Old Cannon. Historical cannon recovered from salt water need special treatment. M. L. Peterson, Acting Head Curator, Department of History, Smithsonian Institution, contributes the following valuable instructions for the Cannoneers of the Marine Salvage Division. First step in the preserving of an iron gun is the removal of coral crust *after* a preservative bath of a solution of 5 per cent sodium hydroxide. The cannon should be soaked in this solution for three months. Then add zinc chips so that the iron is completely covered with the zinc. A violent bubbling will result. In a few weeks a white deposit will form on the barrel as the oxygen leaves the iron and combines with zinc to form zinc oxide. Leave in the bath for six to eight months. Then remove barrel and dissolve the white coating with mild sulphuric acid. Dry barrel and paint with clear lacquer. Do not shorten this routine. Barrels waiting preservation should be kept under water until the bath is prepared. Never allow a barrel to dry out after the coral crust is removed.

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Mohammedan Note. Saint Vic Hurley, chronicler of the Moros of the Philippines, contributes an historical note on Mohammedan gunnery practice. In 1746 the Sultan Alimudin Din I of Sulu, during a period of uneasy peace with Spain, requisitioned from the Spanish government 1600 pounds of nails, to be used for constructing quarters for Spanish priests. Nails were not an ingredient of Sulu house construction as houses are built of bamboo and nipa lashed with bejuco vine. In spite of the inconsistency, the nails were delivered. Very shortly the need for nails was explained. Muizzud Din II usurped the Sulu throne and in 1753 resumed the war against Spain. The nails were fired, by handfuls, from the bronze cannon of the Moros, and picked from the buttocks of indignant Spaniards by troop-mates who realized that the Moros were men of great guile.

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"La Tosca" Sans Cannon. A distress story published in newspapers of February 4 stated that Maestro Guglielmo Sabatini, conductor of Trenton, New Jersey, Symphony Orchestra, was in dire need of a cannon. "La Tosca," to be presented on February 12, would lose its operatic bang without a cannon to announce the escape of Angelotti from prison in the first act.

Cannon House wired Sabatini on February 5, offering to supply a cannon. The C. O. at Fort Dix made a counter offer of a military policeman with a 38-calibre pistol, which evidently was accepted.

The Maestro lost a chance of becoming a Cannon Hunter by not accepting the assistance of CHAOS. We hope that the audience hissed at the weak substitution of a modern pistol for a Sixteenth-century culverin.



Mendel L. Peterson, Acting Curator of History of the Smithsonian Institution, a scholar who periodically abandons his books to go searching for history under the sea, inspects the breech of a coral-covered, 2,000-pound cannon on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. The cannon was recovered by Peterson and his associates. It was from a Spanish ship wrecked in 1733. Curious barracuda watched as he worked 35 feet beneath the surface.

History Recovered from the Sea. Cannoneer Ed Link, whose name is familiar to all aviation cadets, recovered in 1953 a Spanish cannon dated Anno 1617. The cannon had originally been part of a large collection of which sixty or more were lifted by a salvage company and melted for scrap. Ed's cannon survived in 25 feet of water as it was buried in the sand and not noticed during the original salvage operations. The cannon is believed to have been jettisoned by one of the Spanish warships escorting a fleet of 15 vessels along the Florida coast in 1733. The whole fleet was wrecked except for two warships that jettisoned their cannon. Link's cannon is believed to have come from one of these ships, as no wreckage was in the vicinity of the find.

This historic cannon is now mounted in the garden of Link's home at Binghamton, New York.

A Cannon from the "Santa Maria"? With Dr. Crile of Cleveland, Ed Link found an even older cannon west of the Florida Keys near the Bahama Banks. This old gun dated from the time of Columbus. It is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution, to whom it was presented. This cannon, judging from the coral encrustation, had been at the bottom of the sea for a long time—possibly from the date of the discovery of the Bahamas by Columbus. It is possibly one of the cannon from the "Santa Maria" that Columbus left at the fort of Navidad when the "Santa Maria" was wrecked off Haiti. This cannon, with the 1617 Spanish cannon mentioned above, may be the two oldest dated guns recovered in the Americas. The oldest cannon found by west coast Cannoneers is the French gun recovered by Richard Brennan of St. Petersburg, Alaska. This gun is inscribed "Fair Par Rochefort A DuPont, 1762." La Perouse was in Alaska in 1786. It may have come from one of his ships, but the Indians claim their ancestors took it from liquidated Russians in one of the Czar's Alaska forts.

CHAOS in Cleveland. Dr. George Crile is an eminent raiser of cannons. Saint George, mentioned above as a co-finder of the Columbus cannon, contributed additional information on the supposed "Santa Maria" gun. It was forged in three different pieces and was bound together with staves and wire. Cannoneers Crile and Link, using Link's "magnetic wand," in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, put out from Miami in April, 1955, in a search for the wreckage of the "Santa Maria." In the area between Point Picolet and Cape Haitien they found what is believed to be the anchor of the "Santa Maria." The mass of iron, 500 pounds in weight, was heavily encrusted from having lain for 462 years at the bottom of the sea. A great achievement for Cannoneers Crile, Link and Peterson. To them, a 101-gun salute.

BRITISH SOCIETY OF DOWSERS

CANNON HOUSE and the editor of CHAOS solicit correspondence from members of the ancient and interesting British Society of Dowsers, which has its headquarters in London but ranges far afield in search of buried treasure and artifacts. We are particularly interested in old cannon which any Dowser has recovered in any part of the world, or in any clues which may lead to cannon recovery. Incidentally, the Great Guns have ruled that any member of the Dowsers is eligible to membership in CHAOS upon submitting proper identification.

CHAOS is considering the creation of the title Ch.D. (Doctor of Cannon Hunting). The title would be purely honorary until universities put in a course on cannon hunting, salvaging and preservation of old cannon and related subjects.



Edward A. Link searching the sea bottom for the anchor of Columbus.
One of the most distinguished members of CHAOS.



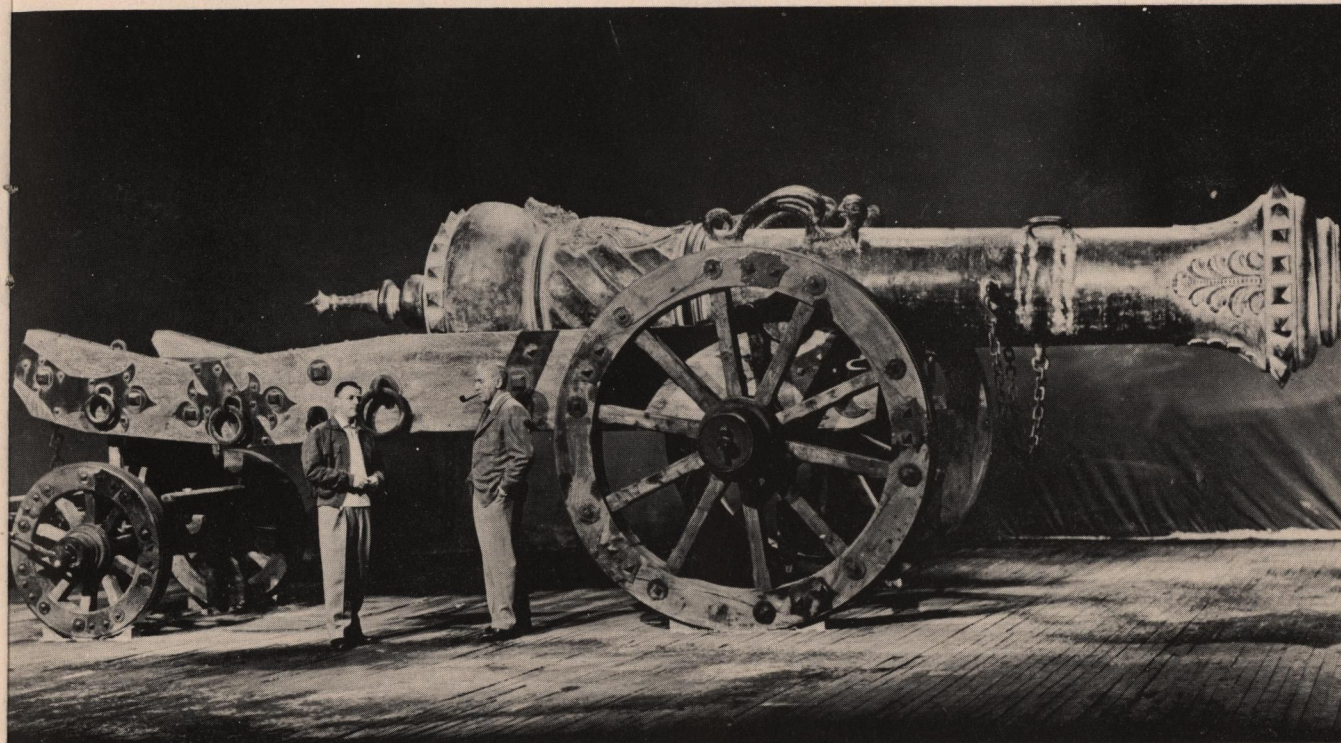
Duwamish Wreck. Cannoneer Oscar Schoonover of Seattle has a definite fix on a very old sunken ship in Puget Sound which may be one of the greatest cannon finds in the history of CHAOS. The location and depth of water are items which we hold confidential at the request of Cannoneer Schoonover, and our file is marked "DUWAMISH WRECK—No. 167" for want of a more complete description.

The ship is in deep water, which does not dismay the finder—a deep-sea diver. The ship has evidence of being a British vessel and has eighteen guns in place. The hull is breached near the bow on the starboard side, but otherwise appears intact. The ship's small boats are in position, indicating that the craft took water too rapidly for escape.

The British Admiralty states that the wreck may possibly be the "Peacock," which disappeared in this latitude in August, 1814, which carried eighteen guns and was commanded by Captain Richard Coote. Her crew list shows 121 seamen.

Salvage of the guns from this wreck will take very careful planning and extensive equipment, as the hull is so badly decomposed and teredo-eaten that the slightest shock may result in complete disintegration. The hull rests on a shelf and may slide into much deeper water if disturbed.

When Cannoneer Schoonover is ready to make a salvage attempt, local Cannoneers pledge assistance. Some of our eastern seaboard and Florida Cannoneers have also indicated that they will be on hand, if the details of the find are verified.



Although Sinatra and others are billed as the stars, the real star of
"The Pride and the Passion" will be this beautiful bronze gun.



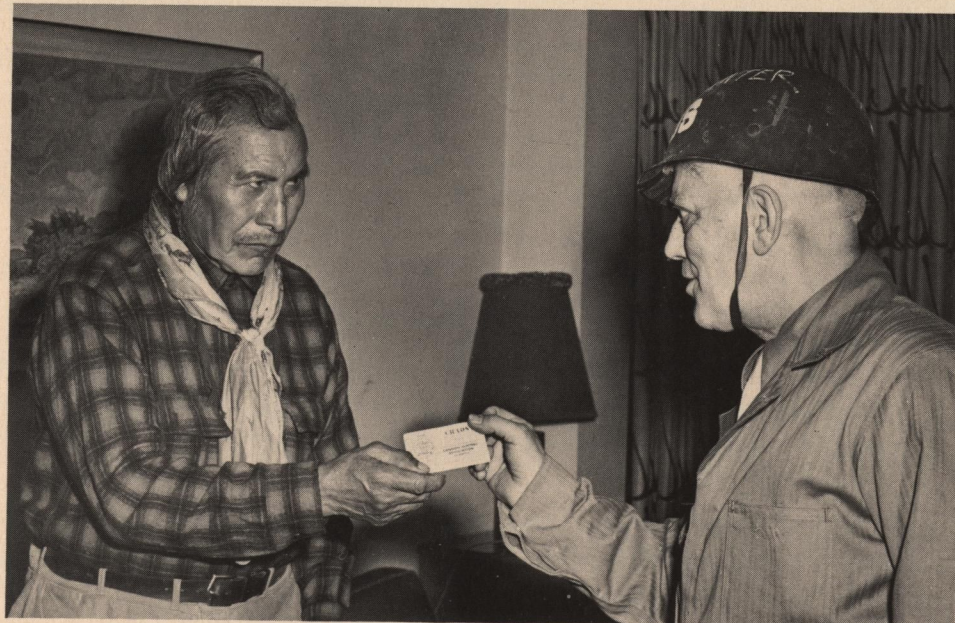
Cannoneers Trading Post

WILL TRADE—Fine Bronze Cannon, in firing condition, marked as follows: Left Trunnion, Cobre de America; Right Trunnion, PC 1132; Breech, 2497 Barcelona, De Junio de 1794. Will trade for small marine steam engine. W. T. Ashdowne, 18450 Grand River, Detroit 23, Mich.

WILL SELL—Breech-loading, cast-iron gun, without mount. Smooth bore and of unusual type. Probably used circa 1850 as protection against Indians around Great Lakes area. Sketch and photos available from owner, or from Cannon House, Lawton Wood, Seattle 99, Washington. John E. Schultz, Box 131, Tillson, N. Y.

WILL SELL OR TRADE—Muzzle-loading bronze cannon, 25½-inch barrel, 2½-inch bore, with wooden mount. Stamped "E. George & Co." on muzzle face. Unidentified origin. In condition for firing. A. J. Dunn, 4722 West Hinds St., Seattle, Wash.

Notes from the Aiming Post. Did you know that King Christophe of Haiti had his own image carved on the back of some of his cannon so that any soldier tempted to retreat would face the angry glare of the King? . . . Cannoneer Robert File, Seattle skin-diver, had a close brush with death off Alki Beach in Seattle when his compressed air tank became contaminated with oil during a dive . . . As the result of an anonymous tip to CHAOS, the Seattle Yacht Club's old Chinese pirate cannon, stolen September 22, 1954, was returned in April, 1955, from the wilds of Mercer Island where it had been stashed. CHAOS acted in an advisory position in the second recovery of this gun, as it was stolen previously, in 1942, and recovered by CHAOS in 1952. In the latest recovery, twenty amateur detectives tromped down all the evidence before Head Hunter Clark could do any detective work . . . Cannoneer Bruce Temple took the long dive into eternity during the year. He will be missed. As an expert deep-sea diver, he recovered the bodies of hundreds of drowning victims and headed numerous emergency rescue details. May the water be clear, deep and treasure-laden for Bruce. *Personnel Note.* CHAOS numbers in its membership 8 historians, 1 duke, 2 senators, 7 curators of museums, 3 archeologists, 1 mayor, 3 geographers, 30 editors, 19 writers and, more important, some 250 active Cannoneers. We have 12 Canadians, 1 Hawaiian, 1 Scot, 1 Burman, 1 Bermudan, 5 Alaskans, 1 Englishman, 2 Mexicans, 2 Australians and 1 Honduran. Fifty professions are represented in the membership. We also have a few gals who are active Cannoneers . . . the youngest member of CHAOS, Howard Herd, age 11, of South Pasadena, Calif., has made, with his father's assistance, 26 miniature cannon, all precisely scaled to match famed artillery pieces of the past. These are all usable cannon that can be, and are, fired. He has miniatures of the cannon Washington used at Valley Forge, the big guns of "Old Ironsides" and cannon used in the French Revolution. A young man with a canonical future.



Head Hunter Clark extends CHAOS membership card to Chief Puck Hyah Toot, of the Priest Rapids Wanapum tribe, when CHAOS enlisted the services of these Indians in a night raid to recover a cannon from a foundry melting pot. This only Indian member of CHAOS has since passed to the Happy Hunting Grounds. His death reduces the Wanapum tribe to four members. He was a nephew of Smowhala, the Indian Prophet.

California Cannon-Trove. Melvin Scott, Skin-diver Recovery Unit, Department of California, reports discovery of the hulk of a wooden ship with muzzle-loading cannon still in place, in 60 feet of water off Solana Beach. The ship, about 100 feet in length, is believed to date back to the Spanish occupation of California. The hulk is half buried in sand and covered with kelp. Melvin's partial exploration revealed that the four masts were snapped off. Seven cannon are reported in place in the gun-ports. Near the wreck Scott found a gold hand-tooled ring. We hope to have a further report soon from Cannoneer Scott as to his progress in raising and identifying these historic cannon.



CHAOS in Honduras. Cannoneer Robert Hemphill of Puerto Cortes, Honduras, passes the word on an historic French cannon recovered fifteen years ago from a wreck off the coast of Honduras. The cannon is now mounted at Steamship Agency building at Puerto Cortes. Rust has damaged all outside marks but the Fleur de Lis is faintly visible. The muzzle is choked by a steel cannon ball embedded or spiked about 8 inches down the bore. We'll ask Cannoneer Ed Allen, authority on La Perouse, if the great Frenchman was in those waters.



TAPS

CHAOS announces with deep regret the loss by death of the following active Cannoneers:

FLAGG, HORATIO C.	Olympia, Washington
FLAHAUT, MARTHA.....	Seattle, Washington
MARSHALL, JAMES.....	Los Altos, California
WOODBIDGE, W. W.	Seattle, Washington



Bermuda Find. Cannoneer Teddy Tucker, skin-diving twelve miles off Hamilton Harbor, has removed from a sunken ship, believed to be a French privateer or pirate vessel, important and valuable treasure and, more important to CHAOS, a magnificent salvage of breech-loading swivel guns dating from about the year 1560. The wreck is believed to be that of a ship which sank between the years 1592 and 1609. Silver coins dated 1592 were found at the wreck. A magnificent gold and emerald cross is one of the greatest treasures ever found in a wreck, it being valued at \$25,000.00. Tucker has joined forces with Ed Link in what may be one of the great treasure-finding stories of our time.

Short Pulls at the Lanyard. Pete Long, eminent Spokane Cannoneer, says he was considerably "mortarfed" to learn that his recovery of a beautiful weapon in a barn in Colfax turned out to be a World War I German mortar and therefore not eligible as a CHAOS recovery of a weapon manufactured prior to A.D. 1889. Washington State College is also mortified at the loss of a Spanish cannon presented to it by Colonel Speed Sapp fifty years ago. Speed, returning to the campus for an honorary degree, learned that his cannon had been stolen. Probably by Idaho Vandals . . . The Fort William Henry Corporation of Lake George, New York, is looking for cannon of the period around 1755 to be used in the reconstruction of the Fort. Cannoneers having a lead report same to Edwin J. McEnaney at the above address . . . Tacoma, Washington, Cannoneers have a tough identification on their hands. The old gun at Fort Defiance Park is labeled as a British cannon from old Fort Nisqually. The rub is that Cannoneer William McMillan of Seattle has an identical cannon that is definitely from the Russian gunboat "Politkofsky" . . . Jack Wilson, P.O. Box 1066, Marietta, Georgia, reports possession of an old brass sailing ship signal cannon, tube 16 inches long, one-inch bore, weight 15 pounds. Mounted on mahogany carriage with brass wheels . . . Cannoneer Hampton P. Howell, of Westhampton Beach, Long Island, competes with Howard B. Brown of Philadelphia as our champion cannon collector. He owns 200 model cannons and a dozen old muzzle loaders. One old 6-pounder was washed up on the beach more than a century ago . . . Two huge old cannon that were once a part of the Spanish battery in the Cuban War have been unearthed in the back yard of the Hotel Nacional in Havana. The pieces are a 305-mm. Ordones from Spain and a 280-mm. Krupp, and they are all that remains of the "Santa Clara" battery that once consisted of eight cannon. They will be preserved and mounted by the hotel . . . United Artists are preparing a great movie, "The Pride and the Passion," with Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and Sophie Loren. The real star will be the great 6,000-pound cannon about which the story centers.



Religious Note. A lady recently wrote to the *Post-Intelligencer* in Seattle, furious to learn that an attempt was being made to "cannonize" teachers. She did not know that several good Seattle citizens have been cannonized, for that honor is bestowed by CHAOS on persons who recover lost and abused cannon. The lady herself can become an object of cannonization if she will recover an ancient cannon.



Cannon salvagers will be interested in the new underwater locator manufactured by Blutworth Marine, New York 38, N. Y. Weighs a pound and a half when submerged. The metal locator provides direct pointer readings.

Members Note. There has been some agitation among our members to become slightly more potent in organization, retaining the air of informality that has always been our desire. The plain truth of the matter is that CHAOS is growing up. It has become an international organization of increasing importance. The mail has become very heavy and we are in constant receipt of fine monographs on weapons, salvage operations and historical documentation of weapons from our impressive list of scholastic members. Some of our Cannoneers feel that the time has come to formalize CHAOS and we have received the following tentative suggestions:

1. That we establish an annual dues of \$4.44 to make possible a quarterly report to the membership and the publication, from time to time, of worthwhile separates on gunnery and historical subjects.
 2. That cannonized Saints receive a formal parchment Order of Cannonization.
 3. That CHAOS be organized into world districts as follows:
 - a. Department of North America
 - b. Department of South America
 - c. Department of Asia and Australia
 - d. Department of Europe
 - e. Department of Pacific and Atlantic Islands
 4. That each department be headed by the senior Cannonized Saint of the Department, or, in the absence of a Saint in the area, by the Senior Great Gun in the Department. This titular head of the department to be called Department Salvo Co-ordinator and to be responsible directly to the Head Hunter. This official would appoint a Department editor to assemble all worthwhile material for the quarterly report and would nominate individuals for membership in a request, with full particulars, to the Head Hunter.
 5. That the Head Hunter's Staff shall consist of the Grand Council of Great Guns which shall consist of three Saints and Four Great Guns, appointed to staggering terms of one to three years by the Head Hunter, Donald H. Clark.
 6. That the special award of CHAOS, The Order of the Purple Lanyard, be voted to a member only by unanimous vote of the Grand Council of Great Guns.
 7. That Saints of the membership be elected by the same vote.
 8. That the Head Hunter be authorized to make presentation of Honorary memberships at his discretion to distinguished personages who are not active cannon hunters.
 9. That an Annual Founders Day banquet be held in Seattle, Washington, each year on April 13 and that supplementary banquets be held on the same date, when possible, in each of the Departments.
 10. That the Head Hunter appoint from his staff a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor who will make annual reports to the membership.
- Let's hear from the membership at once on these matters.

1. I agree in all respects.....
2. I agree with the following reservations.....
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3. Leave the organization as it now stands.....
4. Remarks.....

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Name

CHAOS in Lolo Pass. One of the fattest files in CHAOS library at Cannon House is labeled "No. 178, Lolo Pass Cannon." It contains historical records, photographs, maps and volumes of letters from forest rangers, college professors, sportsmen and old-timers in Idaho, Montana and Washington State.

All of this pertains to possible recovery of a cannon which General Howard abandoned in the Coeur d'Alene mountains while he was chasing Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces (or vice-versa) during the Indian wars of the 1850's.

The Cannoneer who has added most to the file is (Saint) Pete Long of Spokane, head of the Inland Empire Search & Recovery Unit, and a violent Cannon Hunter who will use ANY means (fair or foul) to recover a lost gun.

Recently he told a service club in Spokane of his trips to the No-See-Um Meadows near Sherman Peak of the Nez Perce National Forest in search of this historic piece of Army artillery. A business man in the audience, who is a deer-hunting addict, volunteered the startling information that he and a hunting partner had found the gun during a hunting trip near No-See-Um Meadows, had dragged the gun a long distance, but had been forced by a terrific blizzard to leave it. So Pete will go back with the deer hunters as soon as the weather breaks in that isolated high country of Idaho and—we sincerely hope—return with the gun for placement in such historical repository as CHAOS may select. This will successfully close another of the voluminous files of the Order and make Pete a Double Saint.



Cannoneer Art McKee had a recent coast-to-coast TV appearance on ODYSSEY, a very interesting pictorial report on his salvage efforts at the site of the sinking of the Spanish plate fleet in the West Indies. Art has salvaged many old Spanish cannon and considerable treasure from wrecks on the Keys of the old Spanish Main. The wreck now engaging his attention is a treasure ship believed to have gone to the bottom in 1733.



Ammunition Detail. Department of Dishonest Bucks. Your CHAOS Report costs plenty, and we have no dues to become overdue. There is a little matter of propulsion charges (U. S. Mail); the preparation of battle orders and reports, and tactical and strategic communications throughout the world. Ram a dishonest buck or so down the muzzle so we can keep our powder dry. We accept tainted slot-machine money and income tax chiseling loot without remorse.

Donald H. Clark, Head Hunter, CHAOS
4329 Semple Street, Seattle 99, Washington

Enclosed (is) (are).....decomposed dollars, plus a dime for dry-cleaning and de-odorizing. Easy come, easy go, I say.

Cannoneer.....

Gun Crew Notes. Cannoneer Brigadier General Ewart Laue, U.S.M.C., has been named President of the Retired Officers' Club of Puget Sound . . . Cannoneer Cameron Shipp has recently published his story of Max Sennett, "KING OF COMEDY" . . . CHAOS headquarters needs the addresses of the four Cannoneers listed below for the official roster. Any member knowing their addresses please furnish CANNON HOUSE, 4329 Semple Street, Lawton Wood, Seattle, Washington, with the information.

Rawls, Jack. Home, Norfolk, Virginia. Organizer of the annual North-South cannon competition.

Tucker, Teddy. Home grounds, Bermuda. He recovered cannon from an ancient wreck in December, 1955.

Eubanks, Willis W. His cannon collection was described in *Saturday Evening Post* of February 12, 1955.

Scott, Melvin. California skin-diver who has made important finds off the California coast.



Eighteen-Gun Find in Philadelphia. Cannoneer Warren McCullough, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of the Independence National Historical Park project in Philadelphia, reports the uncovering, beneath the city streets, of eighteen 18th Century cannon in Philadelphia. These cannon, dating from about 1750, were apparently American guns used in the Revolutionary War. One of the pieces had the breech blown off. It was discovered that two cannon balls, weighing 6½ pounds each, were wedged in the barrel. The guns had an over-all length of 45 inches, a 4½-inch bore and weighed about 560 pounds each. These guns were probably used in the battle of Germantown and other Revolutionary War engagements.



Bunker Hill to be made into U. S. shrine. Efforts are being made to bring back to the Bunker Hill shrine a cannon captured by British troops. The old gun is now on the Plains of Abraham outside Quebec. U. S. Representative Thomas P. O'Neil has told the House that the Bunker Hill shrine would not be complete without this historic old cannon.



Sacred Cannon in Iraq. A recent *Believe It or Not* contains an interesting account of an ancient gun in the town of Basra in Iraq. When the city walls were demolished in 1869, it was considered too expensive to move the great cannon and it was left mounted on a standing section of the wall. The gun is now worshipped by the local residents as the sacred guardian of local weather and crops.



Preliminaries are now under way for the registering of CHAOS as a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. We have grown tremendously in the last few years and it is becoming increasingly difficult to cope with the heavy mail load and varied activities under the present unofficial organization. All members are requested to please read carefully the suggested reorganization program; detach the coupon and report in your ideas on the subject. We want CHAOS to be what the membership wants it to be.

Send in your dishonest bucks without delay, pending the decision on this formal organization with dues. We have undertaken this expensive Report to Cannoneers with very little money in the treasury. Give us a hand to help defray the publication and mailing costs.

As soon as the membership consensus is obtained we will put out an information bulletin detailing the desires of the members and formulating future plans for CHAOS.

Good Hunting in 1957