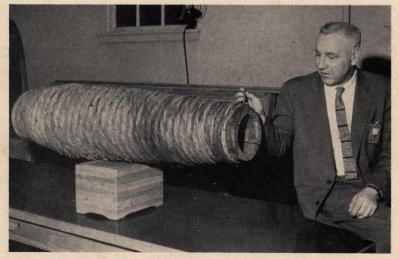
Cannon Hunters' Association of Seattle





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Report to Active Cannoneers Chaotic Activities

JUNE, 1958

From Cannon House—4329 Semple Street Lawton Wood—Seattle 99, Washington

IS THIS THE WORLD'S OLDEST CANNON?

What may be the oldest cannon ever located by CHAOS is depicted on the front cover of this RE-PORT. It is reported to have been brought to the United States by a German who fought with his country's expeditionary force in China during the Boxer Rebellion. The sparse information available indicates that the primitive weapon is of a type used in Korea about 1100 A.D. when, as the Kingdom of Silla, the Koreans waged war against Chinese domination.

The barrel is carved from a wood which resembles Japanese elm, and is heavily wrapped from breech to muzzle with heavy twisted bamboo cable. This cable, thoroughly soaked in water, would add considerable resistance to explosive stresses when fired.

The cannon was not fired from a mount, but was buried in a pit to the entire length of the barrel with dirt and rock heavily packed around the exterior. A long fuse was inserted in the bore from the muzzle to the powder chamber to detonate the charge, there being no vent in the breech. The powder charge was poured into the muzzle, followed by enough selected stones to fill the bore. Fired from an inclined position, it was probably one of the earliest mortars used by man.

The old gun was saved from probable destruction by Harold Lillehei, Curator of the Shipyard Historical Museum at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. He was encouraged and assisted in identification efforts by Rear Admiral W. A. Dolan, Jr. and by Jim Reems, an experienced newspaper man who handles all publications for the Shipyard. All three are recently recruited Cannon Hunters.

Dr. Doo Soo Suh, a Korean visiting lecturer at the University of Washington, was enlisted in the search for data. He is assisted by Dr. Pyeng Do Yi, who is attached to the office of the Korean Consulate-General in New York. Their investigation has established the fact that such cannon were in common use in Korea in 1377 A.D. when that country first established an official agency to manufacture cannon and gunpowder. CHAOS expects to have technical advice by a Korean ordnance expert who will visit Seattle in August, and who may be able to state whether this type of gun was used prior to 1377.

The gun's dating if authenticated, may change the ratings in the CHAOS "Oldest Cannon" contest. Top title is now held by Cannoneer Ashley Halsey, Jr. who owns a Chinese cannon stamped with a date which corresponds to 1581 A.D. CHAOS ordnance experts are urgently requested to send any information available, or any possible reference material, to Cannon House, or to Cannoneer G. Victor Hurley who has handled this case. Saint Vic's address is 3014 Market St., Apt. 4, Seattle 7, Washington.

CHAOS IN VANCOUVER

Our last previous CHAOS REPORT stated that the historic "9 o'clock gun" which had signalled the hour in Vancouver, Canada, for sixty years, had been silenced because of bad condition.

Major J. S. Matthews, City Archivist of Vancouver, corrected our statement in a few vigorous and well-chosen words, stating that the gun was fired every night as a time correction, and that people for forty miles around set their watches and clocks by the detonation. The gun, cast by H. & C. King of London in 1816, has missed fire but once in the past three years.

Cannoneer Matthews has furnished CHAOS with a complete history of this garrison-type piece, with a detail drawing, and with a photo of the gun in place at Hallelujah Point, Stanley Park.

CHAOS IN AFRICA

CHAOS came to Africa with the enlistment of Dr. R. R. Tusenius of Pretoria. Aside from cannon-hunting and his medical duties, Dr. Tusenius is Senior Officer for the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Just what CHAOS needs on the "Dark Continent."

CHAOS IN VIET-NAM

Viet-Nam became Cannon-hunting territory when Cannoneer John A. Pietz, one of our engineering members, invaded Saigon last November to spear-head road building for Capitol Engineering Corporation. John is the type who leaves no cannon unturned.

CHAOS ON COON ISLAND

Previous reports to members have outlined our plans for constructing a solar cannon on Coon Island, San Juan County, Washington. We now have a rather discouraging dispatch from Cannoneer Henry Tusler, who insists on calling his island Paradise, "Isle de Raton Laveur." Henry states that his chief project engineer in charge of solar cannon: (1) Got a job; (2) Got married; (3) Produced a child instead of a solar cannon. We may have to place the contract elsewhere.



Howard Brown, a real "shooting cannoneer," fires one of his prize Civil War Dahlgrens at Cannon House, Ambler, Pennsylvania.

CANNONEER BROWN SHOOTS THE WORKS

A real Chaotic Celebration was staged by Cannoneer Howard Brown and guests on July 4, 1957, at his Ambler, Pennsylvania, Cannon House. Under previous arrangements with State Police, he fired many of his hundreds of cannon, adding a patriotic touch to the landscape for miles around. The cannonade was heard by citizens as far removed as Seattle, Cannoneer Brown having leased a wire to Seattle's Radio-TV Station KING.

The original plan was to have the salvos reach Seattle by direct wire to Cannon House, but Head Hunter Clark had arranged to join a maritime cannon hunt on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Donald R. Clark, co-founder of CHAOS, received the Ambler barrage at KING, which was taperecorded, and interspersed with that station's Fourth of July program throughout the day.

Since then, Cannoneer Brown has built a second Cannon House at his Ambler farm to house his rapidly-growing collection. Several of his newer acquisitions are the result of Cannoneer Jack Stoddard's German Cannon Hunt, which is still in progress.

The Ambler collection, one of the finest in the world, is almost entirely limited to brass or bronze muzzle-loaders.

Cannoneer Brown is a "shooting cannoneer" of no mean ability. On February 22 last, and with slight assistance, he fired a twenty-one gun salute in less than ten minutes. In honor of Cannoneer George Washington, of course.

CHAOS IN TURKEY

One of the few countries without CHAOS membership has been Turkey—until Cannoneer Howard Chapelle nominated Nihat Ozerdem of Istanbul. Howard is Curator of Division of Transportation at the Smithsonian Institution, and our Turkish recruit is his associate.

Cannoneer Özerdem, who will be in the U.S. from late May until October, is Chief of Fishing Boat Section, Balikcilik Arastirma Besiktas. One of his first CHAOS jobs may be to catalog the scores of old cannon in the Sultan's palace yard at Istanbul.

CHAOS IN FLORIDA

CHAOS visited Triumph Reef on May 5, when Cannoneer Eugene Shinn recovered an old British six-pounder in very rough weather from a 14-foot skiff. Gene might not have tackled the job, with waves breaking over his boat, but photographer Bill Shrout was there by appointment to get photographs of a marine cannon recovery for his boss, the SATEVEPOST. Cannoneer Shinn, Research Aid in the Marine Laboratory, University of Miami, used oil drums on this job. He also used the help of his wife, who dives as well as Gene, and is a popular model when she isn't cannon hunting. Maybe you'll see her picture in the POST.

Gene also writes for SKIN DIVER MAGAZINE, Lynwood, California. See his "Historical Finds Under Florida Waters" in April, 1958, issue.



Jane Halle Crile of Cleveland, recently cannonized, recovers a cannon from H.M.S. Looe on the Forida Keys.

THE INCREDIBLE CRILES

Cannonization of Jane Halle Crile of Cleveland establishes a new chapter in CHAOS history. Cannoneer Jane, whose recovery record is unbelievably high and diversified, is the first feminine Saint of CHAOS.

Jane and her husband, Dr. George Crile, Jr.—also Cannonized—have hunted cannon on the coast of southern California, in the Tortugas, around the Florida Keys, in the Mediterranean, and in the Public Record Office and British Maritime Museum in London—to name a few locations. Aside from scores of cannon, they have recovered cargoes of elephant tusks, anchors, coins, pewter mugs and toilet receptacles.

They have hunted off-and-on with such professional Cannon-Hunters as Ed Link, Art McKee, Mendel Peterson, Bill Thompson, Harold Peterson, Captain Davy Dyche, Jim Rand and Halley Hamlin. The four (4) amphibious Crile children were adept divers shortly after they were weaned.

An engrossing cross-section of the Criles' undersea adventures is in TREASURE DIVING HOLL-DAYS (Collins, London, 1954), written and profusely illustrated by Jean and Barney. This intriguing volume is also published by THE VIKING PRESS, 18 East 48th Street, New York 17. N. Y. Get it!

CHAOS IN GERMANY

The first European Chapter of CHAOS was established by Colonel John Stoddard at Ludwigsburg, West Germany, on January 20, 1958. The fourteen charter members are all ex-officers and non-commissioned officers of the Germany Army who were prisoners of war in Jack Stoddard's charge during World War II.

When Cannoneer Stoddard returned to Ludwigsburg on his present travels, scores of his "prisoners" flocked to meet him and to entertain Jack and his wife. When he told them about CHAOS, fourteen of them requested a charter. The installation was colorful, to use the mildest term which might apply.

CHAOS would not be surprised to receive other requests for charters, as Colonel Stoddard has a long itinerary ahead, with headquarters to be established at one hundred thirteen points in Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland and Austria.

In the list of new Cannon Hunters published in this REPORT, the fourteen with addresses in Wurttemburg are charter members of the Ludwigsburg Chapter of CHAOS.

EAST IS WEST IN CHAOS

MATI HARI, a trim sailing craft designed and built by Cannoneer Bill Garden of Seattle for Cannoneer Charles Baker of Miami, recently sailed to Miami from Seattle via the Panama Canal. Cannoneer Baker hinted that he might tackle an old shipwreck in the Tortugas on the trip, which should result in raising his very high recovery score. He worked with Charles Brookfield and other Cannoneers on the salvage of H. M. S. WINCHESTER, and did most of the photography on that story for the National Geographic Magazine. (See "Cannon Solve Mystery of Sunken Ship.")

Bill Garden also recently designed a very special type of 36-foot cruiser for Cannoneer Bruce Wiggins of St. Kitts, B. W. I.

Any members who want real good cannon-hunting craft may locate Cannoneer Garden at the Maritime Shipyards, 2620 Commodore Way, Seattle 99, Washington. (Adv.)

MYSTERY GUN IDENTIFIED

Or

Cannon Are Where You Find Them

One of the finest old cannon encountered by CHAOS experts since the last report is an 8-foot, bronze "quadraculberina" dated 1572, discovered in a Seattle warehouse. It had been recovered from deep alluvial deposits in the Hudson River by workmen who were boring the Holland Tunnel in the 1920s, and is intact except for one missing dolphin.

The old gun rested in a Brooklyn junk yard until sold to a local foundry. The foundry operator, Cannoneer Earl D. Doran, refused to melt it, and shipped it to Seattle when he moved west in 1942. Cannoneer Doran stored the gun in a warehouse owned by Cannoneer Horace McCurdy, president of Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, where it was forgotten during the hectic years of World War II.

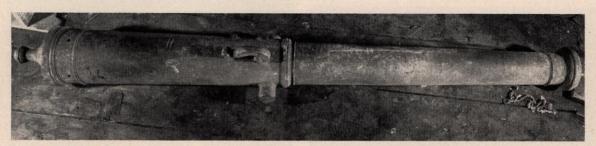
When recently re-discovered and cleaned by CHAOS personnel, the inscription, "DELAVERIA

months, Cannoneer Tucker has traced the gun to covered in an article, "La Averia En El Comercio de Indias," published in Seville.

The repeated symbol, "XIQ," was identified by the Colonel as weight verification by inspectors. It signifies that the gun weighed eleven quintals, or 1100 Spanish pounds at time of casting.

How a gun from this fleet managed to reach New York harbor was a deep mystery, as Spanish ships of that day kept clear of North Atlantic ports. Cannoneer Tucker, however, discovered that the entire Spanish treasure fleet of 1596, with all of its armament, was captured by English ships. It is entirely logical, according to the routine of British ships in 1596, to assume that the gun was taken to New York, where it either was jettisoned or was lost overboard.

Cannoneer Horace McCurdy plans to have Colonel Tucker and Cannoneer Edwin Rich of Wellfleet, Massachusetts, design an authentic carriage for the DELAVERIA gun, before presenting it to the Seattle Museum of History and Industry.



Seattle's eight-foot Bronze Mystery Cannon was cast Eighty years after Columbus discovered America.

—ANO 1572" was found engraved on the barrel near the vent, together with the symbols, "XIQ: XIQ."

Photographs and measurements were sent to its origin in Spain, where it was mounted on one of the ships which guarded the Spanish treasure fleet enroute from Central and South America. He verified the fact that these guard ships usually carried from 20 to 40 guns.

The "Averia" system of protection imposed a heavy tax on treasure ships, and all weapons and armament used were marked "De La Veria" at time of purchase, information which Colonel Tucker un-Colonel Cary Spencer Tucker at Lexington, Virginia, for professional analysis. Over the past eight

TAPS

CHAOS announces with deep sorrow the loss of four Active Cannoneers of great character and ability. We reluctantly place a black tab on the personnel files of:

KENNETH ROBERTS of Kennybunkport, Maine.

CLYDE F. HOLCOMB of Seattle, Washington.

PUCK-HYA-TOOT of Priest Rapids, Washington.

LLOYD L. HOUGHLAND of Republic, Washington.

CHAOS IN CANADA

The most interesting recent maritime cannon hunt in the Pacific northwest was the search for John Jacob Astor's wrecked trading vessel TON-QUIN. This well-armed 290-ton ship was blown up on June 17, 1811, in Clayoquot Sound, British Columbia, following an Indian attack.

Last July, Cannoneer George W. Cottrell of Portland, Oregon, organized a crew of ten cannon-hunting Oregonians to man his 48-foot cruiser CIMBA and two smaller craft, and took off for the west coast of Vancouver Island. He had a small seaplane for scouting, and assistance from seven Seattle cannon hunters who chartered the SAN JOLIN at Tofino, B. C.

The contingent included seven lung divers who had well-designed sea-sleds for underwater prowling. A Royal Canadian Mounted Police boat appeared over the horizon before the TONQUIN was located, and put the arm on further search until the Dominion government at Ottawa gave a green light. Meanwhile, the CIMBA cruised north to Sydney Inlet, and—acting on a tip from local Indians—located a very ancient wreck on the first



Cannoneer George Cottrell of Portland, Oregon, measures the diameter of an ancient cannon barrel which he recovered in July 1957 from a wreck in Sydney Inlet, Vancouver Island.

dive. Two cannon, one of which measured seven feet, were too heavy for the CIMBA'S tackle, and were hauled into shallow water for future recovery.

British Columbia Cannoneer Art Kendall of Ladysmith, reports that local authorities purloined the guns and took them to the Maritime Museum at Esquimalt, near Victoria. Oregon and Washington Cannoneers plan to take another cannon-hunting cruise this summer, hoping to find the TON-QUIN, but willing to settle for any cannon-bearing wreck.



Cannoneer Mendel L. Peterson, Curator of Armed Forces History at the Smithsonian Institution, searches a Spanish wreck in the Florida Keys. (Note cannon over Mendel's left shoulder.

CANNONEER OF THE YEAR

During the first quarter of each year, CHAOS reviews member activities of the previous twelve months and selects an outstanding Cannon Hunter as "Cannoneer of the Year."

The current selection for this honor is:

Lt. Cdr. Mendel L. Peterson, M.A., Ch.D.
Curator, Armed Forces History,
U.S. National Museum
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Cannoneer Peterson was born in the town of Moore, south-central Idaho, in 1918. He has earned degrees from Mississippi Southern College and from Vanderbilt University, as well as an honorary Ch.D. from CHAOS.

Mendel served in the Navy from 1943 until 1948, and is a Naval Reservist. He is a national authority on preservation of old cannon and other artifacts. His memberships in scientific and historical groups are too numerous to list.



Cannoneer Jack Stoddard holds the 71st Cannon which he has "recovered" in Europe on his present safari; authentic minitaure of a Seventeenth Century German Field Gun. And how do you like the Colonel's CHAOS Pocket Patch? (You also, can have one for five bucks.)

CANNONEER'S TRADING POST

EUROPEAN CANNON, ARMS, MISCEL-LANY: Col. John M. Stoddard is travelling Europe in search of cannon and other items for CHAOS members. Cannoneer Stoddard is an expert in appraisal and purchase, and has shipped large amounts of antique material to our many collectors. As his address is constantly changing, purchasing requests should be sent to Cannon House, Lawton Wood, Seattle 99, Washington, for forwarding.

ORDER OF THE PURPLE LANYARD

This decoration is awarded to Active Cannoneers whose records show distinguished services in the major activities prescribed by CHAOS.

Brown, Howard B. 1616 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. "Incurable Cannoneer." Founder of original Cannon House.

HORNBLOWER, ADMIRAL HORATIO, c/o C. S. Forester, 1066 Parkhills Road, Berkeley, California. Naval ordnance expert, who has taught the ancient arts of maritime gunnery to the modern world.

Howell, Hampton P. Jr. Westhampton Beach, Long Island, N. Y. Collector and owner of one of the world's finest aggregations of cannon.

LINK, EDWIN A. Link Aviation Corporation, Binghamton, N. Y. Outstanding maritime explorer, and recoverer of historic arms and artifacts.

DOCTOR OF CANNON HUNTING (Ch.D.)

This honorary degree is awarded to Active Cannoneers as a result of scholarly research and writing in the scientific and historical field, as related to cannon design, identification, recovery, preservation and use.

MANUCY, DR. ALBERT C., S. E. National Monuments, National Park Service, St. Augustine, Florida. Author of "Artillery Through The Ages," and other published material relating to cannon.

PETERSON, DR. HAROLD L. History Division, National Park Service, Washington 25, D. C. Au thor of "Arms And Armor In Colonial America," "Arms And Armor Of The Pilgrims," and other published material relating to ballistic weapons.

Peterson, Dr. Mendel L. Head Curator, Department of Armed Forces History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington 25, D. C. Author of "The Last Cruise of H. M. S. 'LOO'," and other published material relating to recovery and preservation of armament from the sea. Authority on markings and decoration of muzzle-loading cannon.

CANNONEER SALISBURY HAS MORE HOBBIES THAN ANYBODY!

Archeologist, rock-hound, lapidarist, wood carver, writer, cannon hunter—and how Al Salisbury of Seattle finds time to run his business is a mystery.

Al doesn't just dabble in these numerous activities. Professional archeologists are envious of his ability to find and excavate ancient Indian culture sites. His wood carvings are unique, and beautifully executed. He knows how to locate rare rocks and gem stones, and has the equipment and techniques required to turn them into polished splendor. And he never refuses a call for volunteer cannon hunters.

Joe Salisbury, Al's ten-year old son and a junior member of CHAOS, is a great help in his dad's extra-curricular jaunts. He recently joined a cannon hunt among old wrecks off the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island, and held his own with other cannon hunters in rough and treacherous waters.

Cannoneer Salisbury, incidentally, is a leading western publisher. His Superior Publishing Company has produced a number of popular titles, mostly dealing with northwest history and outdoor activities and travel. Superior Books are usually excellent reference material, as well as fascinating reading.

To fill in his spare time, Al operates a successful electrotype shop in Seattle—Artcraft Engraving & Electrotype Company.

Oh yes, we almost overlooked another very important activity. With his wife, Jane, Al has written and published several excellent trade books, including TWO CAPTAINS WEST and HERE ROLLED THE COVERED WAGONS. In preparation for the former, Al and Jane personally traced the route of Lewis and Clark from start to finish at the mouth of the Columbia River.



Excavating the remains of an ancient resident of the Northwest.



Cannoneers Al and Joe Salisbury wrestle with temptation on the edge of a Cannon Hunter's Utopia.



Joe Salisbury and Indians at Ahouset, B.C., display an ancient musket.



The Tonkin Search Expedition official car on dock at Port Alberni, B.C.

CHAOS TARGETS

Many new target folders have been added to CHAOS files since the last REPORT. Among these are:

Immigrant Springs, Oregon. Mounted gun, probably mountain howitzer, used in Indian Wars of 1850s to protect immigrants on the old Barlow Road. Reported buried in swamp at Immigrant Springs. Listed for location and recovery by Oregon cannon hunters in June or July, but reports indicate that they jumped the gun and found it in May.

St. Kitts, B. W. I. Cannoneer Bruce (Slingshot) Wiggins of St. Kitts, has several sightings in medium water of promising armed wrecks. Bruce has an excellent 36-foot boat, but needs help in recovery work. This file is open for any cannoneers who will contact Cannoneer Wiggins, c/o J. W. Thurston & Co. Ltd., St. Kitts, B. W. I. Western Union wire service is available.

Lolo Pass, Idaho. Cannoneer Pete Long, head of Inland Empire Search & Recovery Unit, will make another try at the old muzzle-loader which General Howard left in Lolo Pass during the Nez Perce campaign. Recruits are welcome. Hunt will depend on snow conditions, as this is HIGH country. Pete's address is 336 Peyton Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

Florida Keys. Cannoneers Craig Hamilton and Eugene Shinn each have several sure prospects in the Miami area. For Cannoneers who want to enjoy a hunt with real professionals, here is the chance. Captain Craig Hamilton's address is 88 S. W. 29th Avenue, Miami. Cannoneer Shinn's address is Marine Laboratory, No. 1 Rickenbacker Causeway, Virginia Key, Miami 49, Florida.

Columbia, South Carolina. Barrel of an "old Spanish cannon" reported to be in a pile of junk on land owned by Ex-Senator Hammond, near the intersection of Forest Drive and Belt Line Boulevard. The pile is said to be near a small lake, which may be reached by a short road from the Boulevard.

Naches Pass, Washington. Rock-hounds have recently sighted a cannon left on the west approach to Naches Pass, near Mount Rainier. This gun was abandoned by Lieutenant W. A. Slaughter during

the Yakima Indian War of 1855. Several expeditions have failed to find the gun, which is in rough, forested country.

Vancouver Island, Canada. Numerous old ship-wrecks along the west coast of Vancouver Island offer good hunting for members who are skilled navigators and who are able to secure information from local Indians. Lung-divers should accompany any expedition. Approximate locations of several historic wrecks are in CHAOS files, but many more very early wrecks are unrecorded. Summer months offer better success and less danger.

Baker, Oregon. Cannoneer N. S. Wagner of Baker, Oregon, has three cases in eastern Oregon which may pan out. (Cannon cases, of course.) One is a wheel-mounted cannon, in a very steep, isolated canyon, which was sighted in a surveyor's transit, and later was buzzed by a small plane. It's in very, very rough country, thirty-two miles from any kind of road.

Another cannon was thrown into a well many years ago, and is well-authenticated. (How's that again?) The only trick is that the ground was subsequently cultivated, and the location of the well isn't known exactly.

Another is at the bottom of a stock reservoir, which should be a push-over unless it's down deep in the muddy bottom.

CHAOS expects to scout all three within the next few weeks, and possibly to organize a helicopter hunt.

Mexico - Central America. Here's a REAL chance for Cannoneers to scout around the tropics under the expert guidance of America's Number One big-game hunter and guide. Cannoneer Tex Purvis of Mexico City, has a fix on several Mexican cannon, by land and by sea. He also knows personally of three huge, long-toms on a small island in Central America. A hunt for any of these will require some time and preparation, but offer adventure and travel no end. Thrill-seeking Cannoners should write; Col. Marshall Purvis, Hamburgo 305-B, Mexico D. F., Mexico.

Cannoneers who have any good leads on lost cannon are urged to send the information to Cannon House. Give all available information and a map.

MUZZLE BURSTS

Cannoneers are urged to check junk yards in their areas for old cannon. Many valuable old cannon have been recovered by our members from such sources. Recovery of cannon from destruction by melting has the same status as recoveries by other means, as related to Cannonization.

One of the finest illustrations of an old muzzle-loading cannon, complete with tools and maritime background, depicts one of the 24-pound naval truck guns carried by the forty-four gun frigate CONSTITUTION. It constitutes a color cover for ARGOSY of May, 1957. Both the cover and a short inside story are the excellent work of Cannoneer James M. Triggs of New York. The editor suggests to ARGOSY that a wonderful place for the original painting would be Cannon House, headquarters of CHAOS.

Dowsers, attention! Those interested in advanced dowsing, including location by map readings, will secure a large assortment of literature on the subject by writing to: Mr. Noel Macbeth, Stock, In-



C. S. Forester, recently a CHAOS Cannoneer, admires THE GUN which was the hero of "Pride and Passion." Members may recall that Cannoneer Forester is a friend of Admiral Horatio Hornblower who has been awarded the Order of the Purple Lanyard.

gatestone, Essex, England. CHAOS neither recommends nor disapproves Mr. Macbeth's methods.

Cannonized members who want a halo may be able to get one from Carl J. Nordstrom, 534 Exchange Building, Seattle. Carl has had one made for \$3.75, including the cost of brass strips and brazing, to say nothing of two fittings. If he got a quantity order from all of our Saints, the price might go down.

The record for number of cannon recovered by any CHAOS Cannoneer remains in the hands of Elliott White Springs of Lancaster, South Carolina. The reason that Cannoneer Springs has not been Cannonized is that his recovery methods conflict with the CHAOS code. He "recovered" these cannon—an entire warehouse full—for a friend who wanted them to mount at Fort Ticonderoga. The place was Paris, France. The time was the summer of 1918. For the benefit of those who do not know Cannoneer Springs, he is the owner and operator of the Lancaster and Chester Railway Company.

At Berkeley, California, on December 9, Admiral Horatio Hornblower was awarded the Order of the Purple Lanyard. The CHAOS delegation who presented the award consisted of Bruce LeRoy, Seattle; Gordon Grannis, Daly City, California; and T. Leslie Elliott, Berkeley. The Admiral accepted the decoration "in absentia" through his friend, Cannoneer C. S. Forester. Lord Hornblower has also been Cannonized for his many recoveries of cannon on the Spanish Main.

Cannoneer Dave Bannerman of Manhasset, N. Y. suggests a wonderful location for permanent CHAOS headquarters, complete with dozens of assorted cannon. This is Bannerman's Island Arsenal on Pollopel's Island in the Hudson River, four miles above West Point. It's not a tourist attraction because it's loaded with tons of explosives, much of which is very old and nervous.

CHAOS suggests that some wealthy cannon tycoon take over the island, the castle and the cannon, and hold the place until CHAOS can afford to move in. Dave says it's for sale at a ridiculously low price.

Virginia Cannoneers who are bucking for Cannonization should contact Chief Warrant Officer Eugene F. Moran at Fort Eustis. Moran is chief of the diving section at that post, and knows the location of each ship in the fleet of Lord Cornwallis, sunk in the York River in 1781. Probably enough cannon on those old ships to fill a museum.

North Carolina Cannoneers who aspire to the CHAOS halo should converge on Edenton. Here in Edenton Bay of Albemarle Sound, in July of 1778, Captain William Boritz, master of THE HOLY HEART OF JESUS, dumped overboaad twenty-three Swiss cannon when payment for the guns was not made by the colonists. Only eight were subsequently recovered, so there's a chance for fifteen Cannonizations.

troops, his rapid arrival and departure by air gave little time to assemble local Cannon Hunters. Only eight could be reached in a hurry to meet the "Confederate Cannoneer." To others in the Seattle Zone, our deep regrets that we couldn't muster you for lunch and a cannon recovery at Fishermans' Wharf.

CATS AND CANNON

Cannoneer James Warner Bellah of Santa Monica, SATEVEPOST writer, comes through with a story which will be enshrined in the CHAOS ARCHIVES.

A retired artillery sergeant drowsed before a glowing old pot-bellied heater, the family cat purring on his lap, while his wife cooked dinner in the

CANNON HOUSE-LAWTON WOOD-SEATTLE 99-WASH.

Keep Chaos Rolling Along

CHAOS doesn't like "dues"—too much monkey work. There's no objection, however, to voluntary contributions from Cannoneers to help meet publication costs and postage. CHAOS will accept dollars, pesos, francs, lira, marks, escudos, guilders, pesetas or trocha shell if properly cleaned. So—

CHAOS



(If your CHAOS card has worn thin, or has been swallowed by an ostrich, check here
and get a new one by return mail.)

Head Hunter

Here is a bit of money which has been more or less dishonestly acquired. Thanks for your acceptance, which relieves my conscience.

(If signed with an "X" please have your name typed on the dotted line)

crest on an enameled steel tab for automobile needse plates. You'll hear more about this in the next REPORT—or sooner.

CHAOS APPOLOGIZES

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Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan treasure a very old British cannon at their home in Province Town, Massachusetts. MacMillan, famous Arctic explorer, is a member of "CHAOS," Cannon Hunters Association, International.

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Skin-diving cannon hunters can step up their recoveries by using Cannoneer Ed Link's newfangled self-propelled, 43-inch underwater unit. This product of Link Aeronautical Corporation weighs only seventy pounds out of water, is powered by a 12-volt aircraft battery, and is steered by fingertip control. (Adv.)

The only complete battery of Confederate guns in existence stands in Grant Park, Atlanta, Georgia. CHAOS warns that these guns are NOT subject to "recovery."

Lacking a bell, Washington State pioneers used a cannon to call Methodists to church at Olympia in 1852. Not exactly "to church" however, as services were held in a saloon until a church was built.

The Great Guns are considering a posthumous membership for Paul Revere. Known to most Americans as the man who "spread the alarm" when the British marched north from Boston, few realize that he was a Major of militia artillery, and that he operated a cannon foundry in Boston.

Cannoner Hampton P. Howell, Jr. of Westhampton Beach, Long Island, N. Y., is designing a CHAOS crest, suitable for framing, and also a crest on an enameled steel tab for automobile license plates. You'll hear more about this in the next REPORT—or sooner.

CHAOS APPOLOGIZES

When Ashley Halsey, Jr. (Great Gun) of Philadelphia, dropped into Seattle to review the CHAOS

troops, his rapid arrival and departure by air gave little time to assemble local Cannon Hunters. Only eight could be reached in a hurry to meet the "Confederate Cannoneer." To others in the Seattle Zone, our deep regrets that we couldn't muster you for lunch and a cannon recovery at Fishermans' Wharf.

CATS AND CANNON

Cannoneer James Warner Bellah of Santa Monica, SATEVEPOST writer, comes through with a story which will be enshrined in the CHAOS ARCHIVES.

A retired artillery sergeant drowsed before a glowing old pot-bellied heater, the family cat purring on his lap, while his wife cooked dinner in the kitchen on a kerosene stove.

When drip from the kerosene stove ignited, the sergeant's wife screamed "FIRE" at full lung power. In a fractional second the sergeant jerked open the heater door, slammed in the cat, and shouted "On the way."



Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan treasure a very old British cannon at their home in Province Town, Massachusetts. MacMillan, famous Arctic explorer, is a member of "CHAOS," Cannon Hunters Association, International.

WANT A CHAOS SHOULDER PATCH?

Cannoneer Jack Stoddard, who has been on a professional cannon-hunt in Europe since last October, has designed a striking patch for CHAOS, and has made arrangements for manufacture to order in West Germany. The official patch, 3x4½ inches, is in gold and silver thread on red velvet, simulating an artillery shell, and fashioned entirely by hand. Gold laurel sprays bracket gold crossed cannon surmounted by a silver eagle. "CHAOS" is in chief, with "Everywhere" basal.

This really outstanding design may be worn as a shoulder patch or blazer ornament, or may be framed for wall or desk ornamentation. Orders may be sent to "Col. John M. Stoddard, c/o American Express Company, Frankfurt-Main, Germany" or to Cannon House for transmittal. The latter is safer, as Cannoneer Stoddard moves around the landscape on a minute's notice. The cost is \$5.00 each, with 25 cents additional for postage. Patches for Great Guns carry three gold stars en bas, at the same cost.

Incidentally, for those who have not been so notified, Cannoneer Stoddard is picking up many old and authentic cannon and other firearms for members at very modest prices. Cannoneers who want anything which may be located in Europe should drop an airletter to Cannon House, describing their needs. The Colonel is a professional collector, and does not limit his interest to cannon.



NEW CHAOS SHOULDER PATCH. In Gold and Silver Thread on Reinforced Red Velvet.

CHAOS ENDORSES POHSAV

No, not an ointment, but a non-profit historical foundation to prevent vandalism. Its father is Cannoneer Jackson Jenks of 315 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut, who has spent a small fortune to make the movement nation-wide.

PROTECTION OF HISTORIC SITES AGAINST VANDALS is aimed at all looting of historic treasures, but particularly against stripping of marine wrecks by amateur divers. Cannoneer Jenks has enlisted the support of over 200 divers, with whom he works and dives to recover valuable artifacts and turn them over to museums and historians.

CHAOS acts as advisor to POHSAV in the Pacific Northwest.

CHAOS LICENSE PLATE PLAQUES

(Restricted to Member Use)

Designed by Cannoneer Hamp Howell of West-hampton Beach, Long Island, and just about to emerge from the factory, are the new 4½-inch CHAOS "Coat-of-Arms" metal plaques in four colors, with lugs for attaching to auto license-plate holders.

Maybe we were too conservative in ordering only one hundred, when our membership is nearly five hundred. Anyway you'll probably get one fairly soon if you mail—now—to Cannon House two bucks (\$2.00) or a hell of a lot of box tops from ammunition cases.

CHAOS-

Who? What? Why? When? Where?

CHAOS—Cannon Hunters Association of Seattle
— now international in scope — was founded in
Seattle, Washington, on April 13, 1949. Its birth
was accompanied by tremors from the most violent
earthquakes ever experienced in the Pacific northwest.

Membership totals approximately five hundred, including Active Cannoneers of greatly diversified ages, nationalities, arts, professions and sexes. On the World Map in Cannon House—Seattle Head-quarters—few areas are now marked "sterile" to indicate the absence of Cannon Hunters.

CHAOS avoids conventional organization and routine. Administration is handled by the Great Guns and the Head Hunter. There are no rules of order, no committees, no resolutions and no minutes of the last meeting. There are no dues, although

members may contribute dishonest dollars to the CHAOS AMMUNITION FUND to defray limited expenses. The only meetings are cannon hunts.

Membership is not solicited. Almost the entire roster consists of persons nominated and recommended by Active Cannoneers. Neither names nor the membership list may be used for commercial purposes.

The primary function of CHAOS is the location, recovery and preservation of muzzle-loading cannon. Activities include historical research, exploration by land and by sea, photography, archeological study, and detection methods ranging from willowwand dowsing to electronic devices.

It is the policy of CHAOS to place recovered cannon in museums or other repositories where they will be carefully preserved and kept on public display. Selection of repositories is based on the historical backgrounds of recovered weapons.

CHAOS isn't incorporated. It's just-CHAOS.



Cannoneer Ashley Halsey (left) and Head Hunter Clark examine a Philippine lantaka recovered from Salmon Bay, Seattle, in July 1957, by CHAOS lung-divers.

CHAOS GUESSING CONTEST







(A CHAOS metal license-plate plaque in four colors goes to Cannoneers who guess all questions correctly.)

 Where is this famous old gun, recently recovered by CHAOS after long abandonment to the elements? (Cut A)

Where is this ancient brass cannon which is about to be fired by five modern Cannoneers dressed as British artillerymen of a century ago? (Cut B)

 Where is this outstanding collection of old muzzleloading cannon, displayed in a private museum owned by a prominent CHAOS Cannoneer? (Cut C)



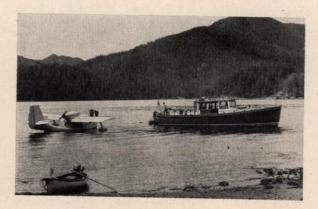
Replica of the charter recently granted by the Great Guns to a group of West German Cannon Hunters. These recruits were installed as the Ludwigsburg Chapter by Cannoneer Jack Stoddard in person.



Cannoneer Stuart Whitehouse, who has traveled thousands of miles searching for ancient artillery, admires a gun excavated from the beach at Acapulco, Mexico, by Cannoneer Carlos Barnard.



These Seventeenth Century Bronze Dutch Cannon, 45 inches overall length, are entered by the owner, Cannoneer Howard Brown of Philadelphia, as "Best Pair of the Year."



Portland Cannon Hunters, assisted by divers and a seaplane, recover two muzzleloading cannon from an unidentified old shipwreck on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia.



WOODCHUCK HUNTER USES CANNON — Elliot Clark of ARGOSY Magazine caught this shot of a woodchuck hunter mowing down those elusive critters with a buckshot-loaded cannon.



One of the many fine old cannon acquired in West Germany by Cannoneer Jack Stoddard on his present cannon-hunting tour through Europe.



The "Nine O'Clock Gun" at Vancouver, British Columbia, has NOT been retired, as stated in a CHAOS Report. Citizens continue to set their watches and clock by its nightly blast.

CANNONEER RECOVERS 56 OLD GUNS



Captain Craig Hamilton of Miami is in keen competition for high score in maritime cannon recovery. He hunts with his salvage boat ELSIE M. off the Florida Keys, and is distinctly professional.

His fifty-six recoveries to date include English, Scottish and Swedish guns ranging from 3-pounders up, and mostly of 18th Century origin.

Many of our Cannoneers should recognize Craig from recent magazine and newspaper stories describing his exploits, and from several television appearances.

CANADIAN - U.S. SHOOT SMOKING UP

Pacific northwest Cannoneers who own "shooting guns" are combing the country for an artillery range suitable for an international muzzle-loading cannon contest. While Oregon, Washington and Idaho gunners outnumber British Columbia Cannonneers by at least four to one, the score should be close if Alaskans choose to shoot with the Canadians.

That certainly will happen, declare Alaska members of CHAOS, if Congress doesn't admit Alaska as the 49th State. They plan to plunge the Territorry of Alaska into open secession, and will bring a dozen or more old Russian cannon to bear on Stateside Cannoneers. Winners are expected to challenge the top battery in the annual North-South shoot.

How To Get Out of Doing It Yourself

Cannoneer Bill Galbraith of Portland, Oregon, suggests — and guarantees — methods of avoiding and evading household chores in his recent book with the above title. (Vantage Press, New York, \$2.75) CHAOS suggests to Cannoneer Bill that cannon-hunting gets the henpecked male farther away from domestic drudgery than any other known hobby.

CANNON HUNTERS' ISLE OF DREAMS

Of all target folders in CHAOS files, the most intriguing covers Sable Island, a narrow strip of sand which lurks 150 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Records cover 505 seagoing craft which have been lost on Sable, in addition to over 10,000 lives. Over the centuries the bleak island has sheltered pirates, beachcombers, murderers and convicts, in addition to thousands of castaways. Today it is the home of twenty-six Canadians who tend the light, the radio-sonde station and the life-saving facilities.

There seems to be no record of how many of these 505 ships were armed, but probably many of the earlier wrecks — extending as far back as 1802 — carried cannon. If any of our Canadian Cannoneers have information on this point, CHAOS will be happy to add it to the folder as an aid to possible cannon hunting on Sable Island.

CANNONEER NORDSTROM CASTS MUZZLE LOADERS

Carl J. Nordstrom, prominent Pacific northwest naval architect, copies ancient artillery — in full size — in a modern foundry and machine shop.

Carl is now in production on three guns from drawings of an Eighteenth Century French howitzer furnished by Cannoneer Frank O. Jacks, local leader of Clan Dhomhnill. Castings were made by Eagle Foundry Company of Seattle, and finishing is being done by Markey Machinery Company.

Cannoneer Nordstrom will select the most perfect of the three guns for a "shooting cannon" to protect his home in the Cascade foothills. The others may be taken over by Washington State Parks Commission, to be used in the restoration of old Fort Simcoe.



ROLL CALL

The 1958 organization of CHAOS, and a roster of recent recruits, is posted for the information of all Cannoneers.

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