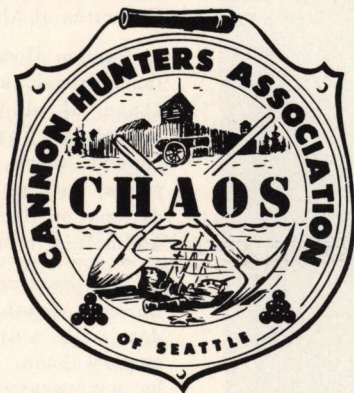


Cannon Hunters' Association of Seattle



*NOTE: This Edition was written in June and
published in October. That's CHAOS!*

"THEY'RE RECOVERING," said Head Hunter Don Clark when this picture arrived at Cannon House. He pointed out that this is a good sign that the teen-agers are beginning to rise to meet the challenge of future leadership of CHAOS. And "recover" they did! The story of Walter Hird and David Conrad (Order of the Purple Lanyard) appears on page 25

Report to Active Cannoneers Chaotic Activities

JUNE 1963

From Cannon House — 4329 West Semple Street
Lawton Wood — Seattle 99, Washington, U.S.A.

BRITISH GIRL SEARCHES FOR ABUSED CANNON

A young lady who lives in South Kensington, London, and who has recently been recruited into CHAOS, has been named "Leader; British Scouting Unit for Detection of Abused Cannon."

Cannon House repudiates any thought that British subjects are prone to the abuse of old muzzle-loaders. However, around the Chaotic world we have found cannon which are used for profane purposes, such as door stops, building foundations or flower pots. Worse yet, many are melted for metal from time to time.

So, Bernice A. Noble, 10 Wetherby Gardens, South Kensington S. W. 5, London, will notify Cannon House of any cannon-abuse, which will lead to action by our twenty-two alert Cannon Hunters in England. She has authority to suggest recruits who will support her efforts.



CHAOS PATCHES AVAILABLE

The famous CHAOS Patch, in gold and silver thread on a red velvet background is available from Cannon House, Lawton Wood, Seattle 99, Washington. It's sold at cost, TO MEMBERS ONLY, at five bucks, postpaid. It measures 3" x 4½".

Members usually wear this outstanding patch on shoulders or breasts of sports clothing, or for other ornamentation.

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WHAT KINDA CANNON?

Here's a cannon identification which has Cannon House backed against a caisson! The gun belongs to Cannoneer Gordon Brennan of Seattle, who got it from the Kotzebue Sound area in Alaska. It was recovered in dredging.

The barrel is 24-inches long, cylindrical, and about 1¼" thick. The 2½" bore is smooth, and extends 18" into the barrel. A slightly-slanted vent is located six inches from the breech end.

Being without trunnions or evidence of any other mounting, it evidently was suspended by two heavy iron rings when fired.

CANNON FROM CASTRO!

Old "Whiskers" Castro is twelve (12) cannon short on his inventory because of salvage activities by Cannoneer Ray Gladding, 415 Francis Street, Key West, Florida, a marine salvage expert.

Ray's raid in Cuban waters wasn't recorded in either military or civilian records. However it is verified by Cannoneer Henry S. Tusler of Deer Harbor, Washington, who was there when Ray brought these captured guns to Key West.

Nobody would attempt to impeach Cannoneer Tusler's testimony, as he is Governor of the Republic of Coon Island, in the San Juan group of northwest Washington. Also Commodore of Coon Island Yacht Club. Also Henry gives CHAOS photographic proof, as shown on this page.

The photo indicates that the guns are not exactly in mint condition, as they came from the sea-bottom adjacent to a Cuban shore battery.

From the covering of coral and barnacles, they may have been there for two or three centuries, so Castro won't be too sad about their loss.

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CHAOS AT FORT CASEY

Cannoneer Joe Whiting of Seattle, author of "Forts of the State of Washington" and "Forts of the State of California," announces that two 3" guns have been brought from Fort Wint in the Philippine Islands and mounted at old Fort Casey on Whidbey Island in Washington State. CHAOS had hoped that two "disappearing" rifles from Wint could be placed at Casey, where such guns were once mounted.

The Fort Wint guns are reported to be the last of these weapons in existence. The U. S. Navy, however, estimated such a high price for dismantling and shipping the big rifles, that they are now being left to disintegrate on foreign shores.

Anyone got a CHAOTIC idea?

CHAOS IN CANARY ISLANDS

A cannon named "Tiger" is on display in the Canary Islands as a reminder that British forces failed to capture the Island of Teneriffe, off the African coast, on July 25, 1797.

Local tradition states that this cannon was responsible for the loss of an arm by Admiral Horatio Nelson of the British Admiralty.



"DER ALTE OBERST"

Colonel Jack Stoddard, who traveled the world for years in search of old cannon and other military artifacts, has settled down in California to catalog his saleable materials, and to continue his expert handicraft in producing authentic military mannikins.

His many Chaotic friends can reach him at P.O. Box 1393, La Jolla, California. He lives at Park Manor, 525 Spruce Street.

Much of the famous cannon collection of Howard Brown was discovered and acquired by Cannoneer Jack. He supplied many other collectors, who will regret that he has retired from prowling Europe for military materiel.

HOWARD BROWN'S CANNON COLLECTION

Cannon collectors will know that the famous Howard Brown collection, originally assembled at Cannon House, Ambler, Pennsylvania, has been mostly sold by Bob Abels of New York.

Bob published a beautiful 56-page catalogue on the late Howard Brown's list of over 250 full-size cannon and models.

We believe that a few pieces may still be available by writing to Robert Abels, 860 Lexington Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

Many of us who knew Howard and his devotion to old cannon, strongly regretted the separation of his collection. However, it was just too large and too valuable to attract a single purchaser.

CHAOS IN LONDON

Organized by Cannoneer Philip Jefferis, with the help of other British Cannon Hunters, an outstanding Chaotic Dinner was held at Junior Army & Navy Club in London on September 21, 1962.

Among the notables present were:

Philip Jefferis, who lives at Woodford Green in Essex, and who holds CHAOS CARD No. 1000.

Roger Jefferis, Wreck School, Theydon Bois, Essex.

A. Norris Kennard, Assistant to Master of The Armouries, H.M. Tower of London.

Val J. Forgett, Jr., Service Armament Company, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Geoffrey Harwood, Circulation Manager of LONDON DIVER.

Robert P. Gees, of Yorkshire, designer and manufacturer of miniature cannon.

Robin Wigington of Stratford-On-Avon, expert on antique arms.

Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, to CHAOS and to absent friends were proposed by Phil Jefferis, and proceedings were tape recorded throughout. Geoff Harwood took good photos.

Saint Barbara medallions, honoring the Patron Saint of artillerists, were given to all present by Val Forgett. A cabled greeting from Cannon House was read.

The conclusion of the evening was well described by Cannoneer Phil Jefferis as follows: "We eventually moved from the dining room to the bar, and were most discretely thrown out at a very late hour."

CANNON HUNTERS DINE IN LONDON



Menu

SMOKED TROUT

TOMATO SOUP

ENTRECOTE STEAK
OR
FILLET SOLE BONNE FEMME

PEAS, BROCCOLI, NEW POTATOES

WELSH RAREBIT AND MUSHROOMS

COFFEE

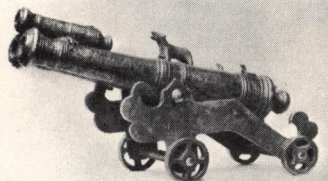
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

C.H.A.O.S.

ABSENT FRIENDS

JUNIOR ARMY AND NAVY CLUB



FIJI ISLANDER

INVADES CHICAGO

One of the world's most scholarly and efficient Cannon Hunters has recently abandoned an important post in the Fiji Islands to become Custodian of the Anthropological Department of Chicago Natural History Museum.

Christopher C. Legge, Ch.D., author of a brilliant treatise on old cannon in the South Pacific, probably is the world authority on that subject. He knows every old cannon on every South Pacific island in the British Protectorate.

Cannoneer Legge has now furnished Cannon House with descriptions and photographs of all the cannon in the Chicago Museum. He previously sent from Levuka, Fiji, the photo herewith of a three-barrel gun used in Sarawak to purchase a bride, or reasonable facsimile. Chris didn't explain the coyote amidships.

CHAOS IN DENVER

Hundreds of our Cannon Hunters are enthusiastic builders of scale-models of famous guns. Most of them are painfully exact in their work.

An excellent example is shown in the accompanying photo. This quarter-scale model of the U.S. 12-pounder Napoleon (Mod. 1857) is the handiwork of Cannoneer J. C. MacLachlan, 2141 South Wolcott Court, Denver 19, Colorado.

It's fully equipped and ready for action!

WHO WANTS \$250?

Perhaps this reward has already been earned by some naval gun expert, as we were late to learn of the offer.

Anyway, for what it's worth, Albert Lovett Corporation, 305 ElCerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, California, offers the reward for identification of two old navy guns on their property. Markings are "C. A. & Co.," "BOSTON" and "815."

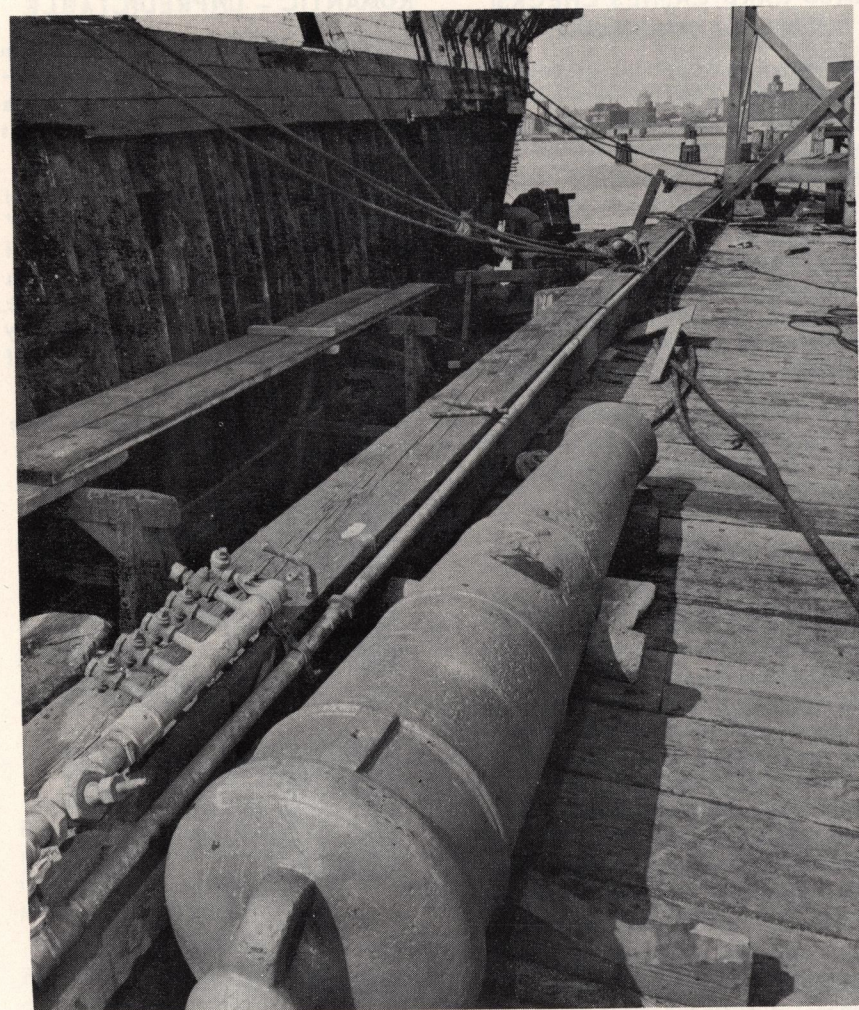
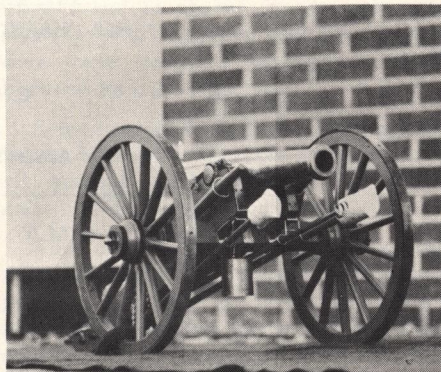
Cannoneers who believe that they might identify these guns should write to the Corporation at the above address. Perhaps Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz might give some clues. The address of Cannoneer Nimitz is 728 Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley, California.

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SORRY, NO HONORS LIST IN THIS ISSUE

We offer a CHAOTIC apology for non-publication of "Honors" in this edition. Our Honors Committee, which rules on Cannonizations and awards of Ch.D. degrees and the Order of the Purple Landyard, is far behind in its investigations. A list of all recent Honors recipients will be found in the next REPORT.

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A FIGHTING SHIP - U.S. "FRIGATE CONSTELLATION"

Docked at Pier 4, Pratt Street, in Baltimore, is the first ship of the United States Navy, which also is the world's oldest vessel still afloat.

The photo herewith shows a detail of the restoration process, and an original British 18-pounder cannon, dated 1798. This remarkable photo was sent to CHAOS for use in this Report by Cannoneer John R. Schneid of Baltimore, Chairman of the Museum Committee, U.S. Frigate CONSTELLATION.

Historically-minded Cannon Hunters may know that this famous warship was built in Baltimore in 1795-1797, and was launched on September 7, 1797. After a long and successful fighting career, she became a training ship at Annapolis in 1880.

Help is needed to continue restoration. Donations may be made to "Constellation, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

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CHAOS CARD CASHES CHECKS! (When all others fail!)

Cannoneer Jack Jarvis, of Seattle's POST INTELLIGENCER, who clandestinely prints CHAOS membership cards on his private press, flattered CHAOS recently in the "Crazy Credentials" department of his popular newspaper column.

Jack reported the futile efforts of a Seattle man who tried to cash a check in Los Angeles. The stony-faced banker sneered at the usual identification, but cashed the check AT ONCE when he spotted a CHAOS card in the man's wallet!

"That did it" was the banker's remark as he began stacking the loot. CHAOS presumes this was an admission of recognition, not resignation!

"PAUL REVERE" GUNS FOUND IN AUSTRALIA! (Historic cannon pop-up down-under!)

Many CHAOS members will recollect the discovery and identification of several authentic "Paul Revere" brass cannon in Seattle and eastern Canada. Within the past year, Cannoneer James E. Lewis, of Newcastle, Australia, has found two cannon in Australia which appear to be identical; including the old Massachusetts coat-of-arms. They bear the numerals "395" and "397" respectively on the trunnions.

These were purchased in Sydney in about 1880, by an Australian family for the purpose of arming a trade schooner. It appears possible that they were brought to Sydney by American whaling ships. The guns are now owned by A.B.S. White and are located at "Carrington House," Karuah via Newcastle, N.S.W., together with other historic guns.

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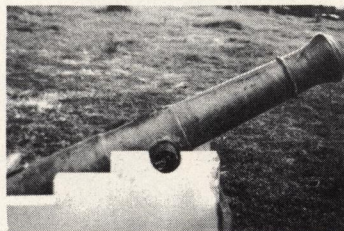
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ROMANTIC - UNPREDICTABLE

Probably none of our 1,150 Cannon Hunters around the world is a more successful and vigorous treasure-seeker than Teddy Tucker of Bermuda, British West Indies.

The SATEVEPOST's two-part story of his escapades, "Adventure Is My Life," tags Teddy as "Master of a romantic and unpredictable trade." His recovery of an old cannon from a prehistoric shipwreck was featured in LIFE magazine, and Teddy was "Cannonized" by the Great Guns of CHAOS.

(Ruddy good go, Teddy old chap. Hope you have a go at it again).



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Twenty-three members of The Explorers Club of New York City are also members of CHAOS.

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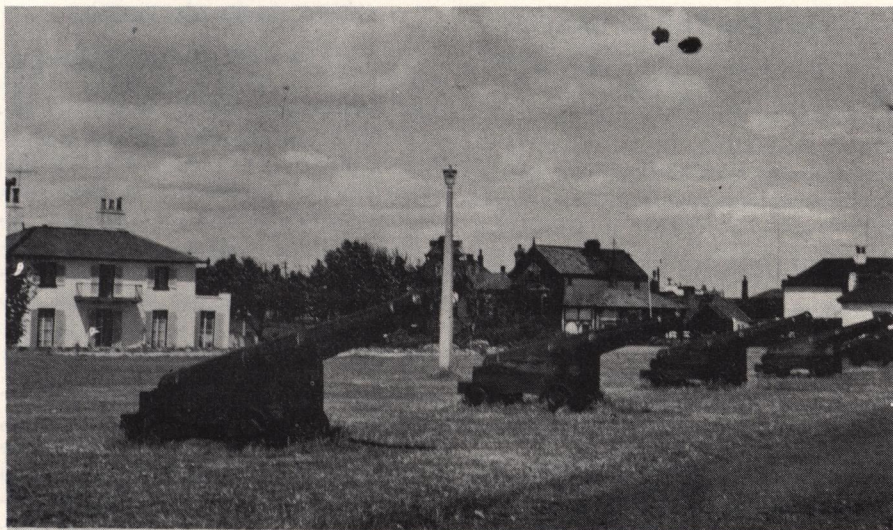
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CANNON WEDDINGS

"Shotgun Weddings" have been in vogue around the world since shotguns were invented. Before that, there probably were plenty of "War Club Weddings." Cannon Weddings are much more recent, more jovial, and more fun for the groom!

The beautiful little "Wedding Cannon" shown on this page was described on page 8 of our April 1960 report. We have not a record of the number of nuptial events which this cannon has dominated, but it scores very high.

Cannon Hunters who commit matrimony are not **required** to include cannon in the ceremony, but it certainly gives them a lot of credit at Cannon House. We might add that much greater velocity and accuracy may be imparted to rice when shot from a cannon. (Use long-grain rice for distant targets, and quick rice for snap-shooting.)

CHAOS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

One of our most distinguished Cannon Hunters, Colonel Charles W. Furlong, of Scituate, Massachusetts, is temporarily at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, combining his famous Tierra del Fuego collection with the Stefansson Collection at Baker Library.

Over fifty years ago, Colonel Furlong was the first American and the second white man to penetrate Tierra del Fuego.

Included in his priceless collection are twelve wax records of songs and speech of native tribes which now are completely extinct.

During his long and colorful career, the Colonel has explored in almost every corner of the world. A publication, "The Uttermost Part of the Earth," (Polar Notes No. 3, November 1961) gives a brief description of his exploits.



SOLDIERS' BATTLE: GETTYSBURG

Only a Cannon Hunter could have written this epic of the Civil War. The Cannon Hunter who rates the special CHAOS 11-gun salute is author James Warner Bellah, of Santa Monica, California.

Here's one that MUST be in every Cannoneer's shelf. It's in the book stores now, and selling heavily.

When Jim's not writing TV scripts, or stories for SATEVEPOST, he studies history. That's why "Soldiers' Battle" was a strong contender for the Pulitzer Prize in history this year.

One of Jim's epics appeared in SATEVEPOST on April 20, 1957; "The Courtship of Sergeant Postle." Who else could have invented an artillery character who courted his future wife with a Civil War cannon? Postle was so realistic that he was recruited into CHAOS, of which he remains a member. (ed. note: Capt. Horatio Horfblower is also a member).

Incidentally, Postle's creator will probably soon be elected president of the Screen Writers' Guild. Also, he will be the headliner at the Pacific Northwest Writers' Conference in Seattle this summer.

CHAOS TAKES A POWDER!

Who will come to the aid of a Cannoneer in a black (powder) mood? Anyway, here's the letter:

Gentlemen:

HELP!

I am trying to build a full size replica of a 24-pound muzzle loading shipboard cannon, circa 1790/1800, which can be used for saluting.

In order to make this a "do it yourself" home project, I intend to build from the barrel outwards, by using a sleeved, low carbon, high tensile steel tube.

Before I can specify the tube, I must know the maximum pressure and curve for a black powder or mixture suitable for this purpose.

For saluting purposes the noise is prime, although for visual effect I would like to get flash and smoke. The load would consist only of the powder bag and a ball would never be used.

The authentic bore is 5-7/8" although I could make the firing chamber sub caliber if necessary.

I am most anxious to receive this information, however I would only work with the standard commercially available powders or mixtures, as I am not interested in having any special powder made.

Any and all comments, suggestions, hints, clues and specific information would be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours

(signed) E. H. Hirsch

Ed's address is 72 Grand Ave., Ridgefield Park, N. J.

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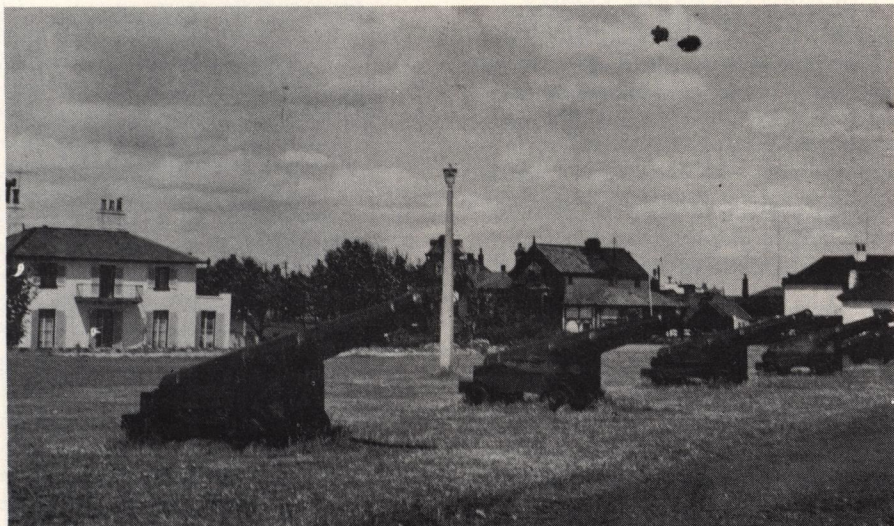
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The 1450 yard range of the guns has never actually been used in anger. Salutes have been fired at various times though, the only unfortunate incident connected with them taking place when they were fired, for the last time, to mark the birthday of the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) on 9th November 1842. No one in the town being capable of manning them, the coastguard provided volunteer crews. As No. 1 gun was being reloaded for the second round the charge exploded prematurely and instantly killed James Martin. The crew lacked experience and their drill left much to be desired. This accident may well be the origin of a strong local legend that one of the guns is haunted.

Since that time the cannon have been, apart from 1939 - 45, on their place on Gun Hill. In the 1914-18 war the Germans,

Much of the foregoing has been obtained from Major-General P. J. Mackesy's book "The Southwold Guns", while grateful acknowledgement is also made to Major T. E. Skewes-Cox, curator of the Southwold Museum, and to H. Townsend Esq., Town Clerk of Southwold.

From Privy Council Documents Held in Record Office

"A proportion of stores for the six 18 pounders Iron ordnance proposed to be sent to Southwold in Suffolk for Security and Defense of that place prepared pursuant to an Order made by a Committee of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council dated 19th November, 1645.

Iron Ordnance	18 pounders	6
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Beds	18 pounders	6

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Six 18 pounder culverins have stood on Southwold's Gun Hill overlooking the sea since 1745. The guns are much older than that though, as they date from the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and bear the Tudor badge of the Rose and Crown. Exactly when they were made and where is not known, but like most antiquities, and old cannon in particular, a certain amount of legend has attached itself to them over the centuries.

There is a tradition that the guns were given to Southwold by no less than the Duke of Cumberland who was said to have captured them from the Young pretender at Culloden. It is said that when sailing from Scotland to London after his victory he landed at Southwold and gave the cannon to the town as a mark of gratitude for the enthusiastic reception given to himself and his troops. Nevertheless the Scots at Culloden had no guns bigger than 4 pounders, the Duke of Cumberland did not return to London by sea from this battle but by road, and in any case the battle was fought in 1746, a year after records show that the guns were delivered to Southwold.

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We don't believe in dues or assessments. In fact we don't like to bother with money at all. However, we have to pay for postage, and - eventually - pay the printer for each issue of CHAOS REPORT.

All we ask of you Cannoneers is to relieve yourselves of any qualms of conscience by accepting dishonestly-acquired money. "Money" may include wampum, short-snorter bills, stock in defunct, gold mines or legitimate currency of any country in the world - just so it's tainted.

Cannoneer takes the liberty of relieving (his)(her) conscience by donating dishonest to keep Cannon House out of Debtor's Court.

Thanks for your acceptance,

Signed.....



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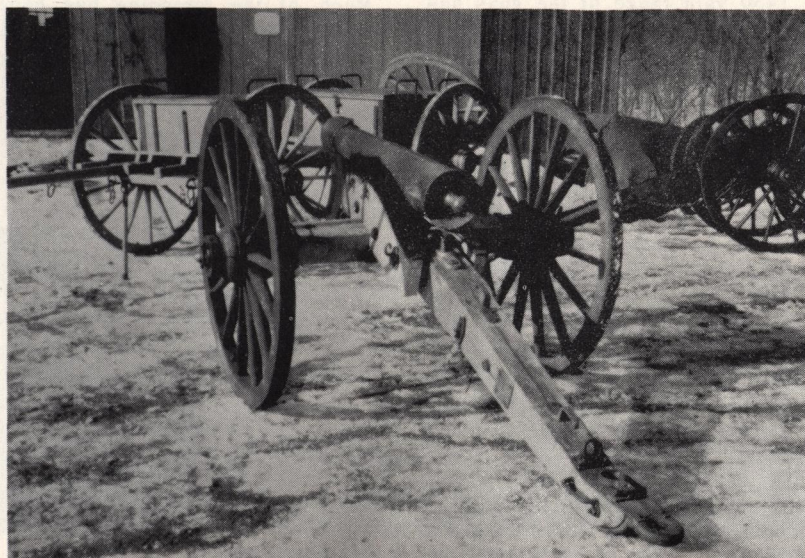
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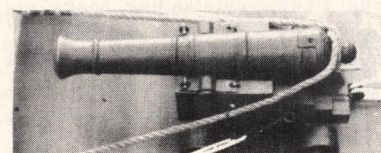
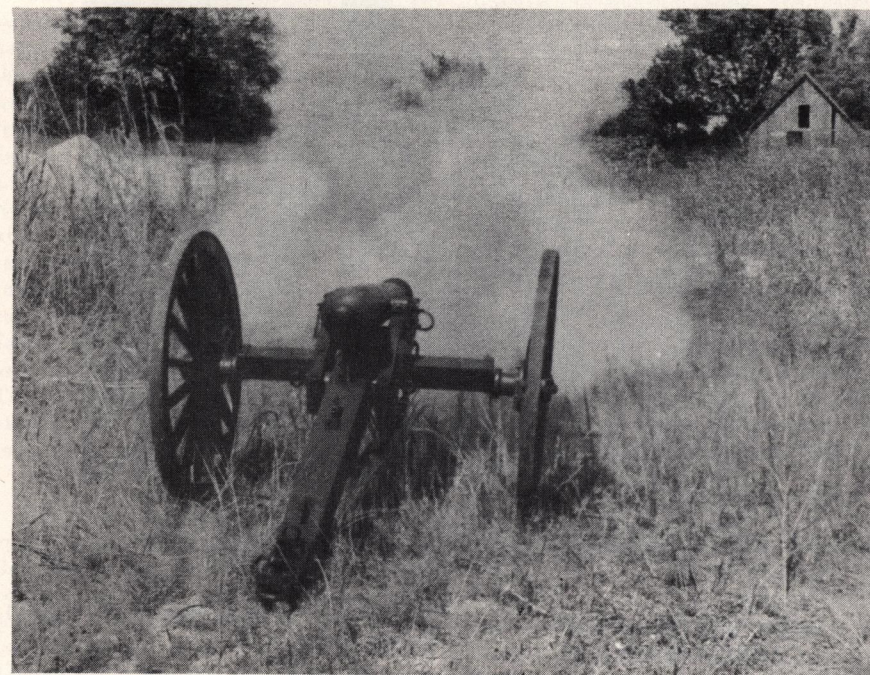
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MEET THE ERWINS

The Army and Navy are happily combined in Erwin Brothers of Dallas, Texas, who make and sell exact replicas and scale models of cannon which pre-date the Civil War's termination. They specialize in guns of the American Revolution.

Both Commander Hugh M. Erwin, USNR, and Major James Q. Erwin, USAR, are Honorary Curators of the Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. They started making Revolutionary War cannon at the museum's request, so that authentic scale models of that period might be displayed at Fort Sill. Our recently-departed Cannon Hunter, Colonel Harry Larter, Jr., "A real horse artilleryman," helped the Erwins materially.

We suggest that collector-members write Erwin Brothers at 3914 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas 19, Texas, for their excellent catalog of "Artillery and Cannon Scale Models." (See photos herewith).

An exhaustive search has failed to turn up any of the other 7. The one is No. 8, the last of the batch, and is apparently the only one of the 8 which has survived.

Since its recovery, the gun has been entrusted to the care of Cannoneer Reuben Darby, and has, under his direction, traveled all over the country and has seen service in numerous re-enactments. It had the honor of firing the first shot at the re-enactment of the firing on "The Star Of The West" at Charleston.

The photograph, which is the only one I have at the moment, shows the tube on its new carriage (courtesy of Mr. Darby) at his "arsenal" at Big Pool, Md.



MEET MEXICO'S TOP CANNON HUNTER

Among the 1150 members of CHAOS, there are many whose personalities and activities are "incredible," as our Mexican Cannon Hunters would phrase it. In the top bracket of these vital personages is Cannoneer Pablo Bush Romero of Mexico City.

"Paul," as he is called by intimates, is a world traveler, archeologist, historian, big-game hunter, linguist, diver, author of several books, financier and business executive.

A few years ago, Paul organized many of Mexico's "skin divers" into "Club de los Hombres Ranos de Mexico," - "frog men" to English addicts. Later, this group expanded into "CEDAM," or "Club de Exploraciones y Deportes Acuaticos de Mexico."

This group, which includes scores of Mexico's most prominent citizens, is primarily interested in underwater archeology. They have searched extensively for historic sites by land and sea, including ancient "cenotes," or sacred wells, and very-old Spanish shipwrecks.

With group of divers, Romero (in center) admires loot.

Among Paul's outstanding books are "My Adventures With Lions and Tigers," and "Mexico and Africa From the Sight of My Rifle." He has also written extensively for magazines and newspapers in Mexico and the United States.

In archeology, Don Pablo works with several professional organizations in both countries, and is an active member of the Explorer's Club of New York City.

Our space is inadequate to list Cannoneer Romero's activities and honors, but we fervently hope that many of our members will plan to meet this dynamic person. His address is: Don Pablo Bush Romero, c/o CEDAM, Ave. Jalisco 127, Mexico 18, D. F. Mexico.

Working platform and airlift at bottom of cenote in Yucatan on a typical Romero-directed probe.

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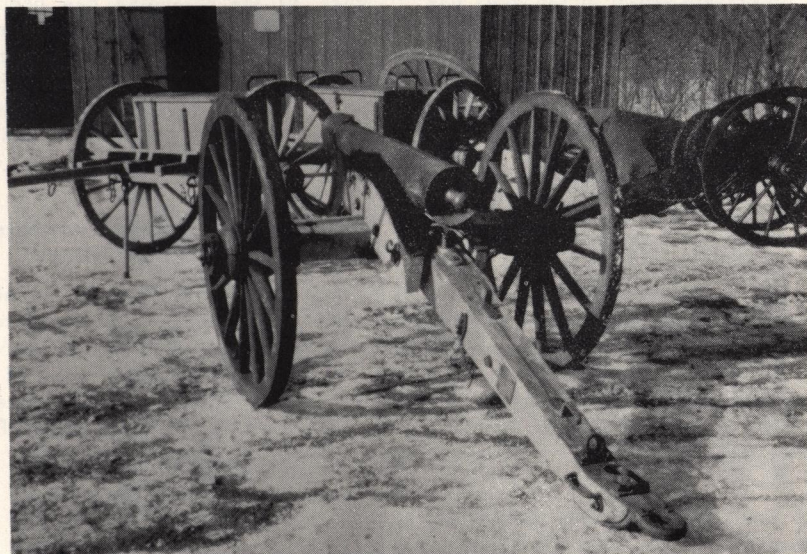
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"B. P. & CO." CANNON ORIGIN SOLVED

CHAOS has world-wide records of old muzzle-loading cannon bearing the inscription, "B.P. & Co." on the barrel. After years of assiduous inquiry, we have secured authentic identification from Cannoneer Valmore J. Forgett, Jr., of Service Armament Co., West Englewood, N. J., P.O. Box 171.

Val proved his value to CHAOS by locating the foundry in which these guns were cast, and to carry matters even further, he purchased all the original drawings and blue prints! (How's THAT for Cannon Hunting?).

They were manufactured by Bailey Pegg & Company of London, from 1812 until 1860. Val will send photostats of the original blueprints to any owner of a B. P. & Co. cannon, on receipt of a request and a description of markings and dimensions.

Incidentally, Service Armament Co. probably has the world's largest privately-owned collection of cannon.

ARTILLERYMAN GETS PURPLE LANYARD

Two distinguished British Cannon Hunters recently met for a ceremonial purpose; namely, to award the Order of the Purple Lanyard to Major J. G. D. Elvin of Sallyport, 2 Midways, Stubbington Hants. (If you're confused, that is near Foreham!).

The Lanyard and Citation were presented by Colonel R. H. Willis, OBE, TD, of Portsmouth, Hants.

Both have distinguished military records; too long for printing in our brief REPORT. Cannoneer Elvin was decorated by CHAOS because of his valuable activities in training gun crews, using authentic British manuals which date back to muzzle-loading days.

NO AGE LIMIT IN CHAOS

CHAOS has no limitations in membership because of age. Since diving became a popular sport, many of our recruits have been teen-agers.

FANTASTIC FISHING! SUPERB CANNON HUNTING!

Cannoneer Emmett Gowan offers "Floating Safaris" along the Caribbean Coast of Mexico. All who have fished with him swear that there's no better fishing in the world. His rates are reasonable, compared with what he offers!

TRUE magazine quotes Emmett: "I found the ultimate logoon, so remote that ancient pyramid ruins there are still undisturbed. It's wild, yet accessible, and the fishing's fantastic."

Emmett's tropical paradise in the Yucatan Channel is 650 miles south of New Orleans. It's reached by boat from Merida airport, which means a two-hour Pan American flight from New Orleans or Miami.

Emmett's address: Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Oh, yes — while you're at it, you might keep an eye out for old cannon. The bottom's lousy with OLD shipwrecks!

CHAOS IN OREGON (PATCHWORK JOB)

Cannoneer (Lt. Cdr.) Dick Robertson, of Portland, Oregon, a Great Gun of CHAOS, has been given supervision of Chaotic activities within his State. Dick, who is one of our more-violent Cannon Hunters, has many international friendships resulting from his Navy career. He recently arranged with a reliable Hong Kong firm to manufacture our CHAOS patches; formerly made in West Germany.

CHAOS ON RHODE ISLAND (CANNON RULED OUT OF ORDER)

They "didn't know it was loaded" when Rhode Islanders placed a captured Civil War cannon in their State House nearly a century ago. When a curious cannon-hunter recently found that the gun was heavily loaded with old powder, an ordnance detail whisked the gun to a safe location and blew out the charge.

SHIPWRECKS, UNLIMITED

A new underwater organization, and a new underwater magazine have been established by Cannoneer John R. Clark of Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory, Highlands, New Jersey.

Although the essential purpose is for fish-watching and recording, much of this undersea prowling will be around old shipwrecks. Old shipwrecks often mean old cannon. Q.E.D.

The organization is American Littoral Society — nicknamed "Fish Watchers." The publication is "Underwater Naturalist." Each costs members \$3.00 per year. Address: c/o Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory, Highlands, New Jersey.

A basic function of A.L.S. is to prevent destruction of old shipwrecks along the American seacoast. That should prove a strong bond between A.L.S. and CHAOS.

VASA CANNON FIRED AFTER 335 YEARS!

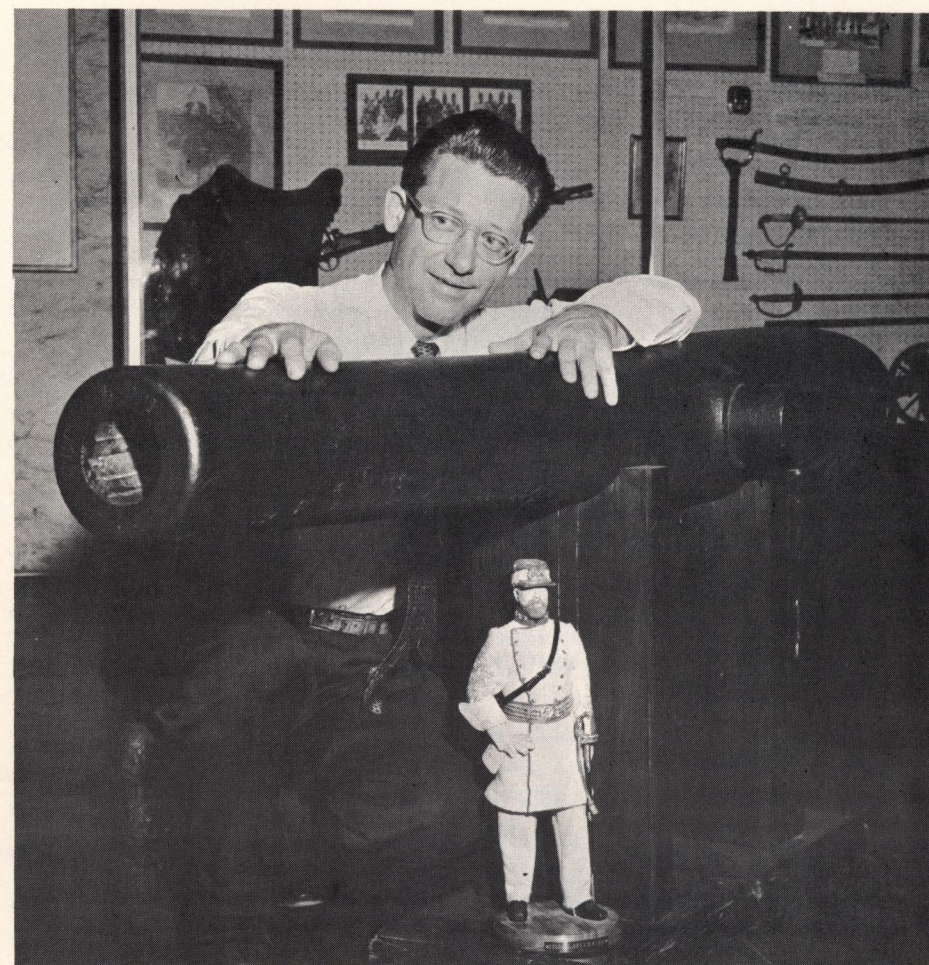
A prime attraction at "Century 21," Seattle's World's Fair of 1962, was a 3,200-pound cannon from the Swedish man-of-war VASA. Blasts from this historic weapon opened and closed the big show, and shook the Swedish exhibit building on other prime occasions.

A unique angle to this cannonading was the fact that no shot had previously been fired from the gun! The VASA, built in 1628 at the Naval Dockyard in Stockholm, foundered on her maiden voyage, and was raised from her 18-fathom grave only recently.

CHAOS salutes Sweden for this very significant contribution to the success of the World's Fair.

CHAOS IN MEMPHIS

Cannoneer Robert J. Trammel, Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A. is organizing a nine-man chapter of CHAOS in his area. One of the nine — all of whom are outstanding — is the great grandson of General Nathaniel Bedford Forrest, famous Civil war confederate cavalry leader.



CANNONEERS' PARADISE

What better vacation for Cannon Hunters than a trip to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to visit one of the world's most interesting cannon museum?

Dr. Gillett Griswold, director of the Artillery and Missile Center Museum, a member of CHAOS, knows every cannon in the place.

Dr. James C. Hazlett of Wheeling, West Virginia, a Cannon Hunter and expert on Civil War ordnance, recently made an important study in the museum. He identified a 3" Union ordnance rifle in the museum's Hamilton Hall as one of nine

Dr. Gillett Griswold, USAAMC Museum Director, sights down barrel of Union Civil War cannon he traced to 1864 battle in which it was captured by Confederate forces.

— U. S. Army photograph

pieces captured by Confederate General Ambrose P. Hill at the battle of Ream's Station, Virginia, in 1864.

He identified the gun through foundry numbers which General Hill had recorded after the capture. The markings were "No. 542 CCC, P. I. Co., 1862." The "P. I. Co." was Phoenix Iron Company of Phoenix, Pennsylvania.

OLD CANNON NEVER DIE!

Not if they're properly treated! Otherwise they'll just "oxidize away."

The following formula is recommended by CHAOS; It is formulated to save cannon which recently were recovered off the New Hampshire coast by young Cannon Hunters Walter Hird and David Conrad:

1. Paint trunions with very weak nitric acid to bring out name and date of manufacture and name of ship.

2. Using clear household creosote, spray the entire cannon, then wrap in wet rags and newspapers. This wrapping should be kept wet by twice-daily hosing down for about a month. The muzzle should be blocked off with wet cloth also, unless barrel has been spiked—a sign the cannon was ditched deliberately.

3. With string twine, wrap length of barrel in three-inch spiral.

4. At end of a month unwrap and dip in bath of sodium sulphate solution.

5. Try to find the firing pin hole by probing breech end of cannon with ice pick.

WORTH THE TROUBLE —

While soaking cannon in solution run an electric current through until the voltmeter reading drops.

Keep repeating this electrolytic process until you reach bare metal.

It's a long and difficult process, but worth it if you can restore a fine old historic relic to viewable condition.

On cannon balls, the story is a little different.

There's the little matter of a powder charge which may still be potent and is very possibly very unstable — able to blow up unexpectedly. The museum (and CHAOS) recommends contacting the Navy or Army on this problem (before it REALLY becomes one!).

AIRPORT MANAGERS, MUSICIANS, SURVEYORS, ENGINEERS AND BUILDERS USE CANNON

To the scores of uses for cannon, other than standard military employment, CHAOS had added six more. The original town survey of Santa Rosa, California, uses a reference point which is an upright cannon barrel, buried many years ago for this purpose, at a downtown street intersection.

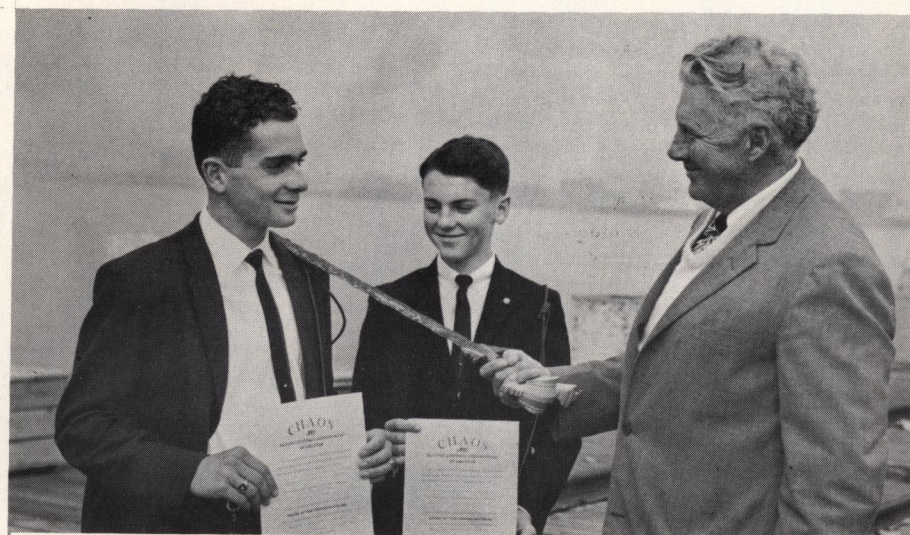
In Burbank, California, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation uses a 20 mm cannon to fire a cut into high-strength metals. J. C. Wassall, Director of Engineering, reports the cutting speed to be 16 times faster than standard methods with aluminum, and 6000 times faster with hardened steel.

The high column in Place Vendome, Paris, is fabricated from 1200 cannon captured by French troops at the Battle of Austerlitz.

When the raging Snoqualmie River in western Washington washed out 1600 feet of cross-state highway during flood stages, State Highway officials rushed a National Guard 155 mm howitzer to the scene. Additional highway loss was averted when the gun blasted away a 150-foot bluff which was steering the torrent against the highway grade.

Washington National Airport, in the Nation's capitol, has resorted to cannon-fire as a remedy to infestation by Starlings. Ten small cannon now shoot at intervals during daylight hours to chase birds off the runways. Airport officials plan an increase in the battery to 18 pieces.

To test acoustical qualities of the new Philharmonic Hall in New York's Lincoln Center, a small cannon was used in sound tests which continued for over a week. Quite obviously, only blank charges were used, as the hall's cost exceeded 15 million bucks!



TEEN-AGE CANNON HUNTERS AWARDED PURPLE LANYARD

Two 15-year-old Cannon Hunters were awarded the Order of the Purple Lanyard on September 23, 1962 by our distinguished member, Edward Rowe Snow of Marshfield, Massachusetts.

Walter H. Hird, Jr. of Methuen, Massachusetts and David Conrad of Lawrence, recovered two old cannon and several cannon balls while diving off Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, last summer.

These are from the wreck of the mast ship Essex, which foundered on November 30, 1764. Walter appears on left



ALASKA IS LOUSY WITH CANNON

Because of his many findings of old Russian cannon in Alaska, Gordon N. Brennan of Seattle has been named a Great Gun of CHAOS. Gordon handles Shell Oil Company's Northwest Marketing Division, which gives him a fine excuse to prowl around Alaska in search of old muzzle loaders.

The photo on this page shows Cannoneer Brennan checking over some of his miniature cannon, most of which are "firing" pieces.

CHAOS hopes to have his story on Russian guns in Alaska for publication in our next issue. There's no better cannon-hunting territory in the United States.

VAL'S ON THE WAY UP

One of our most vigorous and ambitious young Cannon Hunters is Val Forgett, Jr., president of Service Armament Company. A recent Saturday Evening Post story headlined Val in its feature, "People On the Way Up." Now in his early thirties, he has a tremendous armament business, and is a world-wide traveler. In 1961, he sold weapons valued at over a half-million bucks!

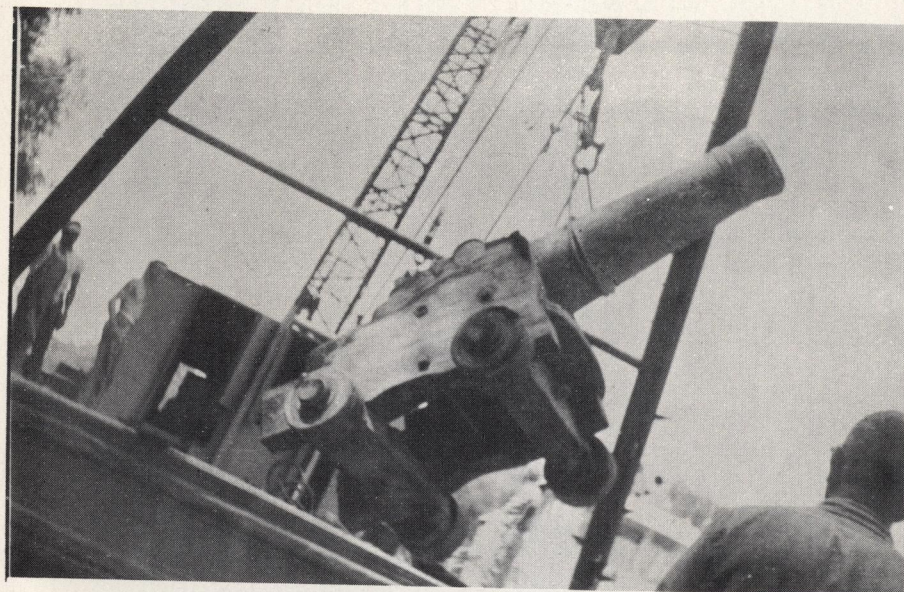
If Val Forgett and Cannoneer Sam Cummings ever got together, there will be little room in the world for other arms dealers.

When Val's at home, he can be located at 689 Bergen Boulevard, Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Keep Chaos Rolling



"It's a conversation piece."



CHAOS IN VICKSBURG

Vicksburg Cannon-Hunters, organized as a non-profit corporation named "Operation CAIRO," have located and are salvaging the Union ironclad CAIRO which was torpedoed on December 12, 1862.

Active in this undertaking is Cannoneer Ed Bearss, Regional Historian of National Park Service at Richmond, Virginia.

His group has salvaged an 8-inch naval gun and carriage from the wreck, as shown in the photograph herewith. They have hopes of recovering twelve other cannon which are on the CAIRO. They may also raise the ironclad, if their funds and energy hold out.

Good hunting, Vicksburgers!

CHAOS IN ITALY

It seems that many of our Cannon Hunters perform outstanding feats in foreign parts, of which no hint ever reaches Cannon House. For instance, Cannoneer David B. Bannerman, Jr., of 142 Revere Road, Manhasset, N.Y., saved two famous old Italian Cannon from destruction for scrap in May, 1959, at Castellammare di Stabia, just below Naples.

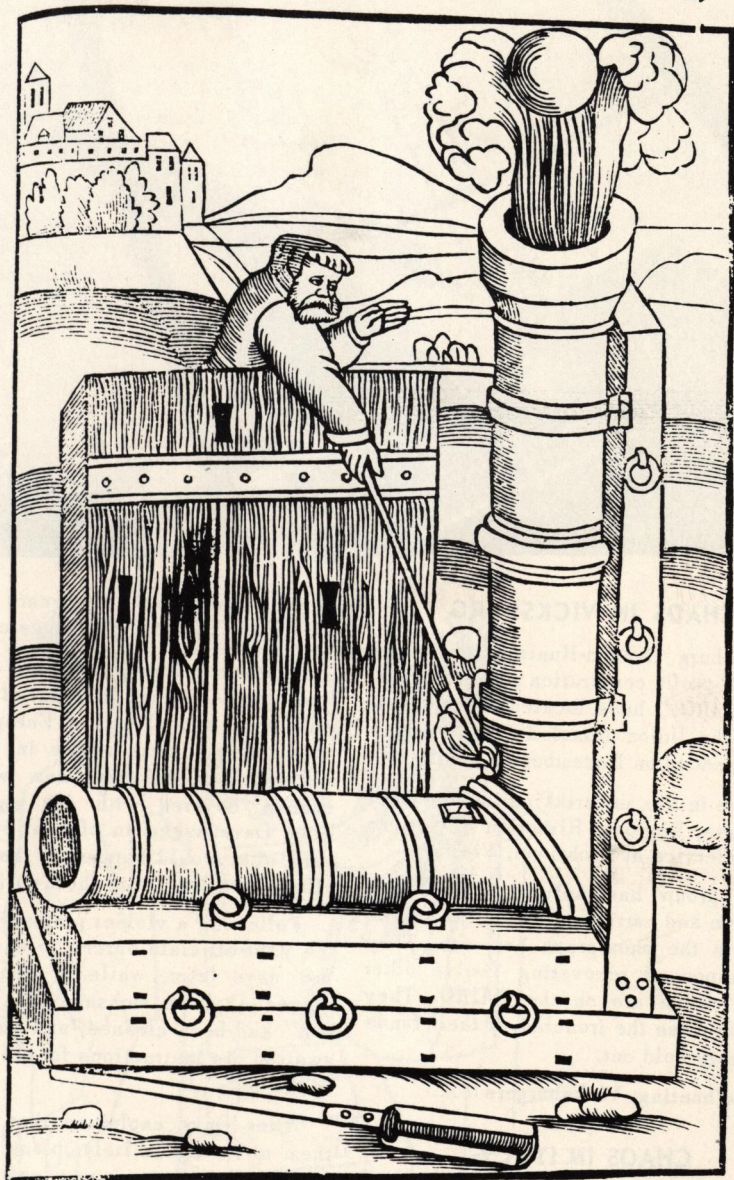
These guns, over 300 years old, date back to the time of "The Kings of Naples."

Cannoneer Dave, with two colleagues from the American Bureau of Shipping, was on an annual tour of European countries. Among some rubble in the Naval-meccanica di Stabia, he saw two fine old cannon covered with dirt and cement. When Dave asked an official of the shipyard what would happen to the guns, the official replied, "Cut them up for scrap!"

Following a violent protest from Dave, the yard officials agreed to save them. A few days later, while in Genoa, he received a phone message that "his cannon" had been cleaned, and that the yard awaited his instructions for shipping them to the U.S.

After Dave explained that he wanted them to remain in Italy, plans were made to install them near new entrance gates to the shipyard.

This is a clear and outstanding case of "recovery from destructive agencies," as stated in CHAOS rules, and Dave's name is before the Great Guns for Canonization. There's no doubt about his qualifying, after which his friends may call him "Saint David."



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Once in a while some evidence pops up to convince us that cannoneering ain't what it used to be! For instance, the accompanying drawing; many centuries old; proves that our forebears had cannon which could be used either to repel ground attack, or to act as anti-aircraft guns. The whiskered cannoneer evidently lurks in a stout box to prevent being "hoist by his own petard."