

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dept. of California & Pacific



Civil War Memorial Assessment Form

(Form CWM #61)

Used for periodic assessments of the condition of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Civil War memorials in the Department of California & Pacific, SUVCW (includes California, Nevada and Hawaii)

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Case Name: CA-Santa Barbara-Santa Barbara-Armory-4.2-in-Parrott Rifle

State: California
County: Santa Barbara
Location:
 California National Guard Armory, 700 East Canon
 Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA.

Latitude: North 34.42833° (Google Earth)

Longitude: West 119.69212°

Reported by:

Stark list, 2002

Researched by:

Status:

	Under Assessment
X	Needs Further Investigation
	Completed
X	CWM-61 (assessment form) available
	Form CWM-62 (grant application) available

Type:

Cannon, Army Parrott Rifle, 4.2", foundry WPF [West Point Foundry], foundry no. 564, registry no. 154, inspector AM [Alfred Mordecai], cast 1862, weight 4,235 pounds.

Photos:

Right: Photo of armory cannon
 [additional photos on file]



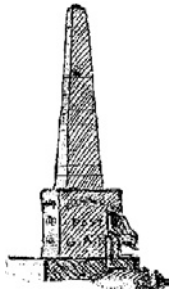
Form 61 link: <http://www.suvpac.org/memorials/forms/61CA-Santa%20Barbara-Santa%20Barbara-Armory-4.2-in-Parrott%20Rifle.pdf>

Notes:

Delivered to Starr King Post, No. 52, GAR, based in Santa Barbara in 1900, under the provisions an Act of Congress approved 22 May 1896. In the 1900 Annual Report of the War Department Chief of Ordnance, the cannon was noted as having been ordered on 6 June 1900, under letter number 34109 with 3 enclosures. The cannon was delivered from Benicia Arsenal, and was one of two 30-pounder Parrotts delivered to Santa Barbara. Accompanying the order was a set of forty 8-inch "shell" (cannon balls).

A concrete "monkey" (triangular rack) designed to hold twenty cannon balls is placed to the cannon's right. No cannon balls are present.

It is said that this cannon and the cannon at Santa Barbara Cemetery were once displayed together. This gun was subsequently moved to its present location for unknown reasons.



Civil War & G.A.R. Memorials Program
Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



DEAN A. ENDERLIN
MEMORIALS OFFICER

Calistoga, California
11 February 2014

Note:

Memorials Assessments for the two 4.2-inch Parrott Rifles on display at the National Guard Armory and Cemetery in Santa Barbara were submitted to the National Civil War Memorials Officer of the SUVCW prior to the development of the standardized Form CWM61.

This submittal includes the 1999 report from then Department Commander (and Memorials Officer) Gene Armistead to Kent Armstrong, Chairman of the SUVCW National Civil War Memorials Committee, together with supporting correspondence from 1998 between DMO Armistead and Roger Knox of Santa Barbara.

D.A.E.



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Gene C. Armistead
Commander
747 Mycorte Drive
Escondido, CA 92026-1824
760-747-5397

Wednesday 27 January 1999

Mr. Kent L. Armstrong, Chairman
SUVCW Nat'l C. W. Memorials Committee
213 East Madison Street
P. O. Box 618
DeWitt, MI 48820-0618

Subject: "CANNON INQUIRY PROJECT"

Dear Brother Armstrong:

Please accept my apologies for being overlong in providing you with this update. And also for the incomplete nature of the report. I had hoped to be able to provide you with information on more cannon and in greater detail but apparently the interest level is just not out there. Some brothers that had indicated willingness (even eagerness) to help by checking in their areas have not done so despite follow-ups.

Only cannon that were not on U.S. government property were checked on (or were: tried to be checked on).

The report of the Dept. of California & Pacific (such as it is) is herewith attached.

Yours in F, C, & L,

UPDATE ON "CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL CANNON"
FROM DEPT. CALIF. & PACIFIC, SUVCW - 01/28/1999

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Wrote to Camp Commanders in Washington. No specific response was received however some notice of the project was given in the November issue of the newsletter of the Gov. Isaac Steven Camp 1. The cover page and 4 pages of the newsletter are copied and attached. The final 2 pages are my letter to them (which is pretty similar to those sent to others soliciting assistance with the project).

STATE OF HAWAII

Only feedback received is that the two 12-lb Bronze Napoleons located at the Cannon Club on Diamond Head, Honolulu, are still there. This officer's club is now closed but still on the military base so can be presumed that they are relatively secure from theft or vandalism and are maintained in good state.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Vallejo &

Glen Ellen : Update from Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 attached.
May be some problem with the cannon that were in Waterfront park (now renamed Vallejo Memorial Park).

Santa Barbara : Update from Roger Knox of Santa Barbara Civil War Council is attached along with photos of the two cannon.
Birds nesting inside the barrels and graffiti seem to be a problem particularly with the one outside Nat'l Guard Armory.

San Luis Obispo : 32-lb Shell Gun in Lady Family-Sutcliff Cemetery report by Ed Strobridge of Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 is attached along with photo of the cannon. It was restored within past few years through efforts of Bro. Strobridge.
1999 Annual Encampment of Dept. Calif. & Pacific will have a Memorial Service beside it on 03/20/1999.

Santa Ana : 32-lb Seacoast Gun in Jack Fisher Park is painted yellow to match nearby playground equipment. Report by Bro. Charles Beal of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 is attached along with 2 pictures.

Irvine : Model 1853 Howitzer in Irvine Regional park - report by Bro. Charles Beal of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 attached along with 2 pictures.

San Jose : 12-Lb Dahlgren Gun is located in downtown park. Barrel has been filled with cement to prevent "useage" Cannon is chained to a statue of President William McKinley. All this per telephonic report of Bro. Dan Bunnell of Phil Sheridan Camp 4.

San Bernardino : A 4.2" Army Parrot Rifle is located downtown area in main city park. Decent enough condition and secured to concrete stand. Postal Card showing GAR Monument enclosed also has the cannon shown just to left and beyond the monument.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA (CONT.)

San Diego : (A) Two 12-lb Bronze napoleons in custody of the San Diego Maritime Museum are in superb condition, protected. They are displayed on deck of old Ferryboat "Berkely" in San Diego harbor.

(B) A 10" Siege Mortar in Mt. Hope Cemetery is secured in its concrete base. Cannon ball wedged within the barrel. Semi-rusty, has been painted black sometime in the past. It's precisely located on west edge of the cemetery's Oakwood Ave. in the midst of the GAR Plot. Cemetery is locked at nights however trolley tracks run through middle of it. PICTURE ATTACHED
[these reported by Bro. Gene Armistead of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21]

Templeton : The 8" Rodman Gun is still located in Templeton Park in center of this small city per Bro. Ed Strobbridge of Sgt. William Pittenge Camp 21.

Copperopolis : The 6-lb Bronze 1835 Field Gun is the "prize" of the museum there. Presence of the cannon there at beginning of the Civil War is attributed/credited with keeping that area loyal to the Union. Well cared for.

STATE OF ALABAMA

Demopolis, Marengo County : Two 3" Ordnance Rifles located on east and west flanks of monument to "Our Confederate Dead" located circular boulevard intersection of Main Ave. & Capitol Street. Cannon originally secured for display there by United Daughters of the Confederacy. Iron rods welded to underside front end of barrels go down into concrete to secure them from theft or dismounting by vandals. Pretty good condition - maintained by the City. [report by Bro. Gene Armistead, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21.]



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

**Gene C. Armistead
Commander
747 Mycorte Drive
Escondido, CA 92026-1824
760-747-5397**

Friday 6 November 1998

**Mr. Roger Knox
319 Tiburon Place
Santa Barbara, CA 93111**

Dear Roger,

During the period 1872-1916, the government gave out almost 12,000 cannon to towns, civic groups, and patriotic organizations (including the GAR) for use as memorials. The best accounting is that now there are only about 5,460 remaining. Many were "consumed" by scrap-iron drives during WWI and WWII. Others have been stolen (including one only a few months ago from People's Cemetery in San Andreas). Many are not in a good state of preservation or protection. Currently there is quite a "fuss" going on in Iowa over the effort of an American Legion Post selling a Civil War Memorial Cannon which had been entrusted to it by a GAR Post. It appears that this sale is presently "on hold" due to the controversy which arose over it (the local and Iowa SUVCW protested volubly!). As a result, the SUVCW is endeavoring to determine the present status of Civil War Memorial Cannon.

The current SUVCW project is concentrating on Civil War Memorial Cannon that are neither Privately-owned nor in custody of the government (military posts, nat'l cemeteries, nat'l battlefield parks). There are two (2) in Santa Barbara. Could you please check out these cannon and advise me of their present status?

The cannon are: **SANTA BARBARA CEMETERY** - a 4.2-inch Army Parrott Rifle.
CANG ARMORY (Canon perdido St.?) - a 4.2-inch Army Parrott Rifle.

The information needed is ...

CONDITION - Rusted? painted? how mounted?

SECURITY - vs. theft or vandalism. well-lighted? patrolled? locked-up overnight?
secured in some manner?

CUSTODY - who owns the cemetery?

LOCATION - precise address (street address or cross streets)

Your assistance with this project will help preserve these "Civil War Memorial Cannon" and further the SUVCW's goal of memory and honor of the GAR. Moreso, I will personally be deeply grateful for your help.

While I'm writing. Our next Dept. encampment will be on 20 March 1999 in San Luis Obispo. I sure hope that you will again be able to attend. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Regards,

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SOUTH
25th Regiment
North Carolina
Infantry
2nd Battalion
"Bunkumbe Rifles"

TO: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dept. of California and Pacific
Commander, Gene C. Armistead
747 Mycorte Drive
Escondido, Ca. 92016-1824
FROM: Sergeant Roger Knox
319 Tiburon Place
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111

24 Nov. 1998

SUBJECT: Verification of Status of 2, 4.2" Parrott Rifles in Santa Barbara.

REF: Your letter of Request dated 6 November 1998.

Cannon #1: Is located at the Santa Barbara Cemetery. (Off Highway 101 at Hot Springs Road turnoff, go under the Freeway and take a left).

CONDITION: Well preserved, painted, and mounted on a stone/cement base. It is located at the top of Veteran's Hill guarded by "The soldiers".

There is a cannon ball lodged in the barrel near the muzzle. Cannon balls are stacked neatly next to the cannon permanently cemented in.

SECURITY: Cemetery is locked at night and there are no signs of vandalism. This is a "Gated Community".

CUSTODY: Santa Barbara Cemetery Associates

East Cabrillo Blvd.

PO Box 803

Santa Barbara, Ca. 93102-0803

805 969-3231

Cannon #2 Is located in front of the National Guard Armory across from the Santa Barbara High School on Cannon Perdido (Lost Cannon) St.

CONDITION: Painted, but has graffiti marks on the tube and debris stuffed down the barrel. Mounted on a stone/cement base. There are no cannon balls left on the mounting plate next to the cannon. Large trees cover the area, very shaded. Hardly noticeable 15 feet off the sidewalk.

SECURITY: None. The area of storage is not lighted, fenced, or patrolled. Because it is so heavy, it would take a crane to move it, so it is still there.

CUSTODY: National Guard Headquarters

700 E. Cannon Perdido St.

Santa Barbara, Ca. 93103

805 564-7724

Major Eric Brun, Work: 805 594-6543

Hope this is helpful to your project.

In Your Service,



SANTA BARBARA CEMETERY



NAT'L GUARD ARMORY, CANNON PERDIDO ST., SANTA BARBARA

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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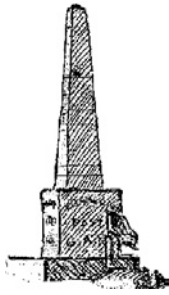
SUPPLEMENTAL

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Calistoga, California
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Note:

This supplemental information for the Memorials Assessment of the 4.2-inch Parrott Rifle, on display at the National Guard Armory in Santa Barbara, includes the following:

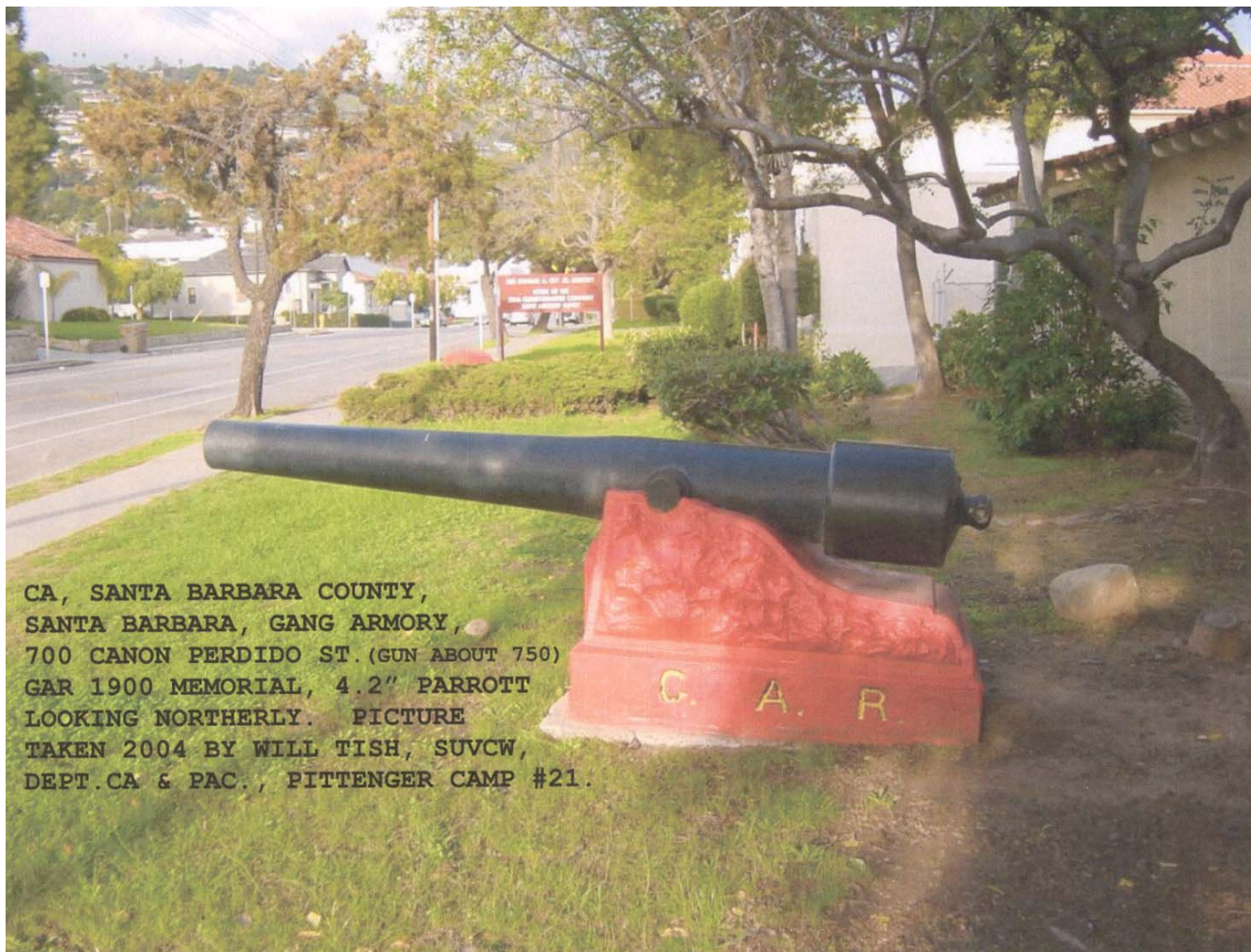
- Photographs of the cannon by Will Tisch, Pittenger SUVCW Camp 21, taken 2004.
- Correspondence between Bob Duncan, Commander of Sherman Camp 18, and cannon expert David Pierce, July 2006.
- Newspaper articles from December 2007, researched by Patrick Lennon, Jr., Rosecrans Camp 2.
- Photographs of the cannon, August 2006, by CC Bob Duncan.
- Correspondence between CC Bob Duncan and DMO Kirby Morgan, February 2007.
- Excerpts from the 1900 Report of the War Dept. Chief of Ordnance, researched by DMO Dean Enderlin, February 2014.

The National Guard Armory, located at 700 Canon Perdido Street in Santa Barbara, has been the focus of a proposed transition of ownership to the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department. Planning for the conversion to an educational facility was still underway in mid 2011.

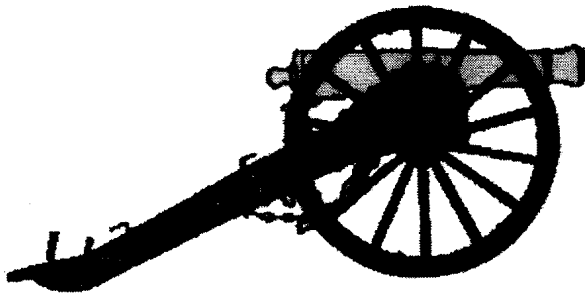
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CA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY,
SANTA BARBARA, GANG ARMORY,
700 CANON PERDIDO (GUN 750),
GAR 1900 MEMORIAL, 4.2" PARROTT,
WITH WILL TISH, SUVCW. . LOOKING
SOUTHERLY, PICTURE TAKEN IN 2004



CA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY,
SANTA BARBARA, GANG ARMORY,
700 CANON PERDIDO ST. (GUN ABOUT 750)
GAR 1900 MEMORIAL, 4.2" PARROTT
LOOKING NORTHERLY. PICTURE
TAKEN 2004 BY WILL TISH, SUVCW,
DEPT.CA & PAC., PITTENGER CAMP #21.



DAVID E. PIERCE
3017 BRITTANY WAY
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23321

☎ (757) 483-0205

29 July 2006

Mr Bob Duncan
1258-2 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Dear Mr Duncan:

This is in response to your letter to Wayne E Stark dated 11 July 2006. It is my sad duty to inform you that Wayne, the world's leading authority on Civil War Artillery, died on 3 August 2005, and his widow, Marlene, has since moved to North Carolina. I have no idea how many letters to Wayne she has received since he died, but from time to time she forwards some to me for reply. That is how I came to receive your letter.

Wayne had a vast network of persons who assisted him in various ways. He referred to these field assistants as "his scouts". I was one of his principle scouts having worked with him for some 13 ½ years, and was one of the first to learn of his death. During that period, I would let Wayne know where we were going on a trip and he would send me a list of things he would like for me to investigate (verify). After each trip I would send him a report, complete with photos, maps, and rubbings, on what I had found at parks and other places. He would then respond answering questions and adding general comments. For the 13 ½ years he wrote to me on average every 9.2 days - that must be some kind of a record. I have every letter/email he ever sent as well as a copy of everything I sent to him. Unfortunately, I never got around to indexing this treasure trove of information, so I can retrieve it only by going through ten (10) 2" binders of letters and drawings - unless I know the approximate date. After his death, I was the recipient of his library and some 12 boxes of newspaper clippings, files, records, photographs, drawings, maps, etc., but no correspondence, computer records, or list of his contacts. After many months I am still inventorying and cataloging this information. Some CDs, containing information unknown to me, went to Ken Waterson with whom he worked for several years prior to his death.

The photo books I received, with the exception of Parrotts and mortars, were all Field Artillery. In this area it is strange that 6-Pounders are missing. No Navy or seacoast guns (save Parrotts & Mortars) are represented. I know that he had, at least at one time, such photos (I sent hundreds of photos to him) but do not know what happened to them (transferred to CDs which Ken got?).

While my knowledge of Civil War artillery is extensive, I am not Wayne nor do I have his extensive knowledge on the subject. On a scale of 1 to 10, Wayne was THE 10. I am one of the few that might

be a 6 or 7. With that in mind, I shall attempt to respond your questions.

The gun to which you refer is a "4.2-Inch (30-Pdr) Army Parrott Rifle, Pattern 1861". Of the 391 made, there are 206 known survivors. The tube is made of cast iron, the band is wrought iron.

MARKINGS

4235: This is the weight of the tube in pounds. The intended weight of this model is 4,200 pounds, but quality control was a concept unknown at the time, and manufacturing methods primitive compared to the 21st Century. With the exception of 3-Inch Ordnance Rifles, it is very uncommon to find two guns with an identical weight (a fact which can now be used to help identify a particular piece). At only 35 pounds (0.83%) from the intended weight, this gun is very close.

N° 154: This is the registry number of the piece, assigned by the Army inspector after the gun has passed all of the tests and has been accepted for purchase by the Army. In modern terms, such a number would be referred to as the serial number.

1862: This is the year in which the gun was made. (Tredegar marked Confederate pieces with Foundry numbers which look like dates. With this exception, as far as I know, all numbers which look like dates are dates).

W.P.F.: You were correct. This is the foundry marking of the manufacturer of the piece. WPF being the West Point Foundry, located at Cold Spring, NY, just upstream from West Point and on the opposite side of the river. Normally found in conjunction with WPF are the initials R.P.P. (on the right trunnion) of the owner of the foundry, Robert P Parrott. This can tend to become confusing. In this instance, RPP indicates the foundry owner. However, early on, RPP also indicated the inspector of the piece. The only instance I am aware of where the manufacturer was authorized by the Federal Government to inspect his own product.

M4: This is not a recognized marking. I suspect that it is a combination of parts of two (2) other markings.

Refer to the attached photo. Reading from 7:00 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock we have D.W.F. 4.2. DWF being the inspector and 4.2 being the caliber of the piece in inches. On Reg N°154, the inspector was Alfred Mordecai, son of Alfred Mordecai. The father inspected guns at Tredegar Foundry, Richmond, VA in 1846 and 1853. The son inspected guns at West Point in 1862 and 1863. Both father and son marked the pieces they inspected with A.M.. The complete marking for the Santa Barbara piece would be A.M. 4.2. Because they were not mentioned, I suspect that the A and the 2 have become lost or illegible for any number of reasons, leaving what appeared to be M4, the marking which you saw.

Parrotts inspected prior to Alfred Mordecai carry slightly different markings and locations.

There are other markings which you most likely are unaware of.

1) The Foundry number. After a tube was cast, the foundry would apply a number, sort of an inventory control number for the use of the foundry. This number is usually applied to the top of the

vertical face of the right rimbase, although some are found on the left rimbase. Reg N° 154 has the Fdy # 564, and should be easily seen if not hidden by the cap square or heavy paint, or if it has not been obliterated by corrosion or vandalism.

2) The registry number is also usually found somewhere on the top rounded surface of the right rimbase, near the location of the front sight. The front sight was unique to the piece it was used on and carried the Reg # of the tube to which it belonged.

HISTORY

Had this piece been a Navy Parrott, or any Navy gun for that matter, tracing its history and use would be rather simple. The Navy inventoried their ships and yards quarterly, and guns were included by Registry number. These gun records are available at the National Archives. The gun records note the ship. Once the ship on which a gun served is known, it is a simple matter to look up the history of the ship. Unfortunately there are no such Army records, or if they exist, they have not been found. Wayne once said that there is a pile of artillery records in the National Archives which have not been examined by any living person. This pile of records is ten feet tall, ten feet wide, and forty feet long - some 4,000 cubic feet of records just waiting for some historian with unlimited time to examine and catalog. Unfortunately, without such records, tracing the history of a given Army gun is extremely difficult but not always impossible.

A) Occasionally someone in the battery will inscribe his name on one of the pieces. Two such 3-Inch Ordnance Rifles are at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. A bronze piece is in Georgia, and there are a few others here and there. With a name in hand, his unit can be found, and, like with a ship, the history of the unit will be basically the history of the gun.

B) Guns are sometimes mentioned by Registry number in official correspondence such as a list of guns captured during a particular battle. While this would tell the side on which the gun fought, the date, and the name of the battle, it would not necessarily give any clue as to the unit to which the gun belonged, but would narrow the number of possibilities.

C) Registry numbers are also found in diaries. The 3-Inch Ordnance Rifle which fired the first Federal cannon shot at the Battle of Gettysburg is known because a battery commander wrote in his diary that he fired the first shot with Reg # 233. N° 233 survives, was located, and was brought to the park a number of years ago. When I last saw it, it was in the vicinity of where it fired that first shot.

At six (6) guns per battery, enough 4.2-Inch Army Parrotts were made to equip some 65 batteries. While it should not be too difficult to determine which batteries used such rifles, reading all correspondence concerning those batteries as well as all letters and diaries by soldiers serving in those batteries could be quite a challenge without some extraordinary good luck.

In about 1991 I began working on a book about the guns currently and/or formerly at the Virginia Military Institute. Sometimes, as you well know, something of interest is found purely by chance. Such was the case of a VMI ordnance report which listed guns by type, but not by Reg #. I was in the Virginia State Library doing research on an unrelated topic when I stumbled onto the inventory. It helped me considerably with the information it contained, but I fear it will help no one else. When I informed the clerk that I had found something that was misfiled, his response was "well, just put it back

where you found it" or words to that effect. Unfortunately I fear that it will take a similar small miracle to find the history of Reg No 154. It just occurred to me that a search on the Official Records CD might be a way to cut down on research time. While most listings will, most likely, not mention any Registry numbers, you might just get lucky.

Wayne gave this Parrott his file number 105. By the time he died, there were 5,692 guns on his list., making it one of the earliest on his list. Of these 5,692, I have examined and photographed some 1,477 (26%). Wayne's photos added 488 (8%) photos to my collection, so that I have photos of about 34% of the known survivors. Neither of us had a photo of Santa Barbara's Parrott No 154 so one would be much appreciated if you have a spare.

If I can be of any other assistance, please feel free to call on me.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

**CA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SANTA BARBARA,
GANG ARMORY, 700 CANON PERDIDO**

GAR MEMORIAL CANNON, 1900, 4.2" PARROTT

**Article from Santa Barbara News-Press
7 February 2007,
concerning the proposed change in
property use.**

S.B. NEWS PRESS

12-7-2007

Council passes armory resolution

NEWS-PRESS STAFF REPORT

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The above clipping received 14 February 2007 from GRO Patrick Lennon Jr., SUVCW, Dept. CA & Pac., Rosecrans Camp #2. This presentation prepared on 15 February 2007 by Dept. Memorial Officer Kirby Morgan, 45323 Park Sierra Drive #537, Coarsegold, CA 93614-9109 kirby_m2000@yahoo.com



30 POUND PARROT GUNG.A.R. 1900.....MARKINGS: 4235 WT. SERIAL NO.154 DATE 1862 M 4 INSPECTOR?
 WEST POINT FOUNDRY.....LOCATED AT AN AMORY AT 700 CANON PERDIDO ST. SANTA BARBARA,
 CA.....CONTACT: BOB DUNCAN 805.684.5640
NACNUD34@COX.NET AUGUST 9, 2006



**CA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SANTA BARBARA
GANG ARMORY, 700 CANON PERDIDO**

GAR MEMORIAL CANNON, 1900, 4.2" PARROTT

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LOCAL

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NEWS-PRESS STAFF REPORT

February 7, 2007 12:00 AM

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The above newspaper website article was e-mailed by Wm. T. Sherman Camp #28 Commander Bob Duncan, to Department Memorial Officer on 11 February 2007. Prepared for further distribution on 13 February 2007 by SUV CW, Department of CA & Pac., Memorial Officer Kirby Morgan, 45323 Park Sierra Drive #537, Coarsegold CA 93614-9109

13 February 2007
Coarsegold CA

C.C. Bob Duncan
William T. Sherman Camp #28
1258-2 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria CA 93013

Sub: CA, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara,
GAR 1900 Memorial, Parrott Cannon, 700 Canon Perdido Street

Commander Duncan,

It was good to speak with you on the phone today. Enclosed is the Form #61 and several enclosures pertaining thereto. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me. You can copy the forms as needed.

I wish to thank you for the email with the article and Cannon pictures. Brother Will Tish of Camp #21 took several pictures of the Cannon and sent them to me in an email dated 11 November 2004. I have just never gotten around to labeling them. I will have to do that and see if we have any other needs. When I get them labeled I will send you hard copies.

A bit of history. When they first started the SUVCW National Database on GAR Memorials they had no form. The two cannon in S. B. were reported with no paper trail keep of the minimal information submitted at the time. Then the Form #61 was developed. A couple of years ago I sent a Form #61 to Pat Lennon Jr. and he was going to do some research, and at our last encampment he said he still had the information. Like all of us this project keep being set aside for more pressing research. I may have never sent the pictures to him so he could give me some of the information, I do not find a note that I did.

It is time that a current Form #61 be developed. I was most interested to hear the cannon had been moved to it's current location. The 1900 is probably the original dedication date. If you can find the date of dedication in the newspaper it may provide some history and who is legally responsible for it. Then if you go back in the newspaper they some times will report when it was shipped in, fund raisers, and what Senator was involved. Most all of this will be found in the year preceding the dedication.

Page 2 (GAR 1900 Parrott Canon, 700 Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara)

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FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1900.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE.

WASHINGTON:
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.
1900.

ARMS, ETC., ISSUED TO VARIOUS STATES.

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DISPOSITION OF CONDEMNED CANNON, ETC.

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APPENDIX 3.—CONDEMNED CANNON DISTRIBUTED

*Donations of cannon and projectiles to Grand Army of the Republic posts, monument and
May 22,*

Town or city.	Organization.	Date ordered issued.	Letter.		Place from which issued.
			Number.	Inclosure.	
CALIFORNIA.					
Dos Palos.....	G. A. R. Park Association	Mar. 10, 1900	34202	4	Benicia Arsenal....
Santa Barbara.....	Starr King Post, 52, G. A. R.	June 6, 1900	34109	3	do
CONNECTICUT.					
Willimantic	Francis S. Long Post, 30	Aug. 25, 1899	15450	9	New York Arsenal .
Waterbury	Wadham Post, 49, G. A. R.	May 4, 1900	34675	....	Fort Trumbull
New London	G. A. R. post	May 24, 1900	34923	....	.....do
Southington	Trumbull Post, 16	May 26, 1900	34903	....	.....do
ILLINOIS.					
Oregon	Oregon Post, 116, G. A. R.	Sept. 26, 1899	23240	15	Benicia Arsenal....
Dixon	Dixon Post, 299, G. A. R.	Oct. 4, 1899	33415	5	Fort Monroe Arsenal
Maroa	G. A. R. post, Maroa	Jan. 29, 1900	34378	....	Rock Island Arsenal
Lincoln	Mayor of city of Lincoln	Feb. 5, 1900	31768	1	do
Jacksonville	Matt Starr Post, 378, G. A. R.	Jan. 17, 1900	34342	1	Washington Bar- racks.
Mount Pulaski	Mayor of Mount Pulaski	Jan. 20, 1900	34349	....	Fort Clinch.....
Do	do	do	34349	....	Fort Barrancas
Jacksonville	Mayor of Jacksonville	Feb. 20, 1900	34442	....	Fort Trumbull.....
Jerseyville	Mayor of Jerseyville	do	34444	....	.....do
Springfield	Hon. Ben. F. Caldwell	Feb. 27, 1900	34464	....	Washington Bar- racks.
Pekin	Mayor of Pekin	Mar. 5, 1900	25278	2	Fort Pulaski.....
Pawnee	A. J. Weber Post, 421, G. A. R.	Apr. 9, 1900	34588	2	Fort Independence.
Auburn	J. W. Dodds Post, 370, G. A. R.	Apr. 28, 1900	34748	1	do
Lincoln	Leo Myers Post, 182	May 9, 1900	19869	5	Allegheny Arsenal.
Atlanta	Atlanta Post, 326, G. A. R.	do	34789	....	Fort Independence.
Danville	Monument Committee, Camp Egbert, 4.	May 12, 1900	25761	19	Fort Monroe Arsenal
Atlanta	Atlanta Post, 326, G. A. R.	May 25, 1900	34789	....	Allegheny Arsenal.
Delavan	Commander G. A. R. post, 155.	May 28, 1900	34691	2	Fort Montgomery ..
Decatur	Dunham Post, 141, G. A. R.	May 31, 1900	34954	....	Frankford Arsenal .
Maroa	Lingle Post, 789, G. A. R.	June 1, 1900	34378	2	Allegheny Arsenal.
Duquoin	Loomis Post, 106, G. A. R.	June 2, 1900	32187	4	Fort Gaines.....
Geneseo	Mayor of Geneseo	June 4, 1900	34882	3	Fort Monroe Arsenal
Elgin	Veteran Post, 49, G. A. R.	June 5, 1900	19232	7	Allegheny Arsenal.
Hennepin	Hennepin Post, 231, G. A. R.	June 9, 1900	34813	2	Fort Pulaski.....
Warsaw	D. W. Logal, for G. A. R. post	June 13, 1900	34971	....	Rock Island Arsenal
Rockford	Mayor of Rockford	do	34741	2	Fort Adams
Winnetka	F. E. Herdman, president of village.	June 18, 1900	34895	2	Fort McHenry.....
Pawnee.....	Commander A. J. Webber Post, 421.	June 20, 1900	34588	4	Allegheny Arsenal.
Cuba	Charles E. Sherwood, city clerk.	June 28, 1900	35182	....	Fort McHenry.....
Brooklyn	Commander G. A. Brown Post, 417.	June 29, 1900	34880	1	Fort Washington...
INDIANA.					
Portland	Stephen J. Bailey Post	Sept. 26, 1899	32768	2	Benicia Arsenal....
Notre Dame	Notre Dame Post, 569, G. A. R.	June 7, 1900	34253	13	Fort McHenry
Do	do	Jan. 27, 1900	34253	4	Fort Winthrop
South Bend	Custer Post, 8, G. A. R.	Jan. 31, 1900	34253	9	Fort McHenry
Valparaiso	Mayor of Valparaiso	June 28, 1900	34989	1	Allegheny Arsenal, Fort Mifflin.
IOWA.					
Anita.....	Meade Post, 50, G. A. R.	Sept. 18, 1899	32964	2	Rock Island Arsenal
Dow City	Bud Smith Post, 464, G. A. R.	Sept. 27, 1899	23423	3	Benicia Arsenal....
Manchester	W. A. Morse Post, 190, G. A. R.	April 17, 1900	34623	1	Fort Monroe Arsenal
Clear Lake	Mayor of Clear Lake	May 29, 1900	34893	....	Fort Montgomery ..
West Union	Mayor of West Union	June 16, 1900	34892	....	Watertown Arsenal.
Sibley	L. G. Ireland Post, 118	June 14, 1900	34845	1	Fort Morgan
Carroll	G. A. R. post at Carroll	June 15, 1900	26919	4	do
West Union	S. B. Ziegler, West Union	May 29, 1900	34892	....	Allegheny Arsenal.
Guttenberg.....	Mayor of Guttenberg	June 23, 1900	35015	....	Fort Independence.

S.B Cannons >

Kirby Morgan

From: "Will Tisch" <tis346@cox.net>
To: <kirby_m2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2004 5:32 PM
Attach: DSC01799.JPG; DSC01793.JPG; DSC01794.JPG; DSC01795.JPG; DSC01796.JPG; DSC01797.JPG; DSC01798.JPG
Subject: Memorial

Cannon Perdido Street

Hi Kirby,

I found this cannon in Santa Barbera and documented it for you with photos. I hope this helps.

Will

Sr. Vice Commander

Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21

7/21/2005

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From: "Kirby Morgan" <kirby_m2000@yahoo.com>
To: "Will Tisch" <tis346@cox.net>
Cc: "Tad D. Campbell" <tadcamp@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2005 9:33 PM
Subject: 4.2" Parrott, Armory, Santa Barbara, CA

Brother Tisch,

Going through my files I do not find where I had thanked you for the images you sent of the GAR, 1900 set 4.2" (30 lb) Parrott at the Armory on Cannon Perdido in Santa Barbara. They are a great help in visualizing the display of this Memorial. Email was dated Thursday, November 11 2004 5:32PM. That is our wedding anniversary so I may have been some what involved. I was as Carol agreed to go to Carson City for the repaired CW monument dedication, provided I take her out that evening, the start of a week long vacation at South Lake Tahoe.

This gun was reported in the beginning of the National Memorials program and apparently before the Form #61 was developed. I have not been able to locate a paper trail so we will have to see about getting this project off the ground with the new Form #61 format.

- #1 The image from the corner is good, what direction are we looking, N-NE-E?
What is the cross and main street name, block #?
- #2 A perfect image of the cannon, I need the street name and number.
Some times I have to look across the street to get an "about" street address.
- #3 A good angle shot, wish the whole breach had been included.
- #4 A good approach, the cement Monkey with missing cannon balls is important information. Enough of the muzzle information present so I could tie the gun down to some other records.
- #5 A nice image of you with the cannon base and Monkey. Too bad the muzzle tip was cut out of the image, that could have been a perfect picture.
- #6 Ideal angle showing the location of the gun from across the street.
What direction are we looking, what street and block address?
- #7 A good image of the sign. What is the address?

Then what date were all these images actually taken?

I hope you do not mind my comments as they are meant to enlighten you for

7/21/2005

future endeavors. I need the detail information so I can label the images for the Form #61. Each Page needs to stand on its own. At this late date you may not be able to provide much of the information I have found missing. I do have a contact in S.B. that may be able to obtain some of the information that is needed.

Thank you again for your efforts as they are of much assistance and appreciated.

If you are ever back up S.B. way there is a Parrott at the S.B. Cemetery. We have no paper trail on this gun.

In F. C. and L.,
Kirby Morgan
Dept. M.O.



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From: "DUNCAN" <NACNUD34@COX.NET>
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Subject: Re: CA, Santa Barbara Co., Santa Barbara, GAR Memorial Cannon on Canon Perdido Street.
Date: Sun, 11 Feb 2007 17:23:25 -0800

BROTHER KIRBY MORGAN & OTHERS.....

MY NAME IS BOB DUNCAN, COMMANDER OF THE SHERMAN CAMP I N SANTA BARBARA I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED OF THIS NEW SITUATION NOTED IN THE E-MAIL.....

FIRST, I WILL E-MAIL YOU PICTURES AND NOTES ON THE PARROT GUN WE HAVE HERE AT THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD UNIT IN SANTA BARBARA AND THEN A COPY OF THE ARTICLE FROM OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

NEXT, I WILL CONTACT OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT AND FIND OUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING.....IF THEY PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE PROPERTY, WE COULD PLAN TO MOVE THE PIECE TO A MORE PERMANENT AND APPROPRIATE PLACE.

I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED,

IN F.C.&L.

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To: Bob Duncan ; Patrick J. Lennon ; Phillip L. Caines ; Tad Campbell ; Todd Shillington ; Douglas E. McGovern ; Brad Schall
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 2:38 PM
Subject: CA, Santa Barbara Co., Santa Barbara, GAR Memorial Cannon on Canon Perdido Street.

CC Bob Duncan,

I would appreciate receiving the newspaper article noted in Brother Lennon's email. I went on line to get it and had to jump through a lot of hoops to get it at an unnamed fee, so did not proceed.

I have asked in the past for a specific address of the cannon. You may have to base it, as approximate, from addresses on the other side of the street.

Will Tish had taken some pictures when passing through the area and I have them in file. I need to contact you and/or Pat by cell phone at the site so I can label the pictures correctly as to their compass directions.

Will you and Commander Campbell please advise ASAP if you want me to assist by contacting the US Army static display unit in charge of such Memorials, I am sure the Tube is still on indefinite loan from the US Army. I have contacts with this group and if ownership of the property is to change they might possibly need to develop a new display agreement with the appropriate government entity.

In F. C. and L.,
Kirby Morgan
Memorial Officer
Dept. CA & Pac.
Aid Nat'l Memorial Committee

Attachments

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**CA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, SANTA BARBARA
GANG ARMORY, 700 CANON PERDIDO**

GAR MEMORIAL CANNON, 1900, 4.2" PARROTT

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13 February 2007
Coarsegold CA

C.C. Bob Duncan
William T. Sherman Camp #28
1258-2 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria CA 93013

Sub: CA, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara,
GAR 1900 Memorial, Parrott Cannon, 700 Canon Perdido Street

Commander Duncan,

It was good to speak with you on the phone today. Enclosed is the Form #61 and several enclosures pertaining thereto. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me. You can copy the forms as needed.

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9 April 2007

Bob Duncan
Commander, Camp #28
1258-2 Cravens Lane
Carpenteria CA 93013

Sub: CA, Santa Barbara Co., SB City, GANG Armory, GAR 1900 Monument.

Commander Duncan,

It was good to meet you and some of your staff at the recent Encampment in San Luis Obispo. I would have enjoyed more time talking with you both.

Enclosed is the letter to the US Army Static Display Unit for your information. As noted I still need close up pictures of both trunnions and the rimbase stamped manufacturers number.

Enclosed is a copy of Wayne Stark's listing of CW Cannons in CA. The SB cannons are recorded on the back side with their numbers, etc.

The Star King Post was Chartered in 1883 or 84, the Dept. Historian Davis could use the exact date of Chartering, probably recorded in the local newspaper. This Post could have requested the cannons any time after 1890. The 1900 on the GANG Armory GAR Memorial can allude to the original date or the moved date. Checking the Memorial Days, May 30th, may give a note on when the cannon came to the cemetery. If as some have suggested that they were both displayed together earlier this information could be of value. The delivery of the cannons and ball shells should have been a news worthy event, especially since the locals had to come up with the funds for their shipment. There were usually GAR and WRC fund-raisers 6 months or more in advance.

Usually the Post solicited their Congressman or Senator to obtain the guns and the local newspaper many times recorded these contacts and official response as well as an excerpt from the Congressional Record when the Official request for the guns was approved. This could be up to 2 years before the cannon actually came to town.

Since these guns were possible displayed at a location other than the Cemetery and Armory their dedication may not be associated with Memorial or Decoration Day.

This newspaper research will be a long struggle unless we can find a way to come up with more specific dates. I have wondered if any one has checked with the City and County Historical Societies picture achieves? They could also have a file on the Cannons or GAR.

Your staff may just want to start with the Charter date and scan the newspapers for anything about the Star King post thereafter. The articles copied from microfilm would with time make a terrific documented history of the Post, helps make a list of it's members and hopefully there efforts to obtain the cannon(s) for their Memorial(s). Along this line I am enclosing two pages on the Star King Post from the 1913 Dept. Encampment Proceedings for the Camp Historian & GRO.

For many reasons finding how the cannon came, when, and under what conditions is very important legally to us, the City, and the Army. This is not just a research project for general historical information, it has great value in how the guns will be handled by the Army. We had a problem in Calaveras County and limited records could be found so the Army upon legal council re-issued a loan agreement to the county which was not beneficial to our position to keep the Mt. Howitzer cannons in the local cemetery. They are now being moved by the County to their Civic Center for "safety" reasons and are to become a Memorial for all Veterans. Since we could not prove legal GAR/SUVCW lineage on these guns the Army cut us out of the new agreement, which left us out in the cold as to their disposition. This is why we need to locate as much of the paper trail as possible as soon as possible for the SB Cannon.

I have done the type of research that I am asking you and your Brothers to accomplish. I know the hours and effort required and it is no small task. One does develop a skill in scanning as Carol and I have both found out. Right now we are helping Camp #22 go through 300,000 obituaries in the Yolo County Archives obituary file looking for CW veterans. (Our daughter moved to Woodland in Dec.) We are finding Union veterans who's HS are silent on their CW service and we are picking up Confederates also. We are already 25%+ through this project and by the end of April hope to be 75%+ through this challenge.

We wish you the best in this research effort. Please keep me advised on your progress.

Inclosed are some notes on a WRC Memorial Flag pole found at the Santa Maria Cemetery. I had no record of this Memorial in file till now. I did take pictures and will forward when I can down load them. My CD drive on this laptop is dead. Last Wednesday I did acquire a new HP Pavilion lap top and it has the new Vista operating program so there will be some fun in changing the programs over, something I am not looking forward to.

In F. C. and L.,

K

Kirby Morgan

CC: Jerry R. Sayer

9 April 2007

Patrick J. Lennon
SUVCW
POB 4183
Santa Barbara, CA 93140

Subject: CA, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, GAR 1900 Monu.

Brother Lennon,

I forgot to ask you at the Encampment, Have you dropped the Jr. from your name? I find your name with and without the Jr. in my records.

Well after four years there is some good reason to get moving on the GAR 1900 Memorial Cannon, 4.2 Parrott on the GANG Armory block, 700 Cannon Perdido Street, gun actually about 750.

Thank you for sending the clipping from the newspaper on the proposed change of use for this block in the city of Santa Barbara. Both your clipping and the electronic on line article that Commander Bob Duncan sent have been inclosed in the packet to the US Army Static Display Unit, see inclosure.

As discussed casually over the last couple of years we need to go back in the City Council Records and see if there is any record of them dealing with this and possible the GAR SB Cemetery Parrott. I wish I could give you a more concise date than 1899 to probably prior to Memorial day 1900, though it could have been set later in the year. There is a problem with this date as the cannon were apparently moved from a previous location and the 1900 may refer to the second location, not the original place it, or they, were displayed.

As you suggested since you work around the City agencies and have several contacts you may be able to get assistance or be allowed to search the records for this needed information. Bob Duncan and staff are researching the local newspapers.

Generally the receiving agency (City, County, Cemetery) had to write a letter to the Federal Government stating they accepted the terms of the loan and would return the Cannon(s) upon request. Both we and the Army are desiring of finding this document. It is a key piece in the legal conditions for the Cannon(s) ownership. If the document can not be located the Army has reissued an agreement and this has not been favorable to us in Calaveras County.

In F. C. and L.


Kirby Morgan

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Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 4:55 AM
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Good Morning Mr. Morgan,

I am attempting to obtain Congressional Language, issuing the cannon to GAR Post 1900. Unfortunately, I believe that the "1900" is not the GAR Post number, but the year. This is making the search a bit difficult.

I have contacted the Santa Barbara School District and a Mr. Dave Hetynk (Director of Facilities) he has returned my call, but I missed it..

I have also spoken to the NG Armory where this gun is located. Ironically, I have been attempting to contact them and get a response for over a year on another matter.

Per my telephone conversation with SGT Coates , he told me that the issue of the Armory moving and the city finding them another place has been ongoing for almost 30 years. They have not found a place for the Armory to relocate, nor the funds. He said that they obtained the gun from a veterans' organization approximately 20 years ago. I am going to contact him again to see if he knows from where.

The current Commander Shaw will be replaced on approximately July 14 by a Commander Ku. From my understanding, the gun is being maintained by a few individuals at the NG.

SGT Coates mentioned that the "sister" to the gun is located at the Cemetery, possibly the Santa Barbara Cemetery??? Do you know anything about that one?

I mentioned that if the gun was given to the GAR, then the heirs of the gun would be the SOUV.

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CA-SantaBarbara-SantaBarbara-Armory-4.2" Parrott

Thursday, August 21, 2008 8:32 PM

From: "Kirby Morgan" <kirby_m2000@yahoo.com>**To:** "Harry Harland" <harry-barb-h@comcast.net>

Greetings Harry,

When you have nothing else to do I was wondering if you can do some checking in the Santa Barbara News paper for me.

We have two Parrott cannon, one at the Armory and the other at the Cemetery. Apparently they were originally set in front of the Veterans Building. Both bases have GAR 1900 on them. I have no idea when they were set. They could have been set with the dedication of the Veterans building or some time after like in Placerville. Another mystery that needs solving, The Army and I need to know how the guns were given, to GAR, City, County We hope the dedication article will lead to when and where the guns came from and the legal owner.

What ever assistance you can provide would be appreciated.

Kirby Morgan
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