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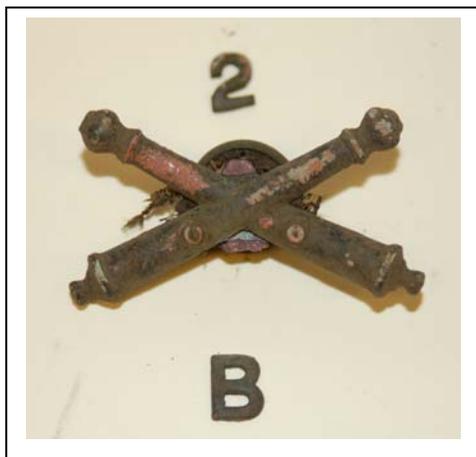
Fort Vancouver National
Historic Site

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Archaeology Field School FIND OF THE WEEK



This is a brass or bronze cap device from a noncommissioned artilleryman. The cannon style (thin as opposed to fat) dates it to post-1905.

In 1901, the Regular Army's artillery regiments were reorganized into two branches consisting of Coast Artillery Corps Companies and Regular Army Field Artillery Batteries.

After 1907, the Field Artillery reorganized into regiments and the emblems were made with a regimental number above and a battery letter below.

We believe this is from the Second Field Artillery, Battery B, which was here from December 1909 to March 1911. A pretty good date for this little beauty!

BACKGROUND: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, is the heart of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. The Vancouver National Historic Reserve brings together a national park, a premier archaeological site, the region's first military post, an international fur trade emporium, one of the oldest operating airfields, the first national historic site west of the Mississippi River, and a waterfront trail and environmental center on the banks of the Columbia River. The partners of the Reserve teach visitors about the fur trade, early military life, natural history, and pioneers in aviation, all within the context of Vancouver's role in regional and national development. The Reserve's vast array of public programs -- including living history events, festivals, cultural demonstrations, exhibits, active archaeology, and other special activities -- create a dynamic, fun, and unique tourist destination for people of all ages.

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