



CA – MODOC

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**Case Name: CA-Modoc-Alturas-Courthouse-Cannons-1912**

**State:** California  
**County:** Modoc  
**Location:**  
 Modoc County Courthouse, 200 block, South Court Street, Alturas, CA. Originally flanking courthouse entrance.

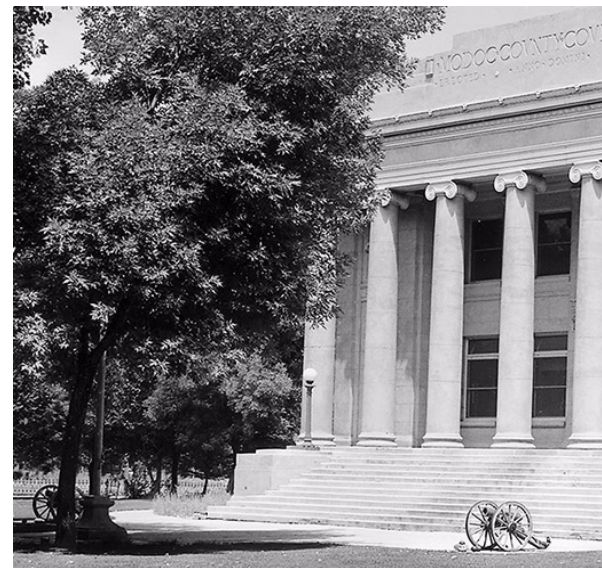
**Type:**  
 Two bronze cannons (Boat Howitzers?), with carriages and cannon balls.

**Latitude:** North 41.48318° (Google Earth)

**Longitude:** West 120.54101°

Note: Coordinates are centered between the sites of the original cannon displays.

**Photos:**  
 Right: Photo of cannons guarding Modoc County Courthouse entrance, undated. Courtesy California Supreme Court Historical Society.



**Reported by:**  
 Ron Morgan (rootsweb), July 1999

**Researched by:**  
 Dean Enderlin (DMO), Ellsworth Camp 23, 2014 (ongoing)

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**Notes:**  
 The guns (apparently Boat Howitzers) were part of set of cannons requested for delivery to various California GAR Posts and towns in a bill passed by Congressman John E. Raker c. 1911. The guns were probably delivered to Alturas in 1912. They were installed in front of the courthouse after it was built in 1914. The cannon balls, approx. 7 inches diameter (probably solid shot), were welded together in a pyramidal stack next to each gun. All (including the cannons) were reportedly removed and destroyed during the early World War II scrap metal drives (c. 1942).

Excerpt from the Sixty-second Congress, Sess. II, Chapter 384, August 24, 1912 [H.R. 24458]:  
 CHAP. 384. – An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to deliver to certain cities and towns condemned bronze or brass cannon, with their carriages and outfit of cannon balls, and so forth. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,*  
 “To the city of Alturas, in the State of California, for the use of the General Canby Post, Numbered One hundred and sixty-five, Grand Army of the Republic, two condemned bronze or brass cannon or fieldpieces, with their carriages and a suitable outfit of cannon balls, to be subject at all times to the order of the Secretary of War.” The Sixty-fourth Congress, Sess. I, Chap. 466 (8 Sept. 1916), enacted a similar bill for "two bronze cannon, with suitable outfit of cannon balls, with two pyramids and carriages, for the new courthouse."



Case Name: CA-Modoc-Tulelake-LavaBedsNM-M1838-Coehorn Mortar-43										
<p><b>State:</b> California  <b>County:</b> Modoc  <b>Location:</b>            Lava Beds National Monument Visitor Center, near Tulelake, CA.</p>	<p><b>Type:</b>            24-pdr Coehorn mortar, bronze, Model 1838, foundry C. A &amp; Co. [Alger], foundry no. 1408, registry no. 43, cast 1863, inspector TJR [Thomas J. Rodman], weight 164 pounds.</p>									
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<p><b>Notes:</b>            Located in an interpretive display at the visitor center.</p>										