

## **Antique bell is returned to China**

**An antique bell taken from China during the Boxer Rebellion over a hundred years ago is being returned to Asia.**

After its arrival in the UK, the Dagu Bell became part of a monument in Portsmouth to sailors who died during suppression of the rebellion in 1900.

Sailors on HMS Orlando took it from Tanggu fort - which guarded the mouth of the river to Beijing.

The mayor of Tanggu is in Portsmouth on Monday to receive the bell. The Chinese will make a replica as a replacement.

The Boxer Rebellion was a peasant uprising that attacked Chinese Christians and attempted to drive all foreigners from the nation.

The sailors of HMS Orlando decided it should be used as part of a memorial to their dead comrades.

A council spokesman said: "The memorial to those sailors from HMS Orlando who lost their lives in service to Britain will remain, their sacrifices will not be forgotten.

"A replica bell, generously donated by the Chinese people, will be hung in the place of the original."

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