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Description: The monument rises to approximately eighteen feet on a four foot square base and depicts a Confederate common soldier, cast in bronze, standing at parade rest with his rifle. He is represented in a ready and watchful pose, with a single cannon ball resting by his right foot. He wears a classic soldier's uniform with his canteen and sword slung at his side and a cloak over his shoulders. The life-size sculpture rests atop a tall, tapered granite column.

The Latin inscription on the front face, "*Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori*," is translated as "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country" and originates from the *Odes* of the Roman lyrical poet Horace.

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Inscription:

Front: C.S.A. / 1861-1865 / DULCE ET DECORUM EST / PRO PATRIA MORI. / OUR DEAD.

Rear: ERECTED BY THE / LADIES MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION / OF NEWBERN / MAY 10, 1885.

Side: "Tread lightly - for these men bequeathed, / Ere laid beneath this sod, / Their ashes to their native land, / Their souls unto their God."

Dedication date: May 11, 1885

Materials & Techniques: Rutland blue marble and bronze

Sponsor: The Ladies' Memorial Society of New Bern

Cost: \$3700

Unveiling & Dedication: According to the account of the event by the Ladies' Memorial Society, a throng assembled coming by steamer and railroad from surrounding towns. A speakers' stand was decorated at the site, and old veterans were present along with the old, worn flag of the Forty-eighth North Carolina Regiment. Music was provided by a choir, and a prayer was given by the Rev. V. W. Shields. Captain Hamilton C. Graham of Dallas County, Alabama, a former captain of the Seventh North Carolina Regiment, delivered the memorial address on the subject of the service of General James Johnston Pettigrew.

Subject notes: The Battle of New Bern was fought on March 14, 1862, with Brigadier General Ambrose E. Burnside leading the Union attack on the Confederates under General Lawrence O'B. Branch. The Union forces took command of the city which remained under Union control for the rest of the war. The monument sits above a vault where approximately 67 Confederate soldiers are interred who were killed during the war. The Ladies' Memorial Society reported that the statue was created in Carrara, Italy.

Location: The monument sits in Cedar Grove Cemetery off George Street in New Bern.

Landscape: The monument sits in a grass circle near the center of the cemetery. It is surrounded by a gravel walkway and other grave markers. Low shrubs and mature trees are found throughout the cemetery.

City: New Bern

County: Craven

Subjects: Civil War

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