

WARTIME BIG SHOT TARGETS A NEW HOME

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■ The big defender is shunted off to a home at Tilbury

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ANY old iron took on a formidable meaning when a team of crack army historians offered a home to a scrapped anti-aircraft gun.

The weapon was used to knock out enemy airplanes during the Sec-

ond World War, but 40 years on there is no longer a home for it on the Rawreth Industrial Estate, Rayleigh.

So Tilbury-based army enthusiasts from the Coalhouse Fort Project arranged to transfer the

big blaster to their HQ, helped by the Essex TA.

Project chairman Davan Winch said: "This gun and many others played a vital role in protecting us from the terrors of the skies during the war."