

Iron Guns

No. 3. ½-pdr. SBML Gun of 23⅛ inches

Although this small gun of 23⅛ inches is in quite good condition, it has no discernable markings. The positioning of the trunnions in the lower half of the barrel suggests that it is British, but the trunnions have shoulders which is unusual in British iron guns. It resembles a Blomefield design except for the cascable. Also, it has no vent patch, the vent having been drilled through the base ring. Its simple design and good condition suggests a relatively late date of casting, say 1800 or later. The lack of a broad arrow indicates that it was cast for private use.

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Bore Diameter</u>	<u>Calibre</u>
No. 3	Gun	Iron	23.5 in.	1.7 in.	½-pdr.

Markings

Cascable nothing	1st reinforce nothing
2nd reinforce nothing	chase nothing
right trunnion nothing	left trunnion nothing

Notes

- vent drilled through the base ring



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No. 2. 1-pdr. SBML Gun of 2½ ft.

This gun was given to the fort about 1937 by the estate of Dr. J. W. Sangster of Sackville, New Brunswick:

Small naval cannon, with decorative cast-iron carriage, with raised letters on the latter Laxevags [sic] Vaerk Bergen, indicating that the cannon was made in Norway.¹²

The gun is cast with a breeching loop from which the inference is made that it was naval. On its underside the words LAXEVAAGS [sic] VÆRK have been cast. On the inside of each cheek of the decorative carriage the words LAXEVAAGS [sic] VÆRK BERGEN have been cast. Presumably LAXEVAAGS is the personal name of the founder and VÆRK is the word for factory. Bergen is the name of the city. There are two possible Bergens, in Norway and in the Netherlands. The Norwegian embassy was undecided if the words were Norwegian, but the embassy of the Netherlands was emphatic that they were not Dutch. Given the note in the catalogue, I believe that this little gun was cast in Bergen, Norway.

The gun is 30 inches long with a bore diameter of 2 inches which is the calibre of a British 1-pdr. There appear to be letters or numbers cut on the first reinforce, perhaps its weight, but they are largely indecipherable. The ends of the trunnions are concealed by the carriage.

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No. 2	Gun	Iron	30 in.	2 in.	1-pdr.

Markings

Cascable nothing	1st reinforce N 1.0 (?)
2nd reinforce nothing	chase underside - LAXEVAAGS VÆRK
right trunnion concealed	left trunnion concealed

Notes

- mounted on a small, elaborately designed carriage. On the inside of each cheek is cast LAXEVAAGS VÆRK BERGEN.



10 No. 2. 1-pdr. of 30 inches.