

## Garden Battery & Earl's Battery

<b>Commenced</b>	1862	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	1863	<b>1869 Proposed</b>	7 x 9-inch
<b>Cost</b>	£ 7,804	<b>1893</b>	4 x 64pr R.M.L. 3 x 6pr QF (dismounted in OS charge)
<b>Map Reference</b>	SX 456532	<b>Proposed addition</b>	5 x 12pr QF
<b>Position</b>	Mount Edgcumbe Garden	<b>reduction</b>	4 x 64pr R.M.L.
<b>Type</b>	Casemated Coast Defence Battery	<b>1899</b>	4 x 12pr QF 2 x MG
<b>Ditch</b>	None	<b>1911</b>	2 x 12pdr Q.F.
<b>Guns</b>	7	<b>1918</b>	2 x 12pr QF
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	None		
<b>Present use</b>	Empty	<b>Caponiers</b>	None
<b>History</b>		<b>Counterscarp galleries</b>	None
<b>Disposal Condition</b>	Fair	<b>Haxo casemates</b>	None
<b>Access</b>	By arrangement with ranger	<b>Moncrieff Pits</b>	None
<b>Sources</b>	Précis of correspondence relating to the Defences of Plymouth prior to 1893		

### History and Description

In 1860 the Defence Committee approved the design for a casemated battery in Mount Edgcumbe Garden and suggested that it might be considered whether it would not be cheaper to adopt haxo casemates instead of the plan submitted. In 1861 the Defence Committee approved the design for the casemated battery for seven guns at Mount Edgcumbe Garden as originally submitted. It was commenced in 1862 and completed exclusive of shields in 1863. The magazines as constructed were considered as not secure against front fire, and this was reported to the War Department for remedying. There was also complaints of dampness in the magazine caused by defects in the asphalt which was remedied. It was reported by the 1868 Committee that *The work has been well and skilfully constructed with reference to its stability and permanency and also to its power of resistance.*

In 1870 the Defence Committee considered Mount Edgcumbe Garden Battery to be *a useless work. the whole expense of shields might be saved.* In 1880 the Defence Committee noted that it was armed with *heavy guns.*

In 1885 the R.A. and R.E Works Committee considered Garden Battery to be *too retired to be of value. the guns can be removed.*

In 1891 it was proposed to remove the 64pr RMLS from Devenport Lines and mount them in Garden Battery. It was agreed to mount four of them on traversing slides in Garden Battery with 3 x 6pr QF in casemates 1,2 and 3 at a cost of £1,500.

Earl's Battery was constructed on top of Garden Battery. It was armed with the 21 French guns from Mount Edgcumbe Battery, which was demolished to make way for the new Garden Battery. The battery is an open one with a low parapet wall. During WWII it is possible that two light QF guns were installed to defend the boom extending across to Devil's Point.

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