

Seaforth Battery

<p>Commenced 1870 Completed 1875 Cost £ 53,632 Map Reference Position N.W. Of docks</p> <p>Type Coast Defence Ditch None Guns 4 Barrack Accom. none Present use Little trace remains</p> <p>History Coast defence</p> <p>Disposal Site cleared 1929 Condition Nothing left Access None</p> <p>Sources Fort Perch Rock & the Defence of the Mersey' by Ken McCarron, Merseyside Portfolios 1991.</p>	<p>Armament</p> <p>1875 4 x 12.5-inch RML 1894 2 x 4.7-inch QF</p> <p>Caponiers None</p> <p>Counterscarp galleries None</p> <p>Haxo casemates None</p> <p>Moncrieff Pits None</p>
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History and Description

Built as part of the defences of the Mersey Docks, the battery was designed to engage ships using the Rock Channel head on as well as the other shipping channels supporting the fort at Perch Rock. Four 12.5-inch RML guns were installed but were soon removed and replaced in 1894 with two 4.7-inch Quick Fire guns which were originally sent to arm Fort Perch Rock. These were suitable for engaging fast torpedo boats. In 1875 a battery of seven saluting guns was erected in the fort. In 1898 a fire control centre for the 4.7-inch guns was added at the east end of the battery. In 1907 two chambers were opened out to mount searchlights. The salting battery was removed in 1911.

In 1923 the rear of the battery was removed as the docks expanded. In 1928 the battery was dismantled to be relocated elsewhere and the site was cleared in 1929.

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