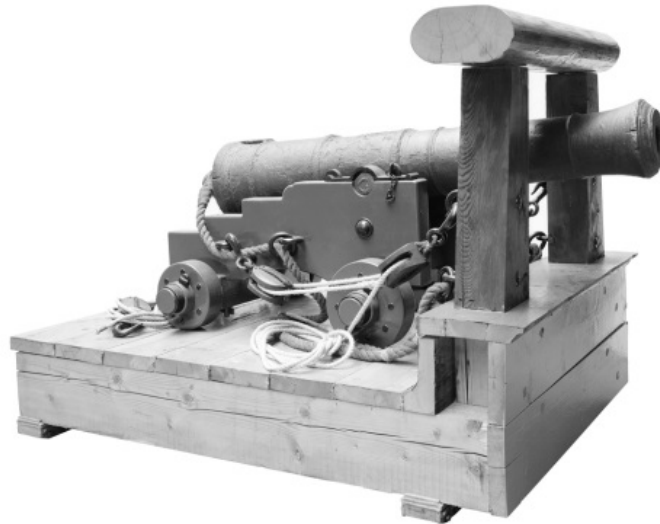




STORIES FROM THE SEA

EXPLORATION OBJECTS



GUN FROM HM BARK ENDEAVOUR

Date made

Mid-eighteenth century

Object ref.

KTP0071

Credit

National Maritime
Museum, Greenwich,
London

Name

Gun, 4-pounder

Description

One of six guns from Captain Cook's *Endeavour*, found on the Great Barrier Reef off Queensland, Australia, in 1969. *Endeavour* struck the reef, twenty miles from the mainland, and was badly holed. In order to lighten the ship and enable it to get off the reef, six guns were thrown overboard. Each gun weighed half a ton. This gun was recovered by an Australian expedition to mark 200 years since Cook's *Endeavour* voyage and presented to the Museum in 1969.

Questions

Why do you think the expedition had guns on its ship?

What might this gun have seen during its 200 years on the sea bed?

Write a newspaper article about the divers finding this gun at the bottom of the sea.



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