

# URMAKERBERGET SKANSE



I forkant av unionsoppløsningen i 1905 fryktet Norge at svenske styrker skulle angripe gjennom Solør, krysse Glomma lengre nord og angripe Kongsvingers befestninger nordfra. Urmakerberget skanse ble derfor anlagt for å ta imot et svensk angrep fra den retningen. Skansen ble påtenkt alt i 1880-årene, men først anlagt i perioden 1898-1903.

Skansen hadde standplass for 7 kanoner med en rekkevidde på 6 km. 5 pekte nordover og 2 pekte østover.

Soldater fra Oscarsborg bemannet skansen under urolighetene i 1905.

De reiste da bautasteinen til minne om sitt besøk med innskriften:

***"5 TE FA KOMP OSCARBORG 1905"***

(5. Festningsartillerikompani)

Skansen var bemannet med 140 soldater i 1905, men var bygd for å kunne huse 450 soldater.

Skansen var i aktiv bruk i perioden 1903-1934. Etter dette ble skansen overlatt til naturen.



Preceding the union dissolution in 1905 the Norwegians feared that Swedish troops should attack through Solør, cross the river Glomma and attack Kongsvinger fortifications from the north. The Urmakerberget redoubt was constructed to withstand a Swedish attack from that direction. The redoubt was planned for in the 1880-ies, but was not built until 1898 to 1903.

The redoubt was constructed for 7 cannons with a firing range of 6 km. 5 pointing to the north and 2 pointing to the east.

In addition there were different types of stone entrenchments. Soldiers from the Oscarsborg fortress manned the redoubt during the turbulent times in 1905. The soldiers put up a monumental stone in memory of their visit with the inscription:

***"5 TE FA KOMP OSCARBORG 1905"***

(5 th Fortress artillery)

The redoubt was manned with 140 soldiers in 1905, but could accommodate 450 soldiers.

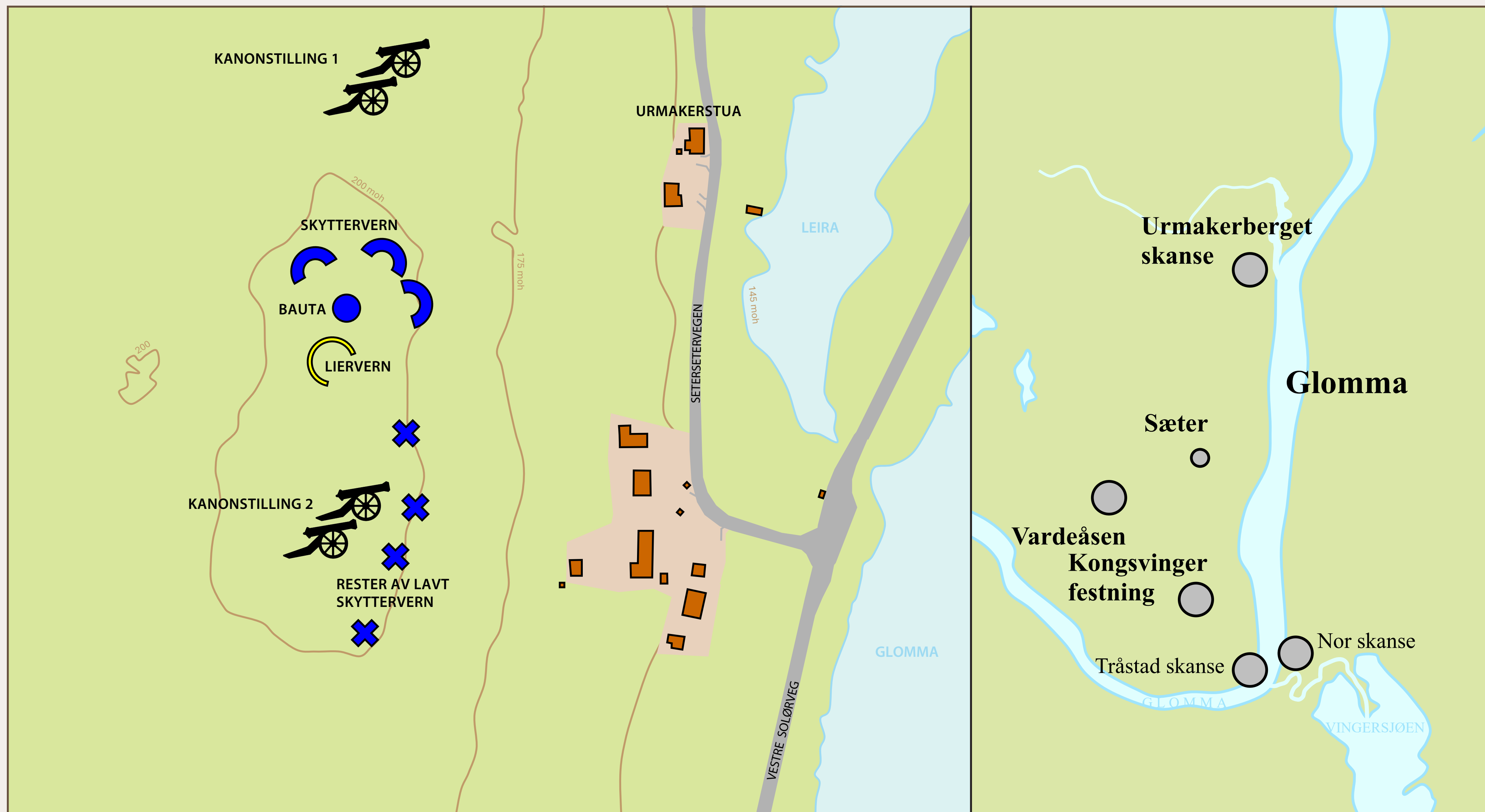
The redoubt was in active use between 1903 and 1934. After that the redoubt was left to nature.



Det eneste kjente fotografiet av Urmakerberget skanse i bruk. Bildet er fra en sommerøvelse for artilleriet i 1916.



The only known photo of the redoubt at Urmakerberget. The picture is from an artillery exercise in the summer of 1916.



Urmakerberget skanse ligger 5 km nord for Kongsvinger ved elven Leira. Den var underlagt Vardåsen fort.



Urmakerberget redoubt is located 5 km north of Kongsvinger town by the river Leira.  
The redoubt was subject to Vardåsen fortress.



Skansen er fortsatt godt synlig i terrenget. Her ser vi bautaen fra 1905 og ett av skyttervernene.



The entrenchments is still visible in the terrain.

Here is the monumental stone from 1905 and one of the stone entrenchments.