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Officers of the Dragoon Regiment Prinz Ludwig from Brunswick, in what is now Germany, carried these long broadswords at the Battle of Bennington in New York State in 1777. These swords had ornate basket-shaped guards that protected their handles. Officers often carried swords and spear-like weapons called spontoons as signs of rank.

CAN YOU FIND?

The Museum has several examples of spontoons in our 360-degree Virtual Museum Tour (<https://www.amrevmuseum.org/virtual-museum-tour>). Can you find them? Carrying them could be both good and bad for the soldiers who did so. Why was that?

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