

# Basic Detail Report

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## "Langes Messer" (infantry saber)

### Date

late 1400s–early 1500s

### Primary Maker

German

### Medium

iron and steel

### Description

Single edged, curved blade, in the "forte" with two rows of niello-filled addorsed crescents on bottom 1/3, adjacent to hilt. Fuller adjacent to the back edge. Simple cruciform hilt with straight guards of round cross-section, and a curved, short hand-guard (Wehrnagel) on the obverse face. Tang is flat and wide, pierced with 4 holes to secure now-lost plaques to both faces; these holes retain traces of cylindrical rolls of iron passing through them. An additional hole served to secure lost pommel-cap.

### Dimensions

107.6 × 88.9 cm (42 3/8 × 35 in.), 2 lb (weight)