REVISED AUGUST 2025 SALES LIST

As the country's leading specialist in supplying quality items to discerning collectors, investors, and shooters of antique and vintage arms we take pleasure in presenting our latest sales listing. On these pages you will find one of the best selections available. We are confident that this list offers the best value in the country, where you will find quality items, cheaper than encountered at arms fairs and with other dealers. We are full time professionals, not Arms Fair part timers who like to make a big profit at your cost. To survive we have to deal with people fairly and more than just once.

Many items come and go without even appearing on our website, some even vanish into our own collections without mention. So, if there are any particular items you are looking for please give us a call, maybe we can help.

Our regularly updated website now lists most of our stock, that you can view 24/7. You can look with pleasure; decide at leisure, no pressure, no crowd. We hope you enjoy this catalogue. If you have any queries or require further information on any item, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service now and in the future.

We would like to draw your attention to a new book we have recently published entitled A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930. A book that is becoming the standard basic reference work on the subject. The book is selling fast and not just to U.K. collectors but also internationally and becoming recognised as one of the standard basic reference works on the subject. Details on page 30-31 and now available.

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Revolvers

AN ATTRACTIVE & GOOD 100 BORE (.35") PERCUSSION SELF COCKING TRANSITIONAL REVOLVER SIGNED REILLEY LONDON, CIRCA 1850, with 6" octagonal sighted Birmingham proofed barrel, the top flat signed with retailers name 'REILLY LONDON', six shot cylinder with feathered decoration to leading edge, foliate engraved open top round German silver frame, foliate engraved bar hammer, two piece finely chequered walnut grips, folate engraved iron pommel with trap. The early transitional revolvers were basically a continuation of the Pepperbox design adapted to a short cylinder and single barrel, they are one of the major advancements, on the path to the modern revolver. Consequently a very important collector's item for those with an interest in British pistols and revolvers. The retailer was J. C. Reilly (after 1857 E.M. Reilly) of 502 New Oxford St. London, one of London's major gunmakers of the period. In very good condition, excellent grips, traces of original blue to barrel. (67/25)



A GOOD & UNUSUAL 120 BORE (.32") WEBLEY BENTLEY SELF COCKING PERCUSSION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1858, with 2 ½" octagonal barrel, multi-groove rifling, the top flat signed with retailers name 'MARSH NORTHAMPTON', fitted with Kerr's type loading lever, foliate engraved open top frame with rounded profile, the barrel secured to the frame by threading on to the cylinder Arbor and locked by a butterfly screw into the frame, a typical feature found on some Webley Longspur revolvers, the hammer with Bentley's patent nose catch, five shot cylinder with numbered chambers, one piece finely chequered walnut grips with flared birds head pommel, carved with a shell pattern. A good quality revolver in an unusual style, I must admit I have never seen a similar example. The retailer was John Marsh of 30 Drapery St. established in 1848. The revolver is in very good plus condition, with excellent sharp and untouched grips, much original deep blue to barrel, and approx. 50% to frame, cylinder to a steel grey patina. (68/25)





A FINE 120 BORE (.32") BEAUMONT ADAMS PERCUSSION REVOLVER SIGNED ROBERT ADAMS CIRCA 1858, with 4 5/16" octagonal London proofed barrel, top strap engraved 'ROBERT ADAMS 76 KING WILLIAM STREET, LONDON', fitted with Kerr's patent loading lever, plain five shot cylinder, borderline engraved frame engraved with both the Beaumont Patent serial No in the 20,4XXB serial range and the Adams Patent No in the 36,1XXR range and fitted with sliding bolt safety, one piece finely chequered walnut grips. The revolver was made by the London Armoury Co (L.A.C.) and bears their mark on the left barrel flat and was retailed by Robert Adams after he left the L.A.C. and set up on his own at King William St. It is in excellent condition with most originally deep charcoal blue finish, to barrel frame and cylinder, the loading lever with traces of colour, excellent grips, good bore and action, cylinder Arbor screw replaced. It is rare to find revolvers in this condition.

(69/25) £995





A 54 BORE TRANTER 4TH MODEL SINGLE TRIGGER DOUBLE ACTION PERCUSSION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE, 5 3/4" Birmingham proofed octagonal sighted barrel, top strap engraved 'JOHN HAYTON, GRAHAM'S TOWN', foliate engraved frame, the right-side with Tranter T suffixed serial number 18,523, dating around 1861, pivoting hook safety and the improved rocking cylinder arbour retaining lever, the left-side of the frame stamped in small letters 'TRANTERS PATENT' and fitted with Tranter's patent 3rd type loading lever, five shot cylinder with the usual rope band decoration to the leading edge, one piece chequered walnut grips with engraved and dished oval butt-cap. Grahamstown on the Eastern Cape was the centre of a large settlement area, and a troubled area 1840 to 1880. The 4th Model Tranter was Tranters first double action single trigger revolver patented in 1856 and made to compete with the Beaumont Adams. The Tranter design featured some interesting innovations, the cylinder was made with an integral rotation ratchet, machined as part of the cylinder, which was case hardened, the cylinder end boss was separate and could be adjusted for cylinder end-float. In very good condition,, good grips, barrel and action with fading blue finish, repair to the This example has a little extra engraving and is in very good condition with good grips, barrel and action with fading blue finish. An important and sought after collector's revolver. (34/25)£995



A GOOD 120 BORE (32") TRANTER FOURTH MODEL SINGLE TRIGGER DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE, 3 5/8" octagonal barrel, the top strap engraved with the retailers name, the leftside fitted with Tranters 3rd type loading lever, foliate engraved frame bearing the Tranter serial No 10,207T, dating approx. 1859, five shot cylinder with rope band decoration to leading edge, one piece chequered walnut grips. Tranter revolvers in 120 Bore are quite rare, in very good condition with excellent grips and much original finish to barrel and frame, the cylinder to a grey patina, Tranter cylinders were originally case coloured. (31/25)





AN 80 BORE (.38") TRANTER FOURTH MODEL SINGLE TRIGGER DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE., with 4 ½" octagonal barrel the top strap engraved with the retailers name, 'JOHN HAYTON GRAHAMS TOWN', foliate engraved frame bearing the Tranter serial No. 15,687, circa 1859, pivoting hook safety and S shaped spring and stud cylinder arbour release, (stud replaced), five shot cylinder with rope band decoration to leading edge, one piece chequered walnut grips. In very good condition with good grips, some minor wear commensurate with use, barrel and action with some original fading blue finish, good action and bore, Tranter revolvers in 80 bore are quite rare, a good collectors specimen. (27/25)





A RARE & INTERESTING .36" COLT MODEL 1851 SHORT BARRELLED NAVY PERCUSSION REVOLVER, with 5" octagonal barrel the top flat stamped 'ADDRESS COL. SAML COLT NEW YORK U.S. AMERICA', fitted with under-barrel loading lever, open top frame, six chambered cylinder, brass trigger-guard and backstrap, replacement slightly undersize walnut grips, numbered in the 211,XXX serial range dating 1870. Colt did not produce a short, barrelled version of the Colt Navy only the standard model with a 7½" barrel, this example was probably professionally modified by a competent gunsmith in the 1870's, by not just shortening the barrel but also modifying the loading lever, converting the pistol into a more concealable and handier weapon (a belly gun) when required. The pistol has been refinished but is fairly sharp overall with some speckling, good Colt barrel address, markings lost on frame and cylinder, crude replacement barrel wedge and replacement grips. (40/25)





A 54 BORE WEBLEY BENTLEY SELF COCKING PERCUSSION REVOLVER, with 5 ½" octagonal Birmingham proofed smoothbored barrel, the top strap engraved 'PATENT LONDON', fitted with Kerr type loading lever, five shot cylinder, two-piece barrel and frame, two piece chequered walnut grips, In very good condition professionally reblued, the left grip with some bruising, Bentley patent nose catch removed. (38/54)





A RARE & EXQUISITE 120 BORE FAGARD SIDE HAMMER DOUBLE ACTION PERCUSSION REVOLVER, with 4 ½" sighted octagonal barrel, fitted on the leftside with an unusual type of loading lever, open top frame, deeply foliate engraved in the continental style, the six-shot cylinder profusely engraved to match as are the side hammer, trigger guard and grip straps, one piece walnut grips, with chequered panels and carved foliate decoration. This design of revolver was patented in 1857 by Joseph Fagard of St. Remy, Liege and manufactured through to 1870. Fagard revolvers are known for their quality of manufacture and design which included some innovative features, including their side hammer action, loading lever and pin safety. This example in superb probably unused condition, with fine grips and most original deep blue finish good action, one nipple broken. A bargain at. (66/25)





Flintlock & Percussion Pistols

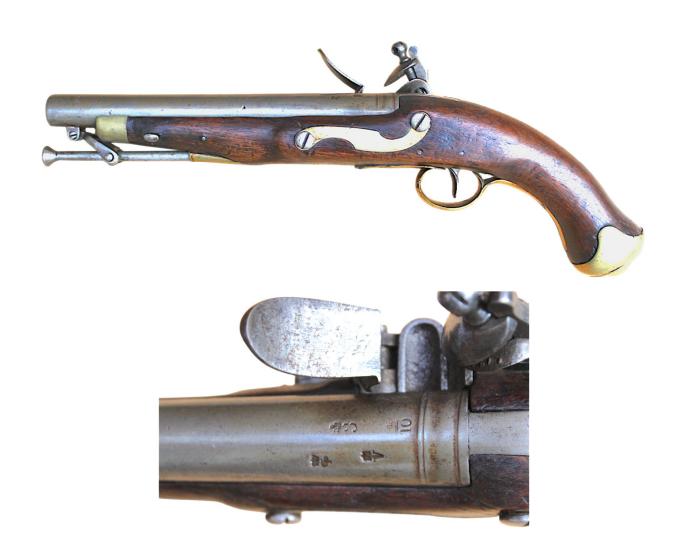
A GOOD 17.5MM FRENCH YEAR 13 FLINTLOCK CAVALRY PISTOL OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS AND DATED FOR 1808. With 8" barrel stamped at the breech 'LD 1807' at breech, the stepped and bevelled lock engraved 'MANUF. IMPLE DE TULLE'. Regulation brass mounted stock, stamped with a good French ordnance roundel dated 1808 and with the unusual fitment of a belt hook. This is an important collector's pistol for those with an interest in the Napoleonic Wars, it is termed the year 13 pistol as it was adopted 13 years after the establishment of the republic, the French revolutionaries decided that life started from that date (1792) which was year one. The pistol is also known as the Model 1805 Cavalry Pistol the year of its introduction with over 300,000 being made between 1806 and 1814. It was the most used French cavalry pistol during the Napoleonic Wars from the Peninsular to Waterloo, apparently during that final battle the French Cuirassiers rode close to the British infantry squares and fired pistols of this type into the massed troops. If any of you wonder about the reason for the half stock it allows the troopers gloved hand an easier grip of the rammer. Pistols of this type remained in use for many years, it was also the pistol used during the Revolution of 1830 (Les Misérables). This example dated 1808 just right for issue during the Peninsular campaign and Waterloo, in above average condition for one of these, good stock, sharp overall, barrel and lock to a bright finish. £895





A .65" EAST INDIA COMPANY NEW LAND PATTERN 1811-18 FLINTLOCK PISTOL, with 9" barrel struck with London proofs and EIC inspection stamps at breech, swivel rammer with EIC pattern long stirrup linked loading lever, hinged at muzzle. Borderline engraved flat style lock, the centre stamped with the rampant lion EIC cypher together with a small crown over 2 inspection stamp, dated 1815 on the tail, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. This pattern of pistol was produced 1811 to 1818, the early models were fitted with lock with the standard pan like this and those made later than 1815 had raised or semi-waterproof pans. The pattern is an upgrade of the earlier 1808 pistol by the fitting of a swivel rammer with an unusual style of long Y shaped stirrup (apparently designed by Ezekiel Baker). It closely followed the British service New Land pistol except for the style of rammer. Examples will be found dated 1812 to 1818. The Ordnance purchased approx. 5000 of this pattern from the E.I.C. between 1812 and 1813 for urgent issue during the Napoleonic Wars. In India Pistols of this pattern were issued to all E.I.C regular cavalry some irregular cavalry regiments and artillery units and some Royal Service cavalry regiments serving in India. They remained in use for many years after they were superseded by the Bakers pattern pistol in 1819 and would have seen service and action in all campaigns from 1813 to the 1830's and possibly even later. In very good condition with good stock barrel to a steel grey patina. £895





A 25 BORE CLASSIC STYLE FLINTLOCK DUELLING PISTOL BY JOHN KNUBLEY CIRCA 1790, with 9 7/8" London proofed and sighted octagonal barrel, borderline engraved lock with stepped tail and engraved with makers name 'KNUBLEY' to centre and fitted with an attractive French style cock, iron mounted full walnut stock, plain bag shaped grip, decorated iron trigger-guard with pineapple finial, horn tipped wooden ramrod. A classic duelling pistol of the 1790's by the famous John Knubley originally of Otley, Yorkshire, later at 11 Charing Cross, 1786-94, Gunmaker to Prince of Wales, Duke of Clarence and Prince Edward and also contractor to the Ordnance. The business was taken over by an employee Samuel Brunn on the death of John Knubley in 1794. In very good condition, with good sharp stock, barrel to a grey, brown patina.





A Good & Very Rare William 4th .65" New Land Light Dragoon Flintlock Pistol, 9" barrel stamped Kings proof at breech, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. Flat style borderline engraved lock with rounded and stepped tail, fitted with bolt safety and stamped with Crown Wm. 4th cypher, to the centre, raised semi-waterproof pan, borderline engraved ring-neck cock. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, William 4th reigned from 1830 to 1837, a relatively short period, arms bearing his cypher are exceptionally rare. In very good condition with good stock, hole drilled to butt, indicating this was part of a wall display at one time, possibly at the Tower, the barrel with most of its original blued finish. A rare and good collector's gun.





A GOOD .577" PATTERN 1839 SHORT SEA SERVICE PERCUSSION PISTOL, the 6" barrel profusely stamped with numerous Ordnance proof and inspection stamps, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. The lockplate of converted flintlock form with stepped tail, engraved with the usual crown V.R. TOWER cypher dated 1846, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the butt marked with the B.O. Broad Arrow stamp on the leftside of the grip. This pattern of pistol was on issue from 1839 and issued to Royal Naval sailors during the Crimean War. In very good condition, good sharp stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing blue / grey patina. A good example. (59/25)



A GOOD .65" PERCUSSION OFFICERS BY D. EGG, CIRCA 1840, with 7" octagonal barrel the top flat faintly marked 'LONDON', swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline and foliate engraved curved backaction lock inscribed with makers name 'D. EGG', full walnut stock with chequered bag shaped grip, foliate engraved iron trigger guard and steel belt hook fitted to the leftside. In very good plus condition, with excellent untouched stock, the barrel professionally rebrowned. A top-quality example of an officers pistol by one of London's finest. (64/25)





A VERY GOOD .70" (Musket Bore) PERCUSSION OFFICERS PISTOL BY WILKINSON OF PALL MALL, 8 ½" round barrel the top inscribed 'PALL MALL LONDON', hook breech, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline engraved side action lock, inscribed with the makers name to the centre, 'WILKINSON', iron mounted full walnut stock the butt cap with hinged trap, silver wrist escutcheon engraved with the original owners crest of a large bird and the family motto Semper Fidelis or Always Faithful which strangely enough is also the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps and various other military corps. Burke's full list of families using the motto was: Booker, Barbeson, Bonner, Broadmead, Carney, Chesterman, Dick, Dickins, Duffield, Edge, Formby, Frisby, Garrett, Haslett, Hill, Houlton, Kearney, Lynch, Lund, Marriott, Nicholls, Onslow, Pollexfen, Smith, Steele, Steehler, Steuart, Stewart, Stirling and Wilcoxon. A large portion of these families were Irish or Scottish. Wilkinson was a noted supplier of firearms and swords to officers, the company being a continuation of the business of Henry Nock. This example of the company's work is in excellent condition, with superb untouched stock with original shellac finish, the barrel with fading brown, , faint case colours to lock and buttcap, and about 60% charcoal blue to trigger guard, hammer nose chipped and a small chip out of stock just in front of bolster.

(63/25) £695





A GOOD 56-BORE PERCUSSION TRAVELLING PISTOL WITH SPRING BAYONET BY H. MORRIS, with 5.25" sighted browned Damascus barrel the top flat signed with makers name H. MORRIS and fitted with a top mounted $5\frac{1}{2}$ " triangular sprung bayonet, swivel ramrod hinged to muzzle with a stirrup link, curved back action lock attractively engraved with borderlines and foliate scroll engraving, walnut full stocked, chequered grip, inset at top with a vacant white metal oval escutcheon, iron trigger-guard decorated with borderlines and scrolls, pineapple finial. Percussion travelling pistols of this type are rarely encountered with a sprung bayonet. An attractive pistol in very good condition, with excellent stock, barrel with fading browned finish.





A FRENCH. PERCUSSION TARGET PISTOL BY GOUPILA OF ALENCON, 6" octagonal sighted barrel with multi groove rifling, side-action lock of flintlock form with some foliate decoration and having makers name 'GOUPILA ALENCON' engraved to centre, set trigger, figured walnut stock with panel chequered grip, fitted with iron mounts including finger grip to trigger guard. Alencon is the capital of the Orne region of Normandy, there was a wealth family that bore the Goupila name whose home was at Château de la Roche, Bagnoles, not far from Alencon, research might reveal an interesting connection. In very good condition with excellent stock, barrel to a brown patina, good bore.



Longarms

A GOOD & RARE .55" BRITISH SERVICE GREENE'S PATENT CAPPING BREECH LOADING CARBINE, with heavy 18" barrel rifled with three grooves, having a sixteen-sided hand grasp central section. Block and blade front-sight and carbine ladder-sight to 600 yards, the barrel bears the crowned "A / 2" inspection stamp for the War Departments American inspectorate and the opposed arrow and "S" sold out of service mark. The carbine is fitted with a back-action lock with Maynard tape primer, marked with the Crown V.R. cypher to the centre and "Mass. Arms Co. Chicopee Falls, USA 1856" on the tail, the primer cover marked "Maynard's Patent", iron mounted one piece walnut stock with butt-plate and patchbox, This interesting carbine is one of 2000 purchased in America after extensive trials by the British W.D. Legend has it that due to problems with the ammunition they were never issued, new research has revealed that a quantity were issued in 1865 to select yeomanry regiments until replaced by Westley Richards carbines around 1870. The Green carbines were then returned to store at Weedon where they remained until 1919 when a large quantity were sold off as surplus or scrap to Greener's. See "The Capping Breech Loader in British & Colonial Service by Brian C. Knapp", details the full story of these Greene's carbines and all other C.B.L. in British service. In excellent condition with fine untouched stock and much finish to barrel and action. A fine collector's piece with provenance. £1895



A .65" PATTERN 1837 STYLE YEOMANRY OR VOLUNTEER CAVALRY PERCUSION CARBINE BY DICKENSON OF LONDON CIRCA 1840, with 21" London proofed barrel fitted with a swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, the lock of flintlock form and signed to the centre with the makers name "DICKENSON LONDON", regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. An interesting carbine possibly part of a private purchase by a yeomanry or volunteer cavalry unit, in very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, the barrel to a blue / grey patina. A good, genuine and attractive collectors carbine at a very reasonable price.



A VERY RARE 13 BORE FLINTLOCK TAKEDOWN OFFICERS CARBINE BY WILLIAM NEWTON OF GRANTHAM, CIRCA 1770, with 26" two-stage octagonal to round barrel with tuned girdle, swamped muzzle fitted with silver fore-sight, the breech signed with the makers name "William Newton", together with proof and barrelsmiths marks, gold lined touchhole, grooved border and foliate engraved tang. Flat bevelled lock with safety-catch, signed with makers name 'NEWTON' to centre. Figured full walnut stock with takedown fore-end, skeleton butt, carved with a shell motif behind the barrel tang, borderline engraved iron mounts comprising a shaped sideplate decorated with a trophy of arms, vacant wrist escutcheon. The maker, William Newton was nephew and successor of Edward Newton of Grantham who lived with and was apprenticed to his uncle. On Edwards death in 1764 William inherited the business. Edward Newton was an exceptionally accomplished maker, Robert Wogdon, John Twigg and Joseph Manton were all apprenticed to Edward, however firearms by William are almost unheard-of W. Keith Neal and D.H.L. Back in Great British Gunmakers 1740-1790, page 85 cite 'when Edward Newton died, he left his business to his nephew, William, whose signature we have located on only one gun.' This carbine was undoubtedly made for a member of the gentry, possibly an officer, being a takedown it could easily be disassembled and easily by packed for shipping or travel. In good condition, the stock fairly sharp and with original finish, some age cracks and old minor repairs, the barrel and mounts speckled overall and the a grey / brown patina. With the price of gold currently at over £2400 per ounce the amount of gold in the touch hole would go some way to paying for this gun. Guns of this type are exceptionally rare. (53/25) £995



A .656" PATTERN 1859 ENFIELD NATIVE INFANTRY THREE BAND PERCUSSION MUSKET, 39" barrel of .656" calibre with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps, fixed vee rear sight, standard Enfield style lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher dated 1864. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, butt with feint Enfield roundel to butt. This is one of only 14,000 Pattern 1859 Native Infantry Muskets made at the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield. Approved by the Ordnance authorities on 7th May 1859 as an improvement on the Pattern 1858 musket. The main difference being the P59 has a slightly thicker and heavier barrel; it was found that the thinner and weaker barrel of the P58 was liable to bend with bayonet use. Although approved in 1858 no appreciable quantities were produced at the Enfield factory until 1864 and only 14,000 were manufactured. (See page 134 A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930)

The P59 was one of a family of smoothbore Enfield's produced for issue to Sepoy regiments in the East India Governments army. After the mutiny of 1857 it was decided that native regiments be armed with inferior weapons to the P53 of the British regulars. This musket made at Enfield in 1864 was shipped to India and issued to a sepoy regiment in the Bengal army. It is one of approx. 200 acquired by Walter Clode of Westley Richards from the family of the Maharajah of Faridkot in 1992. The Maharajah had a large armoury of weapons left over from the days when his family had its own private army allowed by and in support of the British East India Government. Walter Clode was an old friend of the Maharaja and in previous years had purchased large quantities of various arms from the family armoury, the 1992 batch was the last. In the heyday of the Raj, the then Maharajah of Faridkot who was a Sikh ruled his domain in the Punjab under the control of the East India Government. He was allowed a small army to maintain order and provide employment. This P59 was undoubtedly one of a quantity supplied to him from E.I.G store when obsolete from Government service. This musket and all the others I have seen from the same source show signs of having been refurbished in the distant past, I suspect this was carried out at the Maharajahs armouries The last Maharaja was a personal friend of Walter Clode the then owner of Westley Richards & Co. the Maharaja died in 1989. Following his death there followed a long battle over his estate from 1993 to 2013 and I believe it is still on going. This is a rare gun and in very good plus condition with much deep blue, good bore, good stock with some minor loss of sharpness. Serious black powder shooters consider the P59 to be the most accurate of all percussion muskets due to it reduced calibre and its high quality of manufacture, barrel boring and finishing. (Ex-**Museum Collection**) £950



AN INTERESTING .577" SNIDER Mk III SPORTING RIFLE SIGNED PROBIN, 26" sighted octagonal barrel rifled with five grooves and having an underbarrel rib for ramrod /clearing rod, the stepped lock of flintlock form signed 'PROBIN' (faint) to the centre, walnut half stocked with chequered wrist and raised check rest, iron mounts including a scroll trigger guard. This unusual and interesting rifle was originally made as a flintlock rifle or sporting gun circa 1820/30, probably by John Probin of 29 Lisle St. Leicester Sq. London. Then circa 1870's rebuilt as a Snider sporting rifle, with the fitting of a new barrel with Snider Mk III positive bolt locked action and the lock modified. In very good condition with very good stock, barrel with fading blue finish, good bore and tight action. An interesting collector's item. £750



A LIEGE 577/45 MARTINI HENRY SPORTING RIFLE, with 21" Henry rifled barrel, with block and blade foresight and short carbine style ladder rearsight to 1000 yds, action plain and unmarked, two-piece walnut stock, chequered wrist and chequered half sporting style fore-end. Refinished overall and looking good, good bore and action. (22/25)

£495



A 577/45 MARTINI HENRY SPORTING RIFLE SIGNED T. BARNSLEY, GRAHAMSTOWN, CIRCA 1880, with 27" Birmingham proofed barrel fitted with short carbine style rearsight graduated to 1000 yards, the borderline and foliate action, the leftside signed with retailers name T. Barnsley & CO. Grahamstown. In very good condition good stock, some wear to chequering commensurate with use, barrel and action with fading blue finish. (21/25)



A .41" RIMFIRE SWISS MODEL 1878 BOLT ACTION REPEATING RIFLE, 33" barrel, quadrant rear-sight, iron mounted two-piece full walnut stock. The Model 78 differed to the Model 71 in just a few minor points it is estimated that approx. 15,770 were produced 1878 to 1881 when the rifle was upgraded further to the Model 1881, The Vetterli bolt action rifle was the first bolt action repeating rifle adopted by any nation and consequently an important collector's item, they are also an outstanding piece of Swiss design and engineering. In very good condition with good untouched stock barrel and action with fading blue finish.



A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930

By Brian C. Knapp

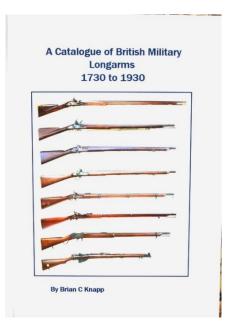


This new book is sponsored by the Royal Armouries who supplied most of the illustrations and it will without doubt be the standard reference work on the subject, it totals 17 chapters, 267 pages with over 650 colour illustrations. The work tells the story of the evolution of all British military longarms including muskets, rifles and carbines over that 200-year timespan, from the Long Land to the S.M.L.E. The book is divided into 3 sections, Part 1 details all flintlock muskets and carbines, including the 5 patterns of Long Land 1730 to 1756, the Short Land muskets 1744 to 1779 and the later patterns of flintlock muskets 1792 to 1843. Also included in this part are sections on Sea Service flintlock muskets 1730 to 1810 including the Nock volley gun. The series of flintlock fusils and carbines for infantry and other corps, 1730 to 1836, flintlock rifles 1776 to 1838. The part on flintlock cavalry carbines is divided into three sections, covering carbines for light cavalry, heavy cavalry and finally, special production and rifled carbines.

Part 2. Details the entire range of Lovell's percussion muskets, carbines and rifles 1836 to 1851. The Pattern 1851 and Pattern 1853 series of rifles and carbines, the little-known range of percussion firearms specially produced for the East India Government, and finally the service capping breechloaders. Part 3 covers all the cartridge breech loading arms, including the Snider family of rifles and carbines and other early cartridge rifles and carbines issued to British forces, including the little-known issues of Spencer's and Starr rifles and carbines. There are chapters on the Martini-Henry, Martini Metford, Martini-Enfield, the Lee series of Metford and Enfield and finally the good old Short Magazine Lee Enfield, all variations are detailed and illustrated.

There is no other work that covers the subject and the entire period, it contains the results of a lifetime's involvement in the subject, and the findings of the very latest research, consequently, provides the reader with previously unknown information and even brings to light previously unrecognised patterns. It also corrects inaccuracies and misconceptions in previous works. For those interested in the subject of the evolution of British military longarms 1730 to 1930, collectors, military historians and museums etc. this is an essential work.







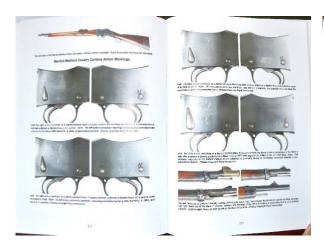


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