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Sales List



As one of the country's leading specialists in supplying quality antique and vintage arms to discerning collectors, investors and shooters, Michael J Noble Ltd is pleased to present our latest sales list.

Within these pages you will find a carefully selected range of interesting and desirable arms. We pride ourselves on offering quality pieces at realistic prices and believe this list represents some of the best value currently available.

We are full-time professional dealers and believe that successful business is built upon knowledge, fair dealing and long-term relationships with our customers.

Many interesting items come and go without ever appearing on our website — some even find their way into our own collections! If there is a particular item you are looking for, please give us a call; we may well be able to help.

Our regularly updated website displays most of our current stock and can be viewed at your leisure, 24 hours a day: **look with pleasure, decide at leisure — no pressure, no crowd.**

We hope you enjoy browsing this catalogue. If you have any questions or require further information about any item, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service, both now and in the future.

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The Enfield Pattern 1853 Rifle and Variations

The Enfield Pattern 1853 rifle is, without doubt, one of those iconic weapons from history deserving of a place in every collection of military arms. Considered by many authorities to be the finest percussion muzzle-loading military rifle developed by any nation for general issue to its forces, it reached its zenith during the period from 1853 to 1865. For me, this is the most fascinating period in the history of firearms development. It was a time when weapons design made an extraordinary leap forward. The Industrial Revolution, together with rapid advances in manufacturing, science and technology, was making the ideas—and sometimes the wildest dreams—of inventors a reality.

In the space of little more than fifteen years, the military firearm progressed from the muzzle-loading musket, a weapon which had changed comparatively little in two centuries, with an effective range of less than 100 yards and a rate of fire of around three rounds a minute, to rifled weapons capable of effective fire at several hundred yards and long-range shooting approaching 1,000 yards. These in turn were rapidly followed by breech-loading weapons using the self-contained, gas-tight metallic cartridge.

The Pattern 1853 Rifle Musket, affectionately known simply as “the Enfield”, or P53 stood at the centre of this revolution. It compared extremely favourably with its foreign contemporaries and became one of the standards by which military rifles of the period were judged. Produced and issued in enormous quantities, it must also rank among the most commonly surviving of nineteenth-century military arms.

Its service history was remarkable. The Enfield saw action with British forces throughout the Empire and beyond: in the Crimea; in India, where the cartridges issued for it became one of the immediate causes associated with the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny; in South Africa during the conflicts of the Eastern Cape; and in the New Zealand, or Māori, Wars of the 1860s—a hard-fought, colourful and still surprisingly little-known campaign in Britain.

Large quantities of Enfield's were also issued in Canada during periods of tension along the border with the United States. At home, the fear of French invasion in 1859 encouraged the extraordinary growth of the Volunteer Movement. Towns throughout Britain formed their own Volunteer Rifle Corps, accompanied by the construction of rifle ranges in most U.K. towns and cities, on which their members could practise. The Pattern 1853 and its commercial and Volunteer derivatives became closely associated with this movement.

Nor should we forget the American Civil War. Large numbers of Enfield rifles crossed the Atlantic and were used extensively by both Union and Confederate forces, giving this quintessentially British military arm an important place in American history as well.

The P53 also spawned a large family of related weapons. Improved models and specialised variations were produced for artillery, cavalry, rifle regiments, engineers, naval service and the East India Company. Added to these were the myriad versions manufactured for foreign and colonial governments, together with target rifles and arms intended for Volunteers, officers and the commercial market.

A further family of smooth-bore arms was produced for service in India. Following the Mutiny, British authorities were reluctant to equip ordinary Indian infantry regiments with the same rifled weapons available to European troops, resulting in the development and issue of smooth-bore derivatives of the Enfield system.

The Enfield story did not end with the arrival of the breech-loader. In 1866 the decision was taken to convert large numbers of existing muzzle-loading Enfield's to breech-loading arms using the Snider system. The resulting Snider-Enfield, particularly in its short-rifle form with improved rifling, proved an extremely effective weapon and a worthy contemporary of the new generation of small-bore breech-loaders then competing to replace it.

With the Pattern 1853, the muzzle-loading military rifle had arguably reached its perfection. The quality of manufacture seen in good surviving examples remains impressive today and is a reminder of the standards of craftsmanship and personal pride in manufacture that characterised the period.

The Enfield is important for another reason. Its production became closely associated with the introduction and development in Britain of modern factory manufacture using machine-made, interchangeable components. This was a fundamental change from the older system under which

military arms had largely been assembled from components supplied by numerous specialist contractors. The rifle therefore represents not simply an advance in firearms design, but part of a much greater revolution in British industrial production.

The Pattern 1853 Enfield remains an enduring memorial to the men who designed it, to the workers who manufactured it, and above all to the soldiers who carried and used it—men whose lives could depend upon its accuracy and reliability. It is also a memorial to the Victorian age: a period when Britain was arguably at the height of its power, and when developments in science, engineering and manufacturing were helping to create the modern technological world. Every collector should have one and we have probably the best stock and examples available in this country. A selection are listed below.

Selection of Pattern 1853 & Snider Rifles & Carbines.

A GOOD .577" PATTERN 1853 3RD TYPE 3 BAND PERCUSSION VOLUNTEER RIFLE BY E. M. REILLY OF OXFORD ST. LONDON CIRCA 1860,

39" London proved barrel rifles with 3 grooves and engraved along the top "REILLY 515 & 502 OXFORD ST LONDON" fitted with regulation pattern ladder rearsight, barleycorn foresight, borderline engraved lock signed "REILLY / LONDON" to centre, regulation brass mounted figured full walnut stock. The rifle in very good plus condition with excellent sharp and untouched stock, barrel to a pleasing fading plum blue finish, good sharp bright bore. **A good piece for collector or shooter. £1295**





A .577" PATTERN 1856 2 BAND PERCUSSION VOLUNTEER SHORT RIFLE BY E. M. REILLY OF OXFORD ST. LONDON.

33" London proofed barrel, rifled with 3 grooves, fitted with regulation pattern ladder rearsight and barley corn foresight, bayonet lug at muzzle. Borderline engraved lock stamped with a crown on the tail and "REILLY 515 & 502 OXFORD ST. LONDON", Regulation iron mounted figured full walnut stock.

The Pattern 1856 short rifle was very popular with the volunteers, designed in military service for issue to rifle regiments and sergeants of infantry. The reason for the blued iron mounts over brass mounts of the long rifle, to limit reflection, as the rifles were issued in the main to rifle regiments who acted as skirmishers and sharpshooters. **This rifle is in very good condition with fine, sharp and untouched stock, barrel to a blue / grey patina, good shooting grade bore,** **£1200**



A GOOD SUPERIOUR QUALITY .577" PATTERN 1853 3RD TYPE 3 BAND PERCUSSION VOLUNTEER RIFLE SIGNED J. ASTON, HYTHE.

39" Birmingham proofed barrel rifled with 3 grooves, engraved at the breech "ISSAC HOLLIS & SONS" and "MAKERS TO HER MAJESTY'S / WAR DEPARTMENT". Borderline engraved lock signed to centre "J ASTON / HYTHE". Regulation brass mounted full figured walnut stock, chequered wrist and forend.

The retailer James Aston was a highly influential British gunmaker and inventor who served as the Civil Master Armourer to the British Army's School of Musketry in Hythe, Kent, from 1853 until 1870. He played a critical role in the development and refinement of British military small arms during the mid-to-late 19th century. Between 1855 and 1882, Aston submitted at least 15 improvements and modifications to various military small arms, several of which were officially adopted by the British military. Aston made vital contributions to the design of the Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle. He designed a new pattern ramrod incorporating a jag head (making it easier to remove from the stock) and suggested several design improvements to the rifle between 1854 and 1862.

In addition to his official military duties at Hythe, Aston operated a successful business selling high-quality rifles on his own account. He was highly regarded as one of the premier suppliers of Volunteer military and target rifles during the 1860s. His custom pieces were typically built using precision components or complete arms sourced from premium Birmingham trade houses like *Hollis & Sheath* or *Isaac Hollis & Sons*, with whom he had a close working relationship. This rifle is an example of his work.

It is in near excellent condition with fine stock, barrel with much fading blue finish, excellent bright bore with sharp rifling. An above average specimen. £1295.





A .577" ENFIELD PATTERN 1853 3RD TYPE PERCUSSION SERVICE RIFLE BY THE LONDON ARMOURY COMPANY 1862.

39" ordnance proofed barrel, rifled with 3 grooves, fitted with standard military pattern sights, the lock stramped with the Crown V.R. cypher on the tail and 1862 /LAC to the centre, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock.

LAC made Pattern 1853 rifles together with R. S. M. Enfield made rifles were machine made in factory complexes to the highest standards of the day, were interchangeable and considered the best available. The majority of LAC made arms encountered today were made for private sale to volunteers , service issue examples, such as this are exceptionally rare as most were converted to Snider breech loaders.

This example in very good condition with fine stock, barrel to a grey, brown patina some speckling near breech and bolster and very good bore bright and sharp. Complete with a socket bayonet and scabbard.

£1395





A RARE. 577" COLONEL HAYS MEDIUM PATTERN 3 BAND RIFLE I. HOLLIS & SON CIRCA 1860, 36" barrel rifled with 3 groove fast twist progressive depth rifling giving 1 turn in 48", Borderline engraved lock signed to the centre "I. HOLLIS & SON", iron mounted full walnut stock with chequered wrist and forend.

This rare and interesting rifle was designed by Colonel later Major General Charles Crawford Hay Inspector General of Musketry 1853-67 and commandant of the School of Musketry Hythe. He believed that the standard Pattern 1853 was too long and unwieldy he decided on a barrel length of 36" and increased the rifling pitch to 1 turn in 48" from the 1 in 78" of the P53. This is the same pitch used in the Naval rifle.

Although tried by the Ordnance it was not adopted, the improvements were not sufficient for the trouble and expense of re-equipping. The design was liked and adopted by the Colonial Governments of New South Wales and Victoria. In New Zealand 5000 were acquired for use during the Māori Wars, many of which were later converted to Snider. Many were also purchased by volunteers in the UK for target shooting. It appears that most were made by the Birmingham firm of Hollis & Sheath and after 1861 by I. Hollis & Son and retailed by J. Aston the armourer at the Hythe School of Musketry he also had a shop in the town and would have been an associate of Col. Hay, possibly contributing to the design of this pattern of rifle and actively marketed it.

Very few examples are known to exist. An interesting variation of the Pattern 1853 having the advantage of rapid twist rifling with 3 grooves, in a 3-band configuration. **This example in very good condition, good sharp stock, refinished at some time in past, barrel with much fading blue from period reblue, rammer a correct replacement, good bore, re-breeched during working life.** £995



An EXCEPTIONALLY RARE .577" ENFIELD MADE ENFIELD PATTERN 1853 3RD TYPE PERCUSSION RIFLE, 1860.

39" barrel rifled with 3 grooves, full Enfield proofs at breech, ladder rearsight, borderline engraved lock stamped with the crown V.R. cypher on the tail and "ENFIELD / 1860" to the centre, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the butt stamped with the Enfield 1st class roundel.

Enfield made Pattern 1853 rifles are exceptionally rare, most were never issued and the vast majority converted to Snider breech-loaders. These Enfield made rifles were made to the highest standards of the day, with the highest quality materials including select walnut stocks and machine made to the closest tolerances, they are fully interchangeable. (See A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930) In very good condition with very good stock, quite sharp overall, barrel to a grey patina, excellent bore. A very rare collectors rifle. **£1195**



A .577" PATTERN 1853 2ND TYPE ENFIELD 3-BAND PERCUSSION RIFLE MARKED TO THE 17TH LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

39" fully Ordnance-marked barrel, rifled with three grooves and fitted with ladder rearsight. Borderline-engraved lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher on the tail and "TOWER 1856" to the centre. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, the butt stamped with the W.D. arrow and the buttcap tang engraved "1/17/131"—1st Company, 17th Regiment, gun number 131.

The 17th Regiment was the Leicestershire Regiment and served in the Crimea in 1854–55, after which it briefly returned to the United Kingdom before being posted to Canada, where this rifle was issued. The regiment remained in Canada for nine years.

The rifle is in very good condition, with very good stock; barrel with a pleasing blue-grey patina. Good bore. **£1,295.**



A PATTERN 1856 PERCUSSION CAVALRY CARBINE.

21" barrel rifled with three grooves, fully Birmingham Ordnance-marked at the breech, fitted with leaf sights to 300 yards and having a swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle. The lock is engraved with the Tower Crown V.R. cypher, dated 1858, together with the small Government Crown inspection stamp. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, with faint W.D. stamp to the right butt and fitted with side rib.

The Pattern 1856 Cavalry Carbine was approved in August 1856, initially for issue to cavalry of the East India Company. It was later adopted by the War Department as a stop-gap arm until a suitable breech-loading carbine was accepted. The first orders were not placed until June 1857, when 12,000 were ordered from the Birmingham trade; by the following March, 10,323 had been received into store. During 1858 two further orders were placed with the Birmingham trade—the first in April for 900 and another in December for 5,000. In August 1860 there was yet another order, although the quantity is not known.

This example was probably one of the 12,000 ordered in June 1857 but not completed until 1858. Due to the Mutiny, this pattern saw very limited issue to East India Company cavalry but became the standard carbine of British line cavalry, many of which saw service in India during the Mutiny. **In very good condition, with good, well-refinished stock; barrel retaining much fading blue finish. Good bore. £1,100.**



A .577" PATTERN 1860 2 BAND VOLUNTEER PERCUSSION SHORT RIFLE,
33" Birmingham proofed barrel rifled with 5 grooves, fitted with ladder rearsight, pattern 1860 style bayonet lug at muzzle. Borderline engraved lock, stamped with a crown on the tail, regulation iron mounted full walnut stock.

In very good condition with fine stock quite sharp overall, barrel with much original deep blue, some pitting to bore near muzzle. **£795**



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.

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. (See A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730-1930 page 134)

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 its reduced calibre and its high quality of manufacture, barrel boring and finishing. (From a famous collection)** **£850**





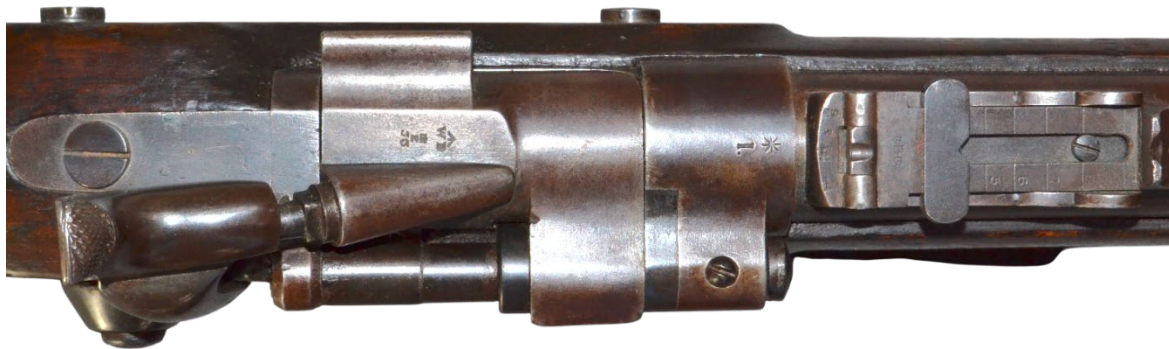
A RARE .577 SNIDER / ENFIELD MK I* 2 BAND SHORT RIFLE 1862,

30" fully Enfield ordnance marked barrel, rifled with 5 groove fast twist rifling, fitted with military pattern rear ladder rearsight, bayonet lug at muzzle. The lock stamped with the Crown V.R. ENFIELD cypher dated 1861, and the small S.R. stamp, indicating this is the improved double free lock only fitted to short rifles. The rifle is fitted with the early Mk I* breech unit. Regulation iron mounted stock, the right butt with Enfield roundel and the left butt, stamped with D.C. in a diamond for Dominion of Canada, together with other unit issue marking.

This is very rare Snider conversion and one of the very first. Skennerton in a Treatise on the Snider states the Snider 2 band rifle was only produced in the Mk II** breech configuration but he is incorrect. A small quantity had been produced before the problem with the cartridge case came to light resulting in upgrade to Mk II**. They together with the 3-band Mk I rifles had been shipped to Canada, armourers were sent to Canada to modify all the arms shipped, they were then marked with a * over the I to indicate they had been upgraded. (See A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730-1930 page 168)

This is a very rare collectors Snider very few Mk I* short rifles are known to exist. In very good condition, good stock quite sharp overall, barrel with fading blue finish, good bore, tight action. A good example
£1200



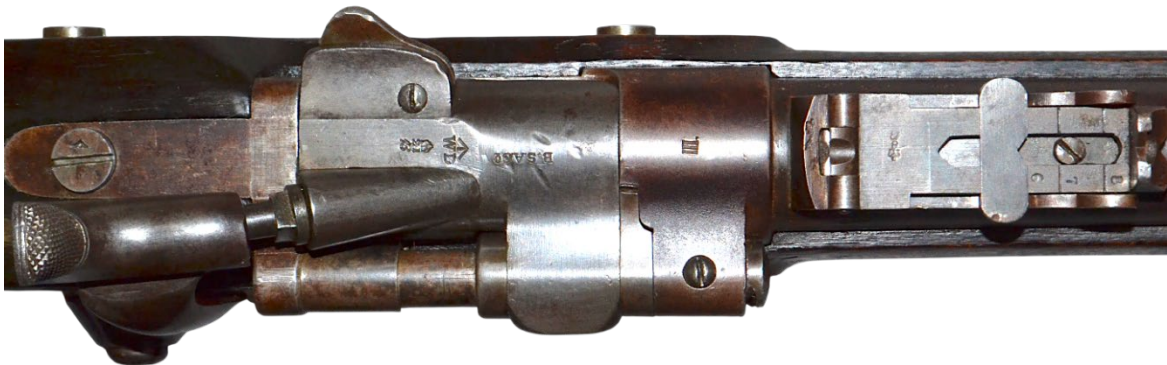


A GOOD .577" SNIDER MK III, 3 BAND SERVICE RIFLE BY B.S.A CO 1871 AND MARKED TO THE TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT,

36" fully ordnance marked barrel rifled with 3 grooves, fitted with barleycorn foresight, ladder rearsight and Mk III positive bolt locked breech. The lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher on the tail and 'B.S.A. Co / 1871' together with the small crown broad arrow government inspection ownership mark. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock the butt stamped with the Birmingham W.D. roundel, the buttcap tang engraved 'T.G. / 79'.

In very good plus condition with good sharp untouched stock, barrel with fading blue finish, tight action and excellent bore, complete with rod and sling swivels. The Mk III Snider is the most sought-after by today's shooters due to the positive locked breech. **£1200**

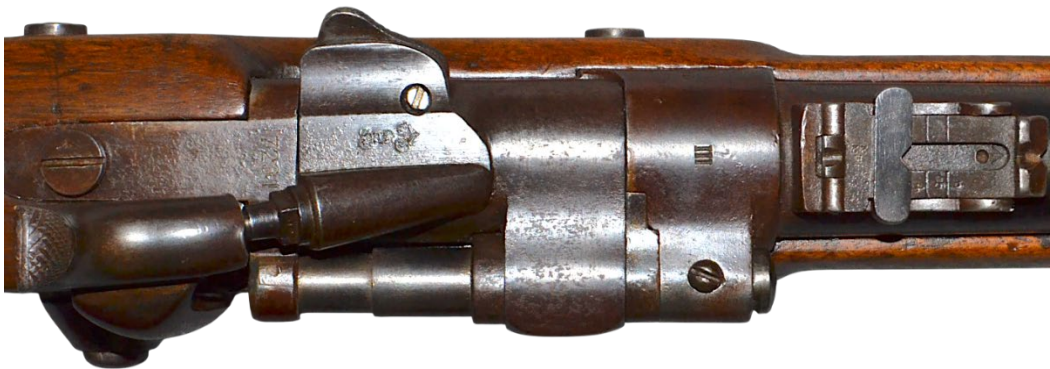




A .577" SNIDER / ENFIELD MK III CAVALRY CARBINE ,

19 ½" steel barrel rifled with 5 grooves, Ordnance proofs to breech and fitted with carbine ladder sights to 600 yds. The lock bearing the Enfield Crown V.R. cypher dated 1870, brass mounted walnut half-stocked.

The Mk III Snider carbine was a new made arm and not a conversion, it featured a positive locked breech and a steel barrel. Approx. 14,000 Snider Mk III carbines were made at Enfield in the 1869 to 72 period after that the factory was taken up with the production of the Martini Henry rifle. The Snider cavalry carbine proved to be a very practical and popular weapon. **In very good overall condition with good, refinished stock, sight cover screws missing, barrel and action to blue/grey patina, tight action, good bore. A nice piece.** **£995**



Pistols & Revolvers

A RARE & GOOD .38" RIMFIRE REMINGTON RIDER DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1870. 6½" octagonal barrel, the top flat stamped with the Remington address and patent legends; typical Remington-style under-barrel loading lever; six-shot two-piece cylinder; plain solid frame and two-piece walnut grips.

The Remington Rider was produced from 1863 to 1873, with estimated production of between 3,000 and 5,000, and was numbered within the same serial range as the Remington New Model Belt Revolver, of which approximately 3,000 were produced. The Rider was the only American double-action revolver manufactured in quantity during the Civil War period.

Initially introduced as a six-shot .36 percussion revolver, an alteration to metallic cartridge was available by the late 1860s. Conversion to .38 Rimfire was accomplished by an interesting two-piece cylinder incorporating a removable rear breech plate. This plate is indexed to the rear of the cylinder by a pin and engages with the hand mechanism to rotate the cylinder. Both cylinder and rear plate must be removed for loading and unloading.

An advantage of the system was that a percussion cylinder could also be fitted, making the arm a versatile dual-purpose revolver. It is believed that the final examples produced were manufactured as metallic-cartridge revolvers rather than converted from percussion.

This example is serial numbered 5547, with conversion number 1098 stamped on the rear of the cylinder. It has been estimated that little more than a thousand of these conversions were manufactured.

In excellent, sharp condition, retaining most original blue finish to the barrel, loading lever and cylinder, with traces of blue to the frame and excellent untouched grips. A superb example of a very rare collector's revolver.

£1,495





A GOOD, INTERESTING & IMPRESSIVE .32" RIMFIRE WEBLEY-MADE VARIANT OF THE SMITH & WESSON No. 2 OLD MODEL SEVEN-SHOT REVOLVER.

6" Birmingham-proofed octagonal barrel; plain seven-shot cylinder; borderline-engraved solid one-piece frame, engraved on the left "Patent No 39,329"; spur trigger; two-piece walnut grips; the base of the frame with vacant hole for a lanyard ring.

This rare and interesting revolver is considerably larger and heavier than the standard Smith & Wesson .32" rimfire revolver and is not much smaller than a Colt Navy. Differences from the Smith & Wesson include a solid one-piece frame, into which the barrel is screwed, and the seven-shot cylinder. The action appears similar, as does the sprung top-mounted locking catch.

The number engraved on the frame does not relate to a patent but is the company's serial number for total revolver production of all types and is in the style normally encountered on Webley-Bentley, Wedge and solid-frame revolvers.

A rare, interesting and fine collector's item. In near-excellent condition, retaining most deep blue to the barrel and cylinder, faded case colours to the frame and excellent untouched grips. £895

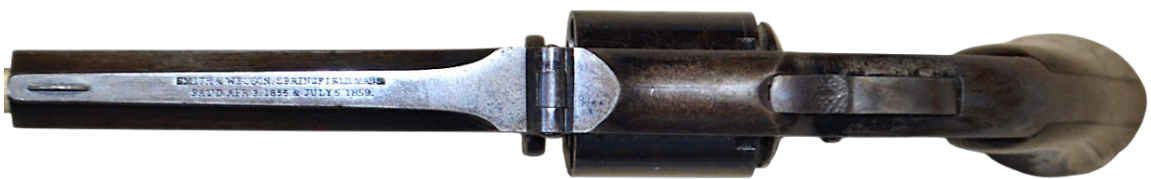


A GOOD .32" RIMFIRE SMITH & WESSON MODEL No. 1½ FIRST ISSUE REVOLVER, CIRCA 1866.

3½" octagonal barrel, the top flat stamped with the usual Smith & Wesson address and patent legends; plain five-shot cylinder; frame with sheath trigger and two-piece rosewood grips.

This model was manufactured from 1865–1868, with a total production of approximately 26,300. This example falls within the 12,000 serial range.

In very good-plus condition, with excellent untouched grips; barrel and action retaining some original blue finish, the balance having aged to a pleasing brown patina; good action and bore. £795



A .65" PATTERN 1858 EAST INDIA GOVERNMENT PERCUSSION TROOPER'S PISTOL

8" smoothbore barrel struck with military proofs at the breech; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; lock bearing the Crown E.I.G. cypher on the tail and "1867 / Birmingham" to the centre; full walnut stock with regulation brass mounts; ovoid buttcap with lanyard ring; very faint E.I.G. Birmingham roundel and maker's name stamped to the left flat.

In 1858 the East India Company adopted a five-groove rifled version of this pistol in .577" calibre. Following the Indian Mutiny and the decision to downgrade arms issued to native troops, this smoothbore version was produced and issued to cavalry of the newly established East India Government. Pistols of this type were produced during the 1860s and '70s and remained in service into the 1880s. Many were subsequently transferred to the forces of the Native States.

In very good condition, the stock showing wear commensurate with use and the barrel retaining fading blue finish. **£695**



A .56" PATTERN 1842 SHORT SEA SERVICE PERCUSSION PISTOL,

6" fully ordnance proofed barrel, with swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline engraved Lovells new pattern 1842 sidelock, with Crown Tower cypher to centre dated 1849, regulation brass mounted walnut stock, the buttcap with lanyard ring.

In very good condition with good stock barrel and lock with fading blue finish. A good collectors example. **£795**





Longarms

A RARE 32/40 SPECIAL ORDER REMINGTON HEPBURN NO 3 MID-RANGE FALLING BLOCK MATCH RIFLE.

30" part round, part octagonal barrel with buckhorn rearsight and windage adjustable foresight, stamped at the breech with the usual Remington address and patent legend, and marked "MADE EXPRESSLY FOR J. T. LAKE, ADELAIDE". Falling block action, two-piece walnut stock, the butt with chequed semi-pistol grip, vernier tang sight fitted to wrist.

This rifle was a special order for J. T. Lake a member of the Hahndorf rifle club, Adelaide, who won the celebrated Hanhdorf Annual Koenigschiessen, (Kings Shoot) on three consecutive years in the early 1900's. Only 2 other shooters have done it since. In excellent condition with fine stock much original deep blue to barrel, case colours to action, good bore. A superior example of a rare rifle. **£2,995**







A GOOD .65" FLINTLOCK OFFICER'S CARBINE BY RICHARDS, CIRCA 1815.

24" Birmingham-proofed barrel, baluster-turned breech and foliate-engraved breech tang, the barrel secured to the forend by two keys. Foliate-engraved bevelled lock with stepped tail and bolt safety, waterproof pan, roller to frizzen spring and flat-style swan-neck cock engraved to match. Full walnut stock with foliate-engraved iron mounts, including scroll trigger-guard and flat-style nose-cap. In very good, sharp overall condition, with excellent untouched stock; barrel with a blue-brown patina.

£1,100.



A RARE .704" PATTERN 1864, OR 4TH TYPE, EAST INDIA GOVT. BRUNSWICK RIFLE OF THE PUNJAB FRONTIER FORCE.

30" barrel rifled with two grooves, leaf rearsight to 300 yards and bayonet bar at muzzle. The Pattern 1853-style lock is stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher and dated 1864. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, with the usual Brunswick refinements of scroll trigger-guard and large rectangular patchbox.

This pattern of Brunswick was modelled on the E.I.C. 3rd Type Pattern 1848 rifle, which was essentially the British Army's 2nd Type of 1844, the principal difference being the fitting of the improved Pattern 1853 lock in place of the earlier Lovell's Pattern 1842 lock.

These late-pattern Brunswicks were required for issue principally to Sikh regiments of the Punjab Irregular Frontier Force—the "Piffers"—of which the famous Corps of Guides formed part. They were raised and stationed for the defence of the turbulent North-West Frontier, a tough environment and an area of almost constant conflict, where experience had demonstrated the importance of rifles. During the Indian Mutiny, Sikh regiments proved their loyalty and it was felt that they could be trusted with rifles when other Indian regiments were issued the series of Pattern 1858/59 muskets.

There is evidence to suggest that these late Brunswicks, as well as firing the belted ball, also used an expanding Minié bullet, giving greater range and accuracy.

This example is in above-average condition for its type, with good stock and barrel retaining a fading blue finish. A true piece of British history for those with an interest in British India and the North-West Frontier. (*See p.138, A Catalogue of British Military Longarms.*) **£1,895.**





A GOOD .577/.450 MARTINI-HENRY Mk IV, B-PATTERN SERVICE RIFLE.

33" fully Enfield-proofed and inspected barrel, stamped "N.S. NEP" for Native State Nepal and fitted with ramp foresight. The action is stamped with the Crowned V.R. Enfield cypher, dated 1886 and marked Mk IV, First Class.

Two-piece iron-mounted walnut stock, the butt bearing Rawalpindi markings including "R.P. / 1908", indicating refurbishment at Rawalpindi Arsenal in 1908 before being supplied to Nepal.

This pattern was approved in September 1887 and was primarily a conversion of the .402" Enfield-Martini Mk I, 2nd Pattern. Records indicate that approximately 42,902 were assembled, the vast majority being issued in India. When obsolete they were supplied to Nepal in 1908 for issue to the Gurkha Army, and this example bears their issue markings.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and action retaining much fading original finish. Good bore and tight action. A good example.

£1,100.

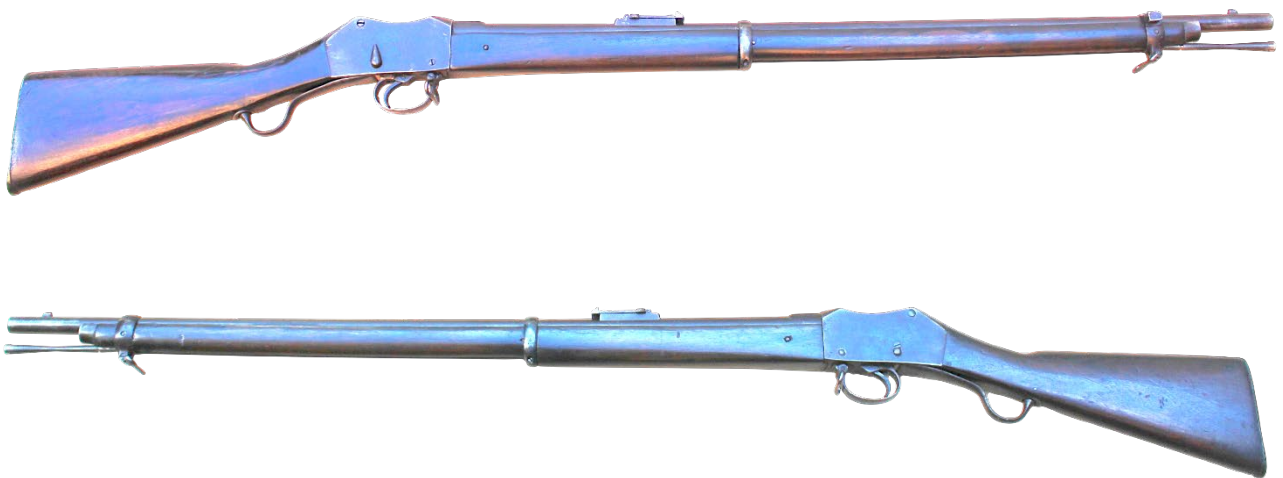




A .577/.450 MARTINI-HENRY Mk II SERVICE RIFLE BY B.S.A. 1889.

33" fully Birmingham Ordnance-proofed barrel, stamped "N.S. NEP" for Native State Nepal, indicating that it was one of a quantity supplied to Nepal in 1908, and fitted with ladder rearsight. The action is stamped with the Crowned V.R. cypher, dated 1889 and marked Mk II, together with "2" for Second Class, indicating refurbishment prior to supply to Nepal. Iron-mounted two-piece walnut stock.

In very good overall condition, with fairly sharp stock; barrel and action retaining fading blue finish. Good bore. **£1,100.**





A .577/45 MARTINI HENRY MK II PATTERN SERVICE RIFLE BY B.S.A. 1882,
 32" barrel, stamped with full Birmingham ordnance proof and inspection stamps, fitted with ladder
 rearsight, the action stamped with the Crown V.R. B.S.A. cypher dated 1882, two-piece walnut stock,
 the butt stamped with the Birmingham ordnance 1st Class roundel, storekeepers date stamp for
 December 1891 and the issue marking of "7 B.I. /391", possibly the 7th Bengal Native Infantry. The 7th
 served in Egypt under Sir Garnet Wolsley and were present at the battle of Tel-el-Kebir in 1882.

**In very good condition, good stock, with some wear commensurate with use, some pitting to actions
 the Crown V.R. stamping faint, barrel to a blue / brown patina, good bore some to action replacement
 rod. £895**





A .310" MARTINI 2ND PATTERN AUSTRALIAN CADET RIFLE BY B.S.A.

25" barrel fitted with micro-adjustable rearsight and Francotte detachable action. The right side is stamped "**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**", with the maker's name B.S.A. and piled-arms trademark on the left. Two-piece walnut stock, the butt bearing N.S.W. issue stamps.

In early 20th-century Australia, moves were made towards the military training of men and boys in a similar fashion to Switzerland. A Defence Bill was introduced which was to make training compulsory for youths aged 12–14 as Junior Cadets, 14–18 as Senior Cadets and young adults aged 18–20. Before the Bill came into force, Lord Kitchener visited Australia at the request of the Australian Government to make recommendations. Many thousands of these cadet rifles were ordered and began arriving in the country by 1908.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and action retaining much original blue finish. Good action and bore. **£795.**



Reduced To Clear

AN 80-BORE (.38") TRANTER FOURTH MODEL SINGLE-TRIGGER DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE

4½" octagonal barrel, the top strap engraved with the retailer's name "**JOHN HAYTON GRAHAMS TOWN**"; foliate-engraved frame bearing Tranter serial No. **15,687**, dating the revolver to circa 1859; pivoting hook safety and S-shaped spring-and-stud cylinder-arbour release (stud replaced); five-shot cylinder with rope-band decoration to the leading edge; one-piece chequered walnut grip.

In very good condition, with good grip and some minor wear commensurate with use. Barrel and action retain some original fading blue finish; good action and bore. Tranter revolvers in 80-bore are quite rare, and this is a good collector's specimen. **£695**





A RARE .75" MUSKET-BORE NEW LAND-STYLE OFFICER'S/YEOMANRY FLINTLOCK PISTOL

9" Ordnance private-proofed barrel with foliate-decorated tang; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; bevelled, borderline-engraved flat-style lock with stepped tail and bolt safety, the centre engraved with the maker's name "OSBORN GUNBY & CO"; frizzen spring with roller and swan-neck cock. Iron-mounted full walnut stock with bag-shaped grip; foliate-engraved trigger-guard bow with pineapple finial.

The pistol dates to circa **1811/12** and was probably made for an officer or Yeomanry unit. The musket-bore calibre tends to suggest that it was intended for a heavy cavalry regiment.

In very good condition, with good stock retaining sharp profiles; barrel and lock with a pleasing steel-grey patina. A good collector's item. **£795**





A RARE .65" HANOVERIAN PATTERN 1806/43, OR 1ST TYPE NEW LAND PATTERN PISTOL, CONVERTED TO PERCUSSION.

9" barrel fitted with swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; flat-style lock stamped **"TOWER"** on the tail and with Crown G.R. to the centre, fitted with a heavy Germanic-style percussion hammer and having an interesting form of cross-bolt safety.

Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock with carved apron around the barrel tang; sideplate engraved with the regimental markings **"C.C.B. 1136"**; forend fitted with a brass strengthener.

This pistol was originally a 1st Type New Land pistol, made around 1806 and probably issued to the King's German Legion. King George III was also Elector of Hanover. Following the French invasion of Hanover in 1803, many Hanoverians fled to Britain and the King's German Legion was formed. It became one of the best-known and most highly regarded fighting forces under British command during the Napoleonic Wars.

Following the cessation of hostilities and liberation of Hanover, the Hanoverian Army was re-formed and included many former members of the K.G.L. Their arms, together with other arms supplied from British stores, were incorporated into the new force.

Pistols of this type were converted to percussion in the early 1840s and declared obsolete in 1866.

The British monarchs continued to rule Hanover until 1837, when Victoria came to the throne. Under Salic Law, a woman could not succeed to the Hanoverian throne, which therefore passed to her uncle, the Duke of Cumberland. The Kingdom of Hanover came to an end in 1866 when it was annexed by Prussia.

In very good, dirty and untouched condition, with good stock; barrel covered with old preservative lacquer. An interesting collector's item, **possibly from the display at Marienburg Castle**, the contents of which were sold by Sotheby's in 2005. **£495**



A .44" PERCUSSION PARK RIFLE BY CALVERT OF LEEDS, CIRCA 1850.

30" multi-groove-rifled octagonal barrel, the top flat engraved "LEEDS", fitted with leaf sights; hooked breech with platinum band and foliate-engraved fixed breech.

Foliate-engraved flat-style side-action lock with bolt safety, the maker's name "CALVERT'S" engraved to the centre. Iron-mounted figured walnut half stock with finely chequered wrist; iron buttcap with foliate-engraved long tang; scroll trigger-guard with foliate-engraved bow and tang and pineapple finial.

In its day, this was a top-quality rifle made for the aristocracy. In very good condition, with good stock and a small repair above the lock; barrel with a pleasing blue-brown patina; hammer nose chipped. Good bore and action.

£750



A .733" (MUSKET-BORE) PATTERN 1844 PERCUSSION LANCER PISTOL BY PARKER FIELD.

9" London-proofed barrel; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; borderline-engraved Lovell's Pattern 1842-type side-action lock, signed with the maker's name "**PARKER FIELD & SONS**" to the centre; brass-mounted full walnut stock.

Service pistols of this pattern were made for issue to Lancer regiments and troop sergeant-majors. This example was commercially produced by Parker Field, possibly for a Yeomanry unit, although there is a theory that a quantity was supplied by Parker Field to the War Department during the Crimean War, when there was a shortage of arms.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and lock retaining fading blue finish. A good collector's example.

£695



A GOOD AND ATTRACTIVE 9mm PINFIRE REVOLVER.

5" sighted octagonal barrel, fitted with side-mounted ejector rod; plain Liège-proofed six-shot cylinder; open-top frame with hinged loading gate and two-piece attractively embossed ebonised grips.

In very good-plus condition, the grips excellent, sharp and untouched; frame, barrel and cylinder retaining much original fading nickel finish. A good and attractive collector's item. **£350**



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