

**NZAR ID 127 ARM TYPE: Carbine. Draft date (V1) 17 April 2012, Compiled by John Osborne AA DTT PhD FSG,
 Pattern: Martini Henry Artillery Carbine MKI SX. Introduced: 1895. Withdrawn: 1903**

New Zealand issue 577.450" Martini Henry Artillery Carbines believed to have been purchased in 1895 and Issued to some Volunteer Artillery Units. These MH Artillery Carbines saw little service in NZ most being replaced from November 1898, 500 Martini Henry Carbines were bought by an English Co and shipped to the UK in 1907.

This Martini-Henry Artillery Carbine Mark I (made 1878-1889) was developed for British Garrison, Horse and Field Artillery units, Receiver body has rounded lower front corners and small cocking indicator same as the cavalry carbine to reduce snagging when used in saddle-buckets. Forearm secured by the hook arrangement later found in the Mark III and Mark IV Martini rifles. Barrel 21.375 Inches in length with a new, reshaped knob form at the rear of the barrel. Front sight is a thinner barleycorn with side wings to protect the sight from saddle-wear. Two bands secure the forewood to the barrel. Sling swivels also fitted with a bayonet lug on the right side of the front barrel band. A modified Snider-Enfield Yataghan sword bayonet (bushed to fit the smaller barrel diameter of the MH) or a P1879 saw back sword bayonet was used with this carbine. A new noseband was repositioned lower down the barrel to allow the muzzle ring of the bayonet to fit over the muzzle. The cleaning rod was shortened to accommodate the bayonet. All British artillery units were issued this new Carbine. Later carbines were fitted with a strengthened extractor marked SX.



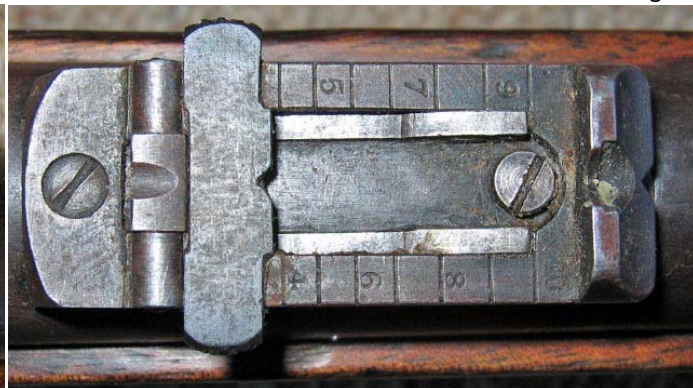
MH Artillery Carbine MKI Enfield 1883.

Knox Form marked DP & Receiver SX.

Bore of MHAC rebated clearing rod



Rear sight ramp 100 to 300yards



Rear sight ladder 400 to 1000yards