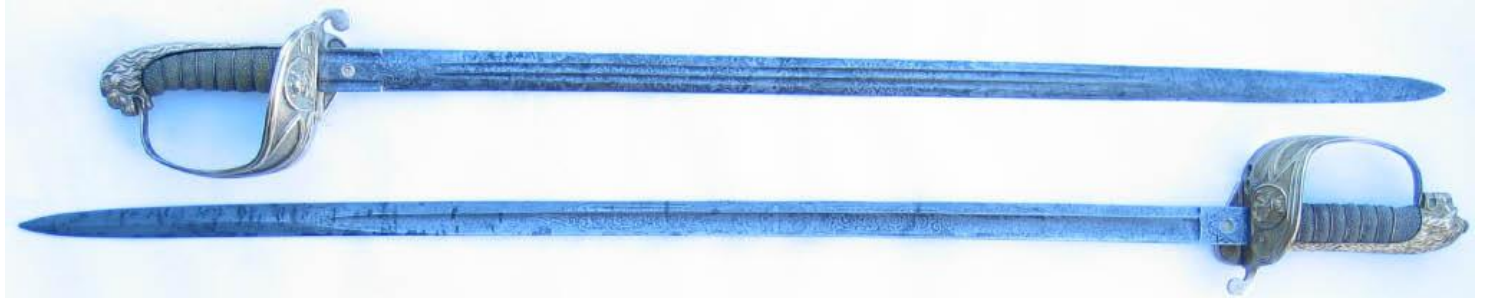


NZAR ID 363 ARM TYPE: Sword. Draft date (V1) 20 March 2014, Compiled by John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG, Pattern: 1827/46 Naval Officers sword. Introduced: NZ 1847? Withdrawn: The 1928 version still RNZN regulation pattern

Specifications; Maker: Wilkinson and others. Blade: Top Wilkinson design, fullered, slightly curved 1" wide, 31 1/2" long double-edged at spear point. Gilded brass half basket hilt with hinged inner flap pierced with security hole to lock over a pin on locket, holes in the bowl and top bar for the sword knot / wrist thong, wire bound fish skin grip, lion head pommel with full length mane down the back strap. The blade is acid etched with floral designs and crown over fouled anchor. Scabbard: Black leather with gilded brass fittings. The P1827 sword hilt (with changes) has remained the regulation pattern for British & NZ Navy officers to date. Some Scottish Naval officers preferred the traditional broadsword blade c1860-80s, the Wilkinson design blade was replaced in 1928 with a 3/4" wide 32" long dumbbell shape single fullered straight blade.



British and NZ Navy officer's sword with Wilkinson blade pattern 1827/46, fishskin grip. Black leather gilded brass mounted scabbard,



Top: P1827/46 hilt fitted with a Scottish broadsword blade c1860s-80s preferred by some Scottish officers in the Royal Navy the 1 1/8" x 29" blade length for shorter officer. Centre: In 1895 the hilt/grip was lengthened placing the bow under the chin instead of in the lion's mouth, Lower: 1928 Pattern



Examples of acid etched blades



Top: Scottish broadsword blade, lower: extended grip from 1895



British Royal Naval Officers Sword Pattern 1827/46 with Wilkinson blade - with broadsword blade 1860-80s - lengthened grip from 1895 Above: all Wilkinson Sword Co proofed - with wire bound fish skin grips, gilt brass hilt with Queen Victoria Crown over fouled anchor .

New Zealand Service: Types used by officers of British Royal Navy warships in NZ and New Zealand naval officers. They all have New Zealand provenance

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