

NZAR ID 38 ARM TYPE: Carbine. Draft date (V2) 16 August 2013, Compiled by John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG,
Pattern: Terry P1861 BL carbine. Introduced: NZ 1861. Withdrawn: c1881

Specifications; Maker: Calisher & Terry until 1870. Bolt action, capping breech loading carbine. All steel furniture, plain one piece walnut stock fitted with sling swivels some fitted with a saddle bar. 21" barrel Birmingham proofed secured to stock with front band, central wedge & rear vertical breech screw, also fitted with 2 part clearing rod, extension in butt, brass nipple protector & chain. Caliber: 30 bore (.54") 5 groove Enfield rifling, RH twist 1 in 36". Length O/A 38½". Weight: 6lbs 15oz. Serial Number: 6575 (c1863). Butt tang marked NZ 329. Vee fore sight, vee rear sight ramp to 400 yards & flip up ladder to 1000 yards. Cartridge: Nitrate treated combustible paper cartridge containing 55 grains of rifle grade black powder propellant, a solid lead 530 grain conical projectile & a wad of greased felt attached to the base, muzzle velocity about 950fps.



New Zealand Service: The Colonial New South Wales Police & Victoria Colonial Government & Australian Arms Dealers from 1861 supplied Terry carbines from stores to NZ, the NZ Colonial Government ordered from C&T 1000 Terry carbines in Nov 1861 followed by continuing orders which arrived regularly in small batches, many on sold to settlers and Provincial Governments. It is estimated well over 3000 Terry Carbines were imported into NZ 1861-68. Settlers were encouraged to buy their own. In 1863 cost 180 shillings including sling & bullet mould. 10 cartridges cost 1 shilling. From NZ Government records Terry carbines in store or on issue - two in August 1861, 286 in August 1863, 1736 in 1869, & 299 in 1879 in use with Cadets. These returns do not include probably another 1500 or more Terry carbines owned by the various provincial constabulary militia forces & those privately owned. The Terry carbine was used extensively during the Land wars to May 1872 by the NZ Colonial Defence Force including the Forest Rangers then from 1869 the NZ Armed Constabulary Force, gradually being replaced with the Snider Enfield from late 1869. In 1876 various NZ Cadet Forces were issued with the Terry carbine these were finally withdrawn from service in 1881.

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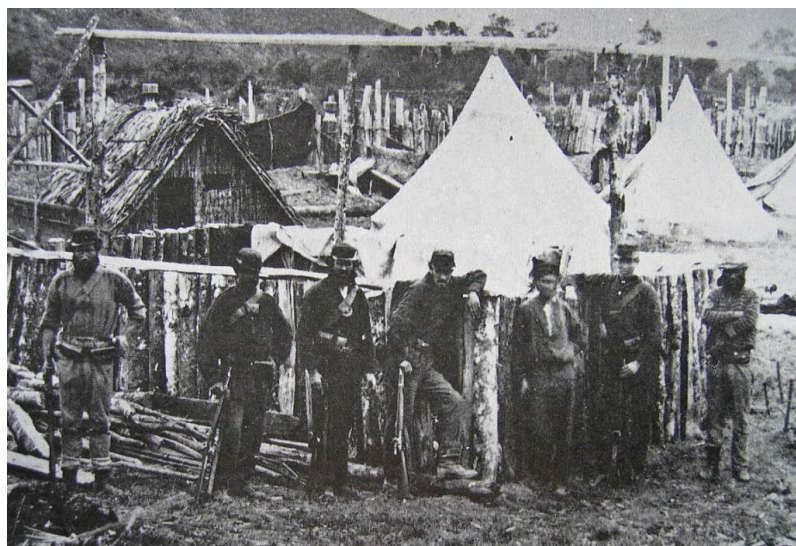
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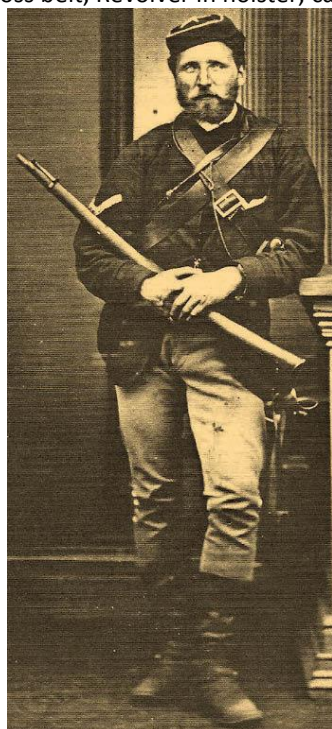
Hawkes Bay Almanac January 1864

Terry Carbines		
Year?	Serial No	NZ Marked
1861	1988	NZ 73
1862	5374	NZ 139
1863	6575	NZ 329
1863	6418	NZ 386
1863	6565	NZ 439
1864	7011	NZ 803
1864	7159	NZ 820
1864	7152	NZ 833
1865	8059	NZ 1395
1865	8102	NZ 1494
1865	8234	NZ 1637

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Left: Captain Charles Westrupp's No1 Company Forest Rangers at a Stockade Camp, Poverty Bay, 1865. Centre: Wanganui Militiamen c1865. Right: Sgt Arthur Wakefield Carkeek (awarded the New Zealand Cross) New Zealand Armed Constabulary Field Force c1869. Armed with 30 bore (.54" caliber) Terry Breech loading Carbines and 54 bore (.44") Beaumont Adams 5 Chamber Revolver. Cap pouch on cross belt, Revolver in holster, carbine, & revolver ammunition pouches on waist belt. Images courtesy ATL-National Library of NZ



Left; Trooper Chill, Hawkes Bay Cavalry Volunteers 1866 with Terry Cavalry Carbine (no sling swivels probably fitted with saddle bar and ring) & Beaumont Adams 54bore 5 chamber revolver in left cross belt holster under left arm & P1821 troopers sabre. Center Left; Member Wanganui Cavalry Volunteers 1866 with Terry Cavalry (with sling swivels) & Beaumont Adams 54bore 5 chamber revolver in left cross belt holster under left arm & P1821 troopers saber c1866. Center Right; Sub Inspector NZ Armed Constabulary, Frederick Swindley 1869. Right; Captain NZ Militia Thomas Porter 1871.

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