

**NZAR ID 462 ARM TYPE: Rifle. Draft date 24 November 2015, Compiled by Phil Cregeen
Pattern: Terry P1861 Capping BL Short Rifle. Introduced: NZ 1863. Withdrawn: c1867?**

Specifications; Maker: Calisher & Terry until 1870. Bolt action, capping breech loading rifle. Designed and patented (# 843) by W. Terry in 1856, only the carbine version was adopted by the British Board of Ordnance although rifles were purchased by a number of colonies including Australia. All steel furniture, plain one piece walnut stock fitted with sling swivels. 33.5" barrel Birmingham proofed with bayonet bar, secured to stock with front band, central wedge & rear vertical breach screw, also fitted with a 35.3" two piece iron clearing rod with minor piece secured in a butt trap..

Caliber: 30 bore (.54") 5 groove Enfield rifling, RH twist 1 in 36". Length O/A 50.5". Weight: 9 Lb 1 oz, Sights: Vee fore sight, V rear sight - ramp to 400 yards & flip up ladder to 1000 yards.

Cartridge: Nitrate treated combustible paper cartridge containing 70 grains of rifle grade black powder propellant, a solid lead 574 grain conical projectile and a wad of greased felt attached to the base, muzzle velocity about 950fps.

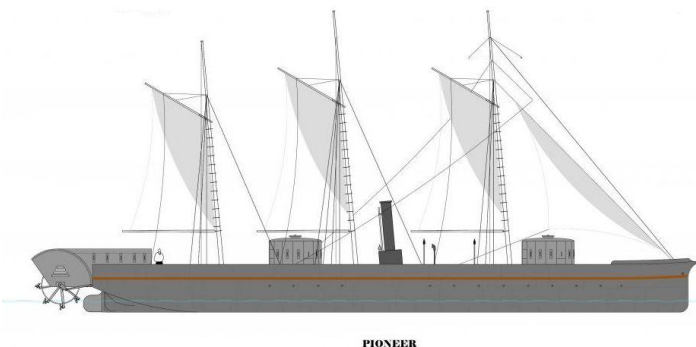
Bayonet: Pat 1856 Sword bayonet with short lead to mortice slot.

Lock marked " Calisher & Terry London" and barrel marked "Calisher & Terry Makers to H.M. War Department" and "Terry's Patent-30 Bore".



New Zealand Service:

Built in Australia, New Zealand's first purpose built gunboat *Pioneer* (NZAR ID # 297) was fitted out with 24 Terry rifles, and 10,000 rounds of ammunition purchased in Australia for the use of the crew. *Pioneer* saw active service on the Waikato River in 1863 during the New Zealand wars, engaging the enemy on a number of occasions. She was wrecked on the Manakau bar in December 1867, whether the Terry rifles were still onboard is not known.



PIONEER

making frightful seas. Four howitzers were brought from Sydney, but the two placed in the cupolas only will be retained, the others being brought to Auckland. The additional arms on board are 24 Terry's breech-loading rifles, 24 Colt's improved revolvers, and 24 cutlasses. These will be supplied to the crew. The ammunition now on board is about 600 rounds of shot and shell, with proportionate quantity of ammunition for rifles. She has two 20-foot gigs,

Southern Cross 7 October 1863 describing *Pioneer*

Terry Rifles were offered for sale in New Zealand as shown by the advert (Right) placed in the Daily Southern Cross of January 1863.

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The Waikato River Gunboats by Grant Middlemiss

Australian Military Rifles & Bayonets by Ian Skennerton

Catalogue of the Enfield Pattern Room-British Rifles, by H Woodend, HMSO

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