NZAR ID 463 ARM TYPE: Rifle. Draft date 28 November 2015, Compiled by Phil Cregeen Pattern: Terry P1861 Capping BL Long Rifle. Introduced: NZ 1866. Withdrawn: ????

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. 36.0" barrel Birmingham proofed, secured to stock with front band, central wedge & rear vertical breach screw, also fitted with a 38.3" 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: 53.0". Weight: 9 Lb 5 oz,

Sights: Vee fore sight, V rear sight - ramp to 400 yards & flip up ladder to 1000 yards.

Bayonet: Patttern 1853 type socket, but with internal socket diameter enlarged similar to Hay Pattern 58. Cartridge: Nitrate treated combustible paper cartridge containing 70 grains of rifle grade black powder propellant, a solid lead 574 grain conical projectile (0.565" x 1.0") and a 0.312" wad of greased felt attached to the base, muzzle velocity about 950fps.

Marked "Breech Loading Armoury Co. Limited London" and "Terry's Patent-30 Bore".



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The above example of a Terry Long Rifle, Serial # 10004, was presented as a prize by Nelson Province to Lieutenant W.W. Barnes in 1866. It is foliate engraved on the butt plate, lock plate, hammer, chamber cover and trigger guard. On 3 August 1862 five Terry Rifles were presented as prizes for the Nelson Provincial Prize Shoot to Volunteers: W.H West, S. Hoult, W. Kent, J. Sigglekow, A. Hunter.

It is not known whether these rifles were actualluy issued to NZ forces, however two have been reported marked NZ viz: NZ 26 serial No 2234, NZ 10 Serial No 5746.

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