

**NZAR ID No 49, ARM TYPE: BAYONET, Draft date (V1) 19 May 2019, Compiled by Phil Cregeen**

**Pattern (Name) Remington Lee Rifle Socket Bayonet**, Introduced into New Zealand Service 1887, withdrawn 1888  
Length OA 20.6 in (524mm), Blade 18.0 in (457mm), Socket 2.6 in (67 mm), MRD 18.0 mm,

Triangular hollow ground blade and socket with locking ring, issued with Pattern 1853 Black leather scabbard with brass locket and chape.



Top Pattern 1853 Socket Bayonet, Bottom: NZ issue Remington Lee Socket Bayonet

### **New Zealand Service**

A hundred bayonets without scabbards were purchased at a cost of 4/10d each along with the 500 Remington Lee Rifles (NZAR # 71) in 1887 directly from Remington and bear no marks. They are typical of US bayonets of the period and are similar to the Model 1882 Remington Lee bayonet. It is assumed that these bayonets were sold to the Honourable Reserve Corps along with a 100 rifles. Although withdrawn from service in 1888, anecdotal evidence indicates they were kept in store and used as candle holders along with other obsolete socket bayonets at military camps as late as WW II. Few survive today.

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*Reference:* *British & Commonwealth Bayonets* by ID Skennerton & R Robertson.

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