

NZART ID No 59, Arm Type: Bayonet, Draft date (V1) 23 March 2014, Compiled by Phil Cregeen

Pattern: Bayonet Steyr AUG IW, Introduced into NZ Service: 1988, Withdrawn: current service

LOA: 11.9 in (302 mm), Blade Length: 6.8 in (173 mm), MRD: 22.7 mm, Scabbard 13.4 in (340 mm)

Makers: Thale, Lithgow, Australia, also manufactured in Germany.

This bayonet is a commercial German designed for the Steyr AUG Individual Weapon (NZAR ID 23), and comprises of a blackened plane bowie shaped blade with a saw back edge, olive green plastic grips secured by a single screw, and a square mortise slot with two spring catches in the steel pommel. The scabbard is olive green plastic with pressed steel locket and includes a fitting that when placed through a hole in the blade forms a wire cutter. There are no makers' marks.



New Zealand Service

New Zealand adopted the Steyr AUG Individual Weapon and bayonet in 1988. They have seen active service in Iraq 1990 – 1991, Bosnia 1994 - 2001, East Timor 1999 - 2003 and Afghanistan 2003 – 2014 as well as other peace keeping roles.

Acknowledgments:

Reference: British & Commonwealth Bayonets by I D Skennerton & R Richardson