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Pattern: Lee Enfield No 9 , Introduced in to NZ Service 19???, Withdrawn: 2009

Maker: All original No 4 Manufacturers with Conversion by Parker Hale between 1956 and 1960

Calibre: .22 Long Rifle, Bore: 6 groove RH twist, Barrel length: 25.2 in.

OA Length: 45.5 in. Type of Action: Bolt, single shot Weight: 9 lb 4 oz.

Magazine: empty, Sights: similar to No 4 Singer sight marked 25,yds.

On 7 March 2009 the New Zealand Army disposed of 285 No 8 and 100 No 9 Lee Enfield .22 training Rifles at auction. These rifles had previously been issued to the New Zealand Cadet Force and saved from destruction by a campaign led by New Zealand firearms collectors.

The No 9 training rifle was produced for the Royal Navy and was a conversion from No 4 .303 rifles carried out by Parker Hale in the late 1950s. The conversion consisted of sleeving the 303 barrel, modifying the bolt head with an offset floating firing pin and longer extractor and removing the magazine internals. The rear sight was marked 25 yds on the side of the slide and the action body stamped .22 R.F. N 9 Mk I followed by P-H and year of conversion. Externally this rifle looks identical to the No 4 from which it was converted and the type of trigger will reflect this as both Mk I and Mk II types were used. The muzzle crown is rounded and stamped PARKERIFLED AGP. About 3,000 single shot rifles were converted in this way.



No 9 Mk I

The No 9 saw service in the RNZN both ashore and afloat until 1987 (reported by Peter Dennerly)



Modified bolt head & firing pin



Muzzle crown



LHS of receiver wall marked: **.22 RF N 9 Mk I**
P-H '57 **A329**



Butt Disk: TAMAKI 21

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*Reference: The Lee Enfield by Ian Skennerton
NZAHAA Gazette June 2009 article by Phil Cregeen*