

**NZART ID: 300, Arm Type: Pistol,**

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**Pattern:** Sea Service Percussion Pistol, Introduced in to NZ Service: 1840s, Withdrawn: 1860s?

**Makers:** London & Birmingham Trade for Board of Ordnance.

**Calibre:** .57 in (24 Bore) Smooth bore **Barrel length:** 6.0 in., **OA Length:** 11.5 in. **Weight:** 2 lb 3 oz.

**Type of Action:** Percussion single shot muzzle loading.

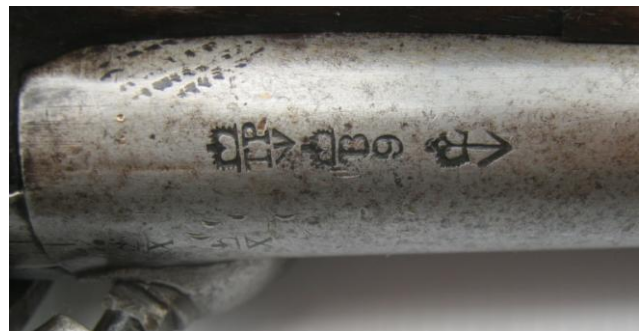
**Sights:** None, **Ammunition:** Paper cartridge with .515 in (203 gr) round ball and 2 drams (54 gr) black powder.



Introduced in 1840 by George Lovell (Inspector of Small Arms) this pistol was made up using parts held in store for flintlock pistols, the 6 inch barrel is held in the walnut stock by a single pin and a tang screw. A steel belt hook is secured to the left side by the single side nail (lock screw) and a wood screw. The captive rammer is held in place by a spoon spring and brass pipe. The furniture is of brass and the butt plate is fitted with a steel lanyard ring.



**Markings:** Lock plate: Crown VR, Tower 1846



Ordnance proof, inspection, view marks, c1841

Underside of barrel: John Clive

#### **New Zealand service:**

This type of pistol was carried by Royal Navy personnel supporting the British Army in New Zealand in the 1840s and 1850s. It was carried by crew members of New Zealand's first gun boat (NZAR 280), members of the Auckland Volunteer Coast Guard established in 1858 (see NZAR 281). Early Provincial Armed Police Forces were armed with this pistol, usually with the belt hook removed and carried in a holster. Two contingents of Victoria Mounted Police recruited for law enforcement in the Otago goldfields (1861) and Canterbury (1862) were first armed with these pistols. (See also the Pattern 1842 Sea Service Pistol, NZAR 301)

*Acknowledgements: John Osborne*

*Reference: Handguns & Police in New Zealand 1840-1990, J Osborne*

*British Military Firearms 1650-1850, H L Blackmore*