

NZAR ID 420, ARM TYPE: Pistol. Draft date (V1) 3 Nov 2014, Compiled by John Osborne AA DTT PhD FSG,

Pattern: Smith & Wesson New Century MKII Revolver. Caliber: .455". Introduced 1915. Withdrawn: after WWII

Specifications: Maker: Smith & Wesson, total made 55,000 cost about \$19, Solid frame. Barrel: 6.5". Caliber: .455" MKI cordite (long) & MKII cordite (short). Length O/A: 11.5". Double Action, 6 chamber swing out cylinder hand eject. Grips: Square butt - two piece walnut. Fixed notch rear sight and oval blade foresight. Muzzle velocity: 640ft/s Range 50yds. Rate of fire: 20-30 rounds per minute. Weight: 2.3lbs unloaded. Cartridge: Solid drawn brass case Mark II .455 cartridge introduced 1897 with a case length of .760", a 265 grain conical wax lubricated lead bullet, would also fire the earlier .450" Boxer / Adams cartridge and the .455" MKI (Long) cordite cartridge.



New Zealand Service: In 1915 Britain contracted S&W to supply 55, 000 MKII New Century revolvers to supplement the standard-issue revolver which at the outbreak of WWI was the Webley Mk V adopted 9 December 1913. Commissioned officers and some NCO's in the NZ military were expected to purchase their own pistols

This S&W MKII Revolver has a NZ provenance - service with its NZ Commissioned Officer owner in WWI and WWII

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