

CHRISTMAS 2025

SALES LIST

Christmas is with us once again; it seems to come around quicker and every year and certainly becoming more expensive with each passing year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends, customers and their families a Merry Happy Christmas, and Happy New Year. And to thank you all for your support in 2025 which we appreciate. Let us hope that 2026 is good to us all.

As the country's leading specialist in supplying quality items to discerning collectors, investors, and shooters of antique and vintage arms we take pleasure in presenting our latest sales listing. We are confident that this list offers the best value in the country, where you will find quality items, cheaper than encountered at arms fairs and with other dealers. We are full time professionals, not Arms Fair part timers who like to make a big profit at your cost. To survive we have to deal with people fairly and more than just once.

Our regularly updated website now lists most of our stock, that you can view 24/7. You can look with pleasure; decide at leisure, no pressure, no crowd. We hope you enjoy this catalogue. If you have any queries or require further information on any item, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service now and in the future.

We hope that in this list you can escape to the past for a short while, we always try to add historical facts to many of our items giving them their place in history. Where we hope you will find that extra special present. A present that is not ordinary, but extra ordinary, a present that is a piece of history, a present that will not just give pleasure, but is an investment and something to treasure, history you can hold. What could be better.

We would like to draw your attention to a new book we have recently published entitled A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930. A book that is becoming the standard basic reference work on the subject. The book is selling fast and not just to U.K. collectors but also internationally and becoming recognised as one of the standard basic reference works on the subject. **An ideal Christmas present. Details on page 42-43 and now available at £50 + £5 P & P.**

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Revolvers

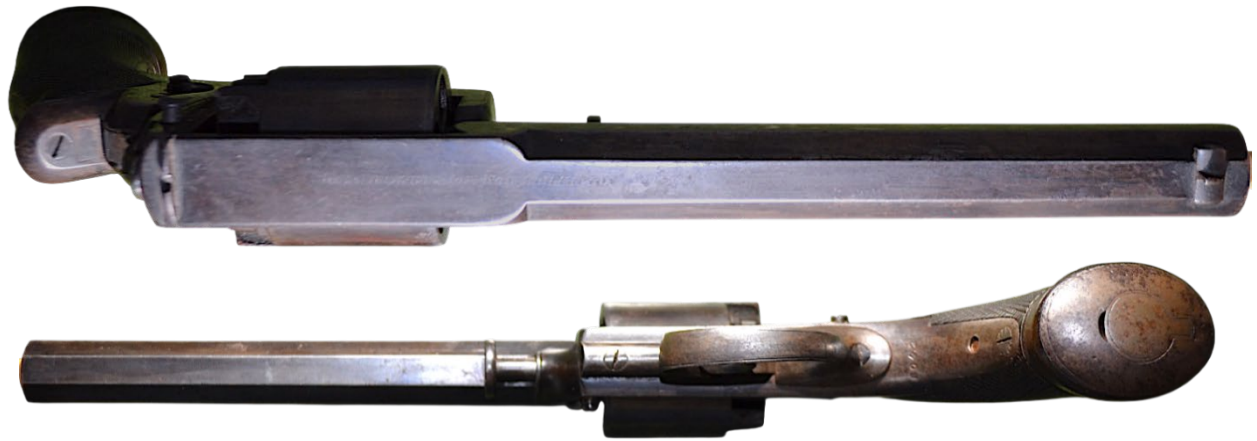
A GOOD RARE & CASED 120 BORE FIRST MODEL DEANE HARDING PERCUSSION DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER, with 4.25" sighted and London proofed octagonal barrel with hinged under barrel loading lever of unique Deane-Harding pattern, borderline engraved two-piece barrel frame unit, action body inscribed on the left "DEANE HARDING PATENT NO 5065L", and fitted with a pivoting hook safety which also acts as a frame lock, five shot cylinder, one piece chequered walnut grips fitted with a domed butt cap. John Deane's interest in revolving firearms did not end with the dissolution of the Deane Adams partnership. The firm of Deane & Son is best remembered for its interest in the Deane Harding revolver. Patented in 1858 by its inventor William Harding. Main production seems to have commenced in early 1859. The London Illustrated News on the 30th April carried an article stating, "Messer's Deane & Son of King William Street, London Bridge have just brought out a new rifle and pistol called the Deane Harding", In late 1859, with the Birmingham firm of Tipping and Lawden were licensed to manufacture the new Deane-Harding revolver, for retail by Deane & Son. Pistols made by this firm can be identified as being in a 5000 to 7000+ serial range with an L suffix. The early production was of what is known as the 1st model, which was soon found to have some reliability issues, these included the action, the frame hinge locking system and the loading lever. Apparently Lord Roberts who owned one stated "it could always be depended on to get out of order at the critical moment". These faults were corrected with the 2nd Model also made by Tipping & Lawden. This example is the 65th Deane Harding revolver made by Tipping & Lawden under the licensing agreement and a rare 1st model. The arrangement with Tipping & Lawden lapsed in 1862 and Pryse & Redman licensed to take over manufacture, weapons made by them are in a 15,000-serial range with a P suffix. From examination of surviving specimens it is estimated that Pryse & Redman produced less than 750 Deane Harding revolvers. In 1863 the firm of Calisher & Terry were also licenced to manufacture, revolvers made by Calisher & Terry were numbered in a 25,000-serial range without suffix. In all probability far less than 4000 Deane Harding revolvers were made, of which this is one of the very first and an exceptionally rare collector's revolver. The revolver is in excellent condition with excellent untouched grips with sharp chequering, barrel and frame with much original charcoal blue finish. The revolver is contained in its original green baize lined oak case, in very good condition, accessories include original 120 bore double cavity mould, cleaning rod with jag end and worm, nipple key, turnscrew and oil bottle. A superior example. **£1595**





A GOOD, RARE & EARLY 54 BORE BRAZIER MODEL 1851 ADAMS SELF COCKING REVOLVER, CIRCA 1852, with 6 ½" octagonal barrel, fitted with adjustable dovetailed blade foresight, the top-strap signed "JOSEPH BRAZIER & SON, WOLVERHAMPTON", and fitted with dovetailed Vee type rear-sight, solid borderline engraved frame inscribed "ADAMS PATENT No 30,555 B", the grip under-strap stamped with the No 3042. Plain five shot cylinder, one piece chequered walnut grips with domed buttcap encompassing a percussion cap compartment with hinged lid. This rare revolver was made under licence by Joseph Brazier, how, or why Brazier became licensees under Adams 1851 patent is not known, but Brazier apparently made both the patented frame for supply to Robert Adams for setting up and finishing as well as a limited number of complete revolvers of which this is one. Adams revolvers made by Brazier can be identified by the B for Brazier, suffixed serial number. It is unknown how many Adams revolvers the firm made, certainly less than 500, some known specimens are, Nos 30,245B, 30,327B, 30,552B, 30,839B, 30,849B and in 120 Bore Nos 30,422B, 30,441B. These Brazier Adams revolvers were sometimes fitted with Braziers patent lever rammer; the firm also produced a double action version of the Adams self cocking pistol which was also fitted with the Brazier patent rammer. The firm of Joseph Brazier of The Ashes, Wolverhampton were in operation 1827 to 1900 and were one of the West Midlands largest manufacturers to the trade of gun locks and actions, as well as gun parts, forgings, tools and implements, They exhibited at the Great Exhibition in 1851, where they were awarded a medal for the quality of their work. Revolvers of this type were popular with officers posted to the Crimea, in very good condition with excellent grips, barrel and action with fading finish, good action and bore. (120/25) **£1195**





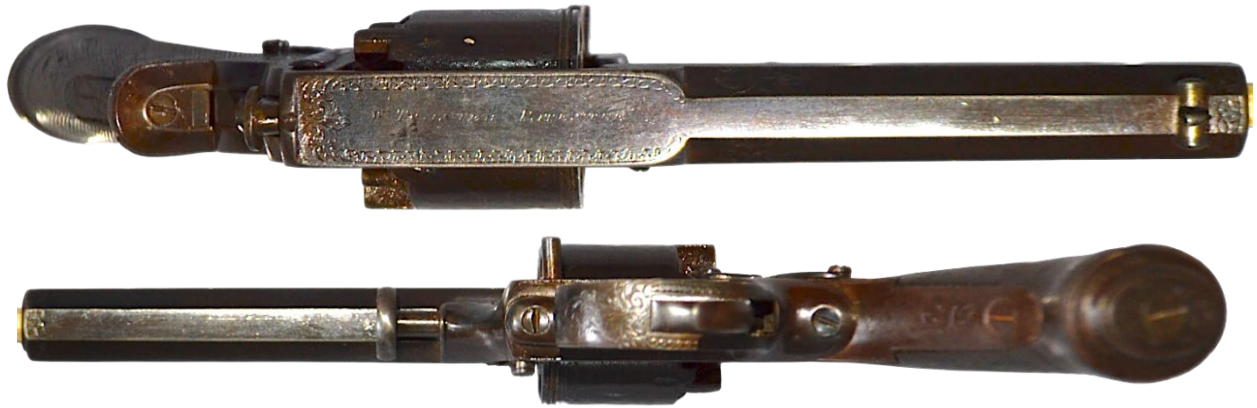
A 54 BORE ADAMS MODEL 1851 SELF-COCKING PERCUSSION REVOLVER BY DEANE, ADAMS & DEANE, with 6 ¼" London proofed octagonal barrel the top flat inscribed "DEANE ADAMS & DEANE, 30 KING WILLIAM ST. LONDON BRIDGE", 5-shot cylinder with decorated leading edge, foliate engraved frame marked "ADAMS PATENT No 9893R", indicating manufacture 1853/54, 5 shot cylinder, with roped band to leading edge one piece chequered walnut grips with flared pommel fitted with a dished butt-cap with hinged trap. Revolvers of this type were purchased by many officers destined for the Crimea and this example dates perfectly for that campaign. In very good condition with excellent grips having sharp chequering, barrel and action with much original deep blue finish. £995





AN 80 BORE (.38") TRANTER FIRST MODEL DOUBLE TRIGGER EXTRA ENGRAVED PERCUSSION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1858, 4 1/4" London proofed and sighted octagonal barrel, with foliate engraved breech, the top strap signed "TRANTER'S PATENT", five shot cylinder with rope decorated leading edge and foliate engraved panels, profusely foliate engraved frame, bearing the serial No 5492T, and fitted with a pin on the left for mounting the detachable rammer, one piece finely chequered walnut grips with stepped and foliate engraved buttcap. The First Model Tranter was made without a fitted rammer which was kept separate. **The First Model is the rarest of all the four models of Tranter percussion revolvers, extra engraved examples especially so. In very good condition, good grips showing some minor wear commensurate with use, barrel and action with fading blue finish, good action and bore. A rare collectors revolver. (112/25) £950**





A 54 BORE TRANTER 2ND MODEL DOUBLE TRIGGER PERCUSSION REVOLVER BY E. & W BOND, with 6 ¼" octagonal barrel, the top flat engraved with retailers name "E & W. BOND, 142 LEADENHALL ST. LONDON"., borderline and foliate engraved frame with the serial No 3,721 T, dating 1856, the leftside fitted with Tranters 2nd Model loading lever, marked Tranters Patent. The Tranter 2nd Model is a fairly rare Tranter variation as it was soon superseded by the 3rd Model double trigger revolver and the 4th Model single trigger revolver patented in 1856. It most noticeable feature was its detachable loading lever; the 3rd Model had a different shape of rammer that was permanently attached to the gun and the 4th model was of course a double action single trigger revolver but had the same loading lever as the 3rd Model. It is estimated that substantially less than 1,000 2nd models were produced. **In very good overall condition, with excellent grips, barrel and action with much deep original blue. A good-looking specimen.** **£1195**





AN 80 BORE (.38") TRANTER FOURTH MODEL SINGLE TRIGGER DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE., with 4 ½" octagonal barrel the top strap engraved with the retailers name, 'JOHN HAYTON GRAHAM'S TOWN', foliate engraved frame bearing the Tranter serial No. 15,687, circa 1859, pivoting hook safety and S shaped spring and stud cylinder arbour release, (stud replaced) , five shot cylinder with rope band decoration to leading edge, one piece chequered walnut grips. In very good condition with good grips, some minor wear commensurate with use, barrel and action with some original fading blue finish, good action and bore, Tranter revolvers in 80 bore are quite rare, a good collectors specimen. (27/25) £875





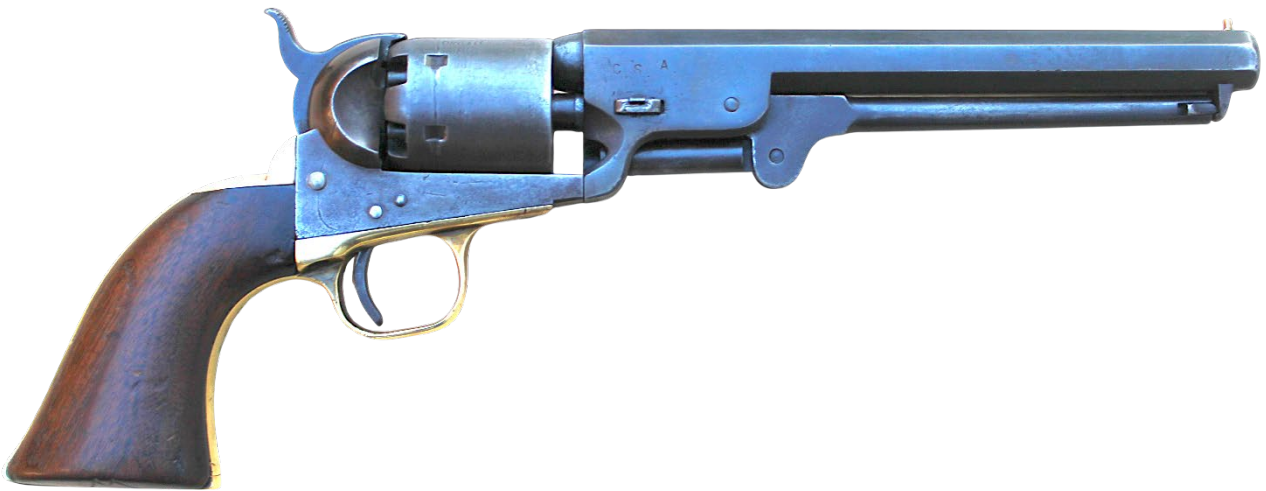
A SUPERB .44" REMINGTON NEW MODEL ARMY PERCUSSION U.S. ARMY SERVICE REVOLVER CIRCA 1863, 8" sighted octagonal barrel the top flat struck with crisp Remington legends, 'Patented Sept. 14, 1858, E. Remington & Sons. Ilion New York U.S.A. New-Model', underbarrel loading lever, solid one-piece frame, six shot cylinder, two-piece grips with inspecting officers cartouche. The revolver is numbered in the 61,6xx serial range dating 1863/64. The Remington "Army" .44 percussion revolver was the primary competitor to the Colt .44" Army Model 1860 revolver during the American Civil War era. Although Sam Colt was the better salesman and marketer, Remington eventually beat Colt out of their military contracts by delivering a comparable revolver, which some felt was actually superior, for less money. In 1864, after the US government had finally beat Colt's price down to \$14.00 per revolver from the \$20 per gun they had been paying during the early days of the war, Remington agreed to furnish their "Army" revolver for only \$12.00 per gun. That ended the reign of the Colt Army as the first choice for the Ordnance Department procurement officers for the rest of the American Civil War. In the field, even though the Colt revolver had the name and reputation many cavalry troopers preferred the much sturdier solid frame design of the Remington revolver. Approx. 106,000 Remington New Model Army percussion revolvers were purchased by US government during the American Civil War, of these around 80,000 were purchased during the last two years of the war, between 1863 and 1865. According to the research published in Remington Army & Navy Revolvers 1861-1868 by Donald L. Ware, Remington revolvers through serial No 149,000 were accepted prior to the end of the Civil War. Guns below serial No 123,000 were accepted prior to the end of 1864. After the Civil War many Remington revolvers went west and saw further service during the Indian Wars until replaced with cartridge revolvers. This example dates 1863 and is in fine condition with excellent grips with much original deep blue remaining to barrel, frame and cylinder. An above average specimen price.

£2495





A .36" Colt Model 1851 Navy Percussion Revolver , 7 ½" octagonal barrel top flat stamped "Address Col. Saml. Colt New-York U.S. America", the barrel lug spuriously stamped "C.S.A.", open top frame stamped on left with clear "Colts Patent", 6 shot cylinder with faint scene. One piece walnut grips, the bottom strap stamped with spurious? unit markings "CO. 22. I" All matching numbers 117,250 serial dating 1861, making it a true civil war Colt irrespective of the authenticity of the markings. In very good condition, quite sharp overall, good grips, barrel and action to a blue / grey patina, good action and bore. £1500





AN ATTRACTIVE & GOOD 100 BORE (.35") PERCUSSION SELF COCKING TRANSITIONAL REVOLVER SIGNED REILLY LONDON, CIRCA 1850, with 6" octagonal sighted Birmingham proofed barrel, the top flat signed with retailers name 'REILLY LONDON', six shot cylinder with feathered decoration to leading edge, foliate engraved open top round German silver frame, foliate engraved bar hammer, two piece finely chequered walnut grips, folate engraved iron pommel with trap. The early transitional revolvers were basically a continuation of the Pepperbox design adapted to a short cylinder and single barrel, they are one of the major advancements, on the path to the modern revolver. Consequently a very important collector's item for those with an interest in British pistols and revolvers. The retailer was J. C. Reilly (after 1857 E.M. Reilly) of 502 New Oxford St. London, one of London's major gunmakers of the period. In very good condition, excellent grips, traces of original blue to barrel. (67/25) £525



A GOOD 12mm (.48") PINFIRE BELGIAN MILITARY TYPE DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1860's, with 5 ¾" sighted round barrel, fitted with cartridge ejector rod to right side, plain Liege proofed six shot cylinder, open top frame with hinged loading gate, two-piece broom handle style chequered walnut grips with lanyard ring to butt. A large calibre officers revolver, many revolvers of this type were sold in America during the Civil War, it has been estimated that 1.7 million 12mm pinfire cartridges were made in the USA during the Civil War, giving an indication of their widespread use. Pinfire revolvers were sold in large numbers all over the world in the 1850's. 60's, 70's and later, pinfire cartridges were still being produced into the 1930's, they offered a great advantage over percussion muzzle loaders. In very good condition with excellent grips sharp and untouched barrel and action to blue / grey patina, big and impressive officers / military revolver. (91/25) £550



Pistols

A GOOD .65" EAST INDIA COMPANY NEW LAND PATTERN 1811-18 FLINTLOCK PISTOL, with 9" barrel struck with London proofs and EIC inspection stamps at breech (faint), swivel rammer with EIC pattern long stirrup linked loading lever, hinged at muzzle. Borderline engraved flat style lock, the centre stamped with the rampant lion EIC cypher together with a small crown over 2 inspection stamp, dated 1815 on the tail, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. This pattern of pistol was produced 1811 to 1818, the early models were fitted with lock with the standard pan and those made from 1813 had raised or semi-waterproof pans, such as this example. The pattern is an upgrade of the earlier 1808 pistol by the fitting of a swivel rammer with an unusual style of long Y shaped stirrup (apparently designed by Ezekiel Baker). It closely followed the British service New Land pistol except for the style of rammer. Examples will be found dated 1812 to 1818. In India Pistols of this pattern were issued to all E.I.C regular cavalry some irregular cavalry regiments and artillery units and some Royal Service cavalry regiments serving in India. **They remained in use for many years after they were superseded by the Bakers pattern pistol in 1819 and would have seen service and action in all campaigns from 1813 to the 1830's and possibly even later. In very good plus condition with good stock barrel to an aged brown patina. (Ex Tower Heritage Collection)** **£995**





AN INTERESTING .65" PROTOTYPE EAST INDIA COMPANY FLINTLOCK BAKERS PATTERN 1819 CAVALRY PISTOL, with 9" barrel struck with London proofs at breech together with two EIC inspection stamps, fitted with swivel rammer hinged at muzzle . Bakers pattern rounded style lock with raised pan, reinforced bun-nut retained cock and tall narrow frizzen a distinctive feature of these pistols, the centre of the lockplate bears the rampant Lion cypher and is date 1813. Brass mounted full walnut stock with heavy flat oval buttcap and lanyard ring, the noscap fitted with long rammer retaining spring another distinctive feature of this pattern of pistol. This pistol is interesting and important as it dates 1813 and has never been to India. The pattern is generally termed Bakers Pattern 1819 Cavalry Pistol and was introduced in 1818/19 as part of a general redesign of the company's small arms in consultation with Ezekiel Baker who claimed responsibility for many of its features. Although Captain P. Page EIC Inspector of Stores might well have played a role in this pistol's adoption and design. Approx. 35,000 were made circa 1818-1839 most between 1818-1829. This pistol is genuinely dated 1813 and a pre-adoption prototype, the official adoption being delayed until after the Napoleonic Wars. The pistol has never been to India and still retains traces of its protective barrel lacquer it probably came from the East India Co. Pattern Room at 108 Leadenhall St. In very good original slightly dirty and untouched condition, good stock with some minor bruising and original lacquer, the barrel to a plum brown finish with some original preservative lacquer. A rare find. (Ex Tower Heritage Collection)

£995





A .577" PATTERN 1839 SHORT SEA SERVICE PERCUSSION PISTOL, the 6" barrel profusely stamped with numerous Ordnance proof and inspection stamps, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. The lockplate of converted flintlock form with stepped tail, engraved with the usual crown V.R. TOWER cypher dated 1846, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the butt marked with the B.O. Broad Arrow stamp on the leftside of the grip. This pattern of pistol was on issue from 1839 and issued to sailors of the Royal Navy during the Crimean War, this example is one of a quantity sold off by the Tower in the 1960's. In very good condition, good sharp stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing blue / grey patina. A good example.

£695





A GOOD 56-BORE PERCUSSION TRAVELLING PISTOL WITH SPRING BAYONET BY H. MORRIS, with 5.25" sighted browned Damascus barrel the top flat signed with makers name H. MORRIS and fitted with a top mounted 5 ½" triangular sprung bayonet, swivel ramrod hinged to muzzle with a stirrup link, curved back action lock attractively engraved with borderlines and foliate scroll engraving, walnut full stocked, chequered grip, inset at top with a vacant white metal oval escutcheon, iron trigger-guard decorated with borderlines and scrolls, pineapple finial. Percussion travelling pistols of this type are rarely encountered with a sprung bayonet. **An attractive pistol in very good plus condition, with excellent stock, barrel with fading browned finish.** **£795**





A SUPERB & RARE.44" RIMFIRE HAMMOND PATENT BULLDOG SINGLE SHOT DERINGER, 4" octagonal barrel top marked "Connecticut Arms & Manf. Co. Naubuc. Conn", and on the action. Patented Oct. 25, 1864". A heavy, solid, and well-made pistol, the breechblock unlocks and pivots to the left for loading, with case hardened iron frame and blued barrel. This was a heavy hitting derringer type pistol that chambered the .44" Henry R/F cartridge. Made circa 1866 to late 1880's estimated 8000. In excellent as new condition, sharp profiles, and much original blue to barrel, case colours to action. Excellent grips, a fine example and difficult to better. £750



Longarms

AN INTERESTING .75" INDIA PATTERN TYPE BROWN BESS FLINTLOCK MUSKET, made to the regulation pattern with 39" barrel, baluster turned breech, rounded lock the centre embellished with the impressive image of a palace with two lions and fitted with a swan-neck cock, Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock with New Land style wrist and low comb, the left butt with issue marking B/6. **An interesting musket in exceptionally good condition with excellent stock quite sharp overall, barrel to a grey / brown patina. A good piece at a good price** **£850**



A RARE .740" PATTERN 1843 EAST INDIA COMPANY TYPE 2 PERCUSSION VICTORIA CARBINE FOR THE BENGAL ARTILLERY, with 26" of .74" calibre (reduced musket bore) sighted barrel, London proofs at breech, together with a code EIC date stamp for 1843-44, fixed vee rear-sight, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, side action lock of E.I.C. military pattern, officially designated the "New series side lock", the centre of the lock plate stamped with the E.I.C. rampant lion cypher, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, scroll trigger-guard, side-rib officially removed. This is one of very few East India Company Victoria carbines known to exist today, of which there are 3 distinct types or variations, type 1 was a copy of the British Pattern 1837 Victoria carbine with back action lock. Type 2 produced 1843 to 1847 is a copy of the British service Pattern 1843 Victoria carbine, with a rounded scroll trigger-guard and flat noscap incorporating a rammer pipe. Type 3 produced 1851 was a heavier stock, a Brunswick style trigger-guard, a standard noscap with a separate longer rammer pipe set back 2 ½" from the muzzle. Type 2 carbines were supplied as follows:- 1,200 in May 1843, 1,400 in May 1844, 2,200 in May 1845, 200 in August 1847, giving a total of 5,800 of which 5400 were issued in Bengal and just 400 in Madras.

Records state they were issued to the 3rd Light Dragoons who used them during both the 1st and 2nd Sikh Wars 1845-46 and 1848-48, and the 14th Light Dragoons who used them during the 2nd Sikh War. The bulk were issued to Bengal Light Cavalry regiments, certainly the 1st, 3rd 4th 6th 7th, 8th and 11th regiments B.L.C. carried them and would have used them during the Sikh wars. This example is dated for 1843 to 1844 consequently one of the first supplied and might well have been issued to the 3rd L.D. who were rearmed with carbines of this pattern in 1845 or the 14th L.D. in 1845/46. Even if issued to one of the Bengal Native cavalry regiments it could have seen action during both the 1st and 2nd Sikh wars. Victoria carbines were not liked by the native cavalry units, being considered too long and heavy. Many like this one were modified by removing the side rib and ring for issue to the Bengal Artillery, at a rate of 19 per battery. I am sure this weapon has had an interesting life, first issued to a cavalry regiment in India, possibly seeing action during one or both of the Sikh wars. Then refurbished for issue to the Bengal Artillery. It would have seen service during the mutiny much of the Bengal Artillery remained loyal. When outdated it would have been returned to store, then it was supplied with a quantity of other arms by the E.I.G. to the Maharajah of Fridacote a Sikh, for issue to his private army It was one of 30 similar carbines I obtained from the Maharajah of Fridacote's armoury back in 1992. I sold it together with two variant carbines to David Harding and is actually illustrated in his epic Small of the East India Co. Vol. 2. At the time David believed none had survived and the batch I had were the only ones he had seen. The three examples in the National Army Museum, I supplied and were also from Fridacote. In very good condition good stock showing some wear commensurate with use, barrel with most old blue from service refurbishment. £895



A RARE ,740" PATTERN 1843 EAST INDIA COMPANY TYPE 3 PERCUSSION VICTORIA CARBINE, with 26" sighted and London proofed barrel, inspection mark with date coded letter P for 1849-50, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline engraved side action lock, the centre of the lock plate stamped with the E.I.C. rampant lion cypher, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, Brunswick style scroll trigger-guard. This is one of only 300 of its type made, it differs from the type 2 by having a heavier stock, a Brunswick style trigger-guard, standard musket pattern rammer pipes and nose cap, in fact the stock proportions and mounts are those of the Company's F type musket. The carbine was never fitted with a side rib, suggesting it was intended for issue to the Bengal artillery. **This carbine is also one of the three I sold to David Harding and is illustrated in Small of the East India Co. Vol. 2. In very good condition, good stock with some wear from service use, a gun that saw service during the Indian Mutiny, a piece of history.**

£895



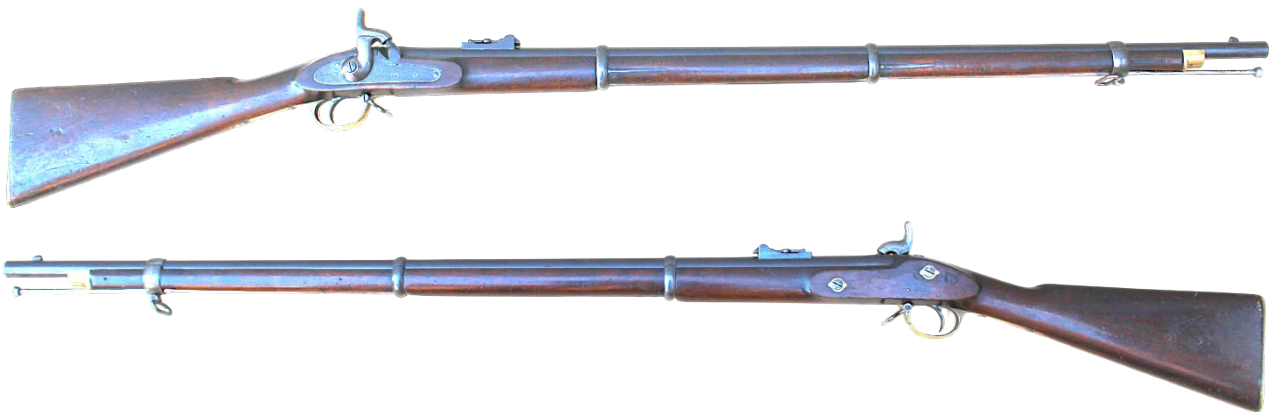
A RARE & GOOD .738" (REDUCED MUSKET BORE) PERCUSSION CARBINE MARKED TO THE 13TH BENGAL IRREGULAR CAVALRY, 21" sighted twist barrel marked "GARDEN. 200 PICCADILLY. LONDON", with swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, side-action lock stamped "IRREGULAR / XIII / CAVALRY", brass mounted full walnut stock fitted with both sling swivels and side rib and ring and a Brunswick style scroll trigger-guard. The Bengal 13th Irregular cavalry were a sildar regiment, they received a higher rate of pay but were responsible for providing their own horse and equipment of approved patterns. The regiment was originally formed in 1846 as the 12th B.I.C. becoming the 13th in 1847 with the reorganisation of the Bengal cavalry, at that time they would have carried typical Indian matchlocks. In 1847 their C.O. Captain W. C. Alexander asked the Bengal Government for permission to order percussion carbines from England, this was granted on condition that they be of musket bore. At the time the regiment would have numbered around 500 sowars and the order placed with Garden & Sons of Piccadilly, this firm were retailers or commission agents who supplied many of the Indian irregular regiments with arms and equipment, however the carbine was made by Hollis & Sheath. The carbines were received by the 13th B.I.C. 1853/54 and were still on issue in 1857 when the mutiny erupted, it is a fact that many of these irregular regiments mutinied or partially mutinied. The 13th were no exception, the whole regiment mutinied on the 6th June 1857, at Banares during the disarmament and subsequent mutiny of the 37th Bengal Native Infantry. The 13th who were thought to be loyal joined the mutiny and turned on Europeans present. The mutineers many of whom were killed were driven from the cantonments by the 1st Madras European Regt under Lt. Colonel Neil. The members of the 13th B.I.C. who survived went off to join the mutiny and fight in other areas. Eventually after much hard fighting the British regained control causing many surviving mutineers to seek sanctuary in Nepal. On arrival they were disarmed their weapons going into the Royal Nepal Armoury, most of the contents of this armoury were sold off in various batches from the 1960's on, the final one being in 2003 to International Military Arms. This carbine if it came from Nepal was in one of the earlier shipments when the better-quality items were disposed of. In the late 1980's it was in the collection of the late Ross Corbet in Calgary and is the actual specimen illustrated in Small Arms of the East India Co. 1600 to 1856. In very good condition with fine stock, barrel to a steel grey patina. An above average specimen that was in all probability in the hands of a sowar on the parade ground when the mutiny erupted in Banares on the 6th June 1857 and might well have seen further action during that bloody and turbulent period, who knows what stories it could tell. A piece of history. **£995**





A .577" WINDSOR / ENFIELD CONTRACT PATTERN 1853 2ND MODEL PERCUSSION RIFLE MARKED TO THE 97TH REGT. Of MILITIA, (King's Own (2nd Staffordshire) Light Infantry Militia) with 39" barrel rifled with 3 grooves, borderline engraved lock, marked with a crown on the tail and "1858 / WINDSOR", to the centre, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, 3 spring retailed barrel bands, the buttcap tang engraved "97 / M/ 758", the 97th Regt. Of Militia were the Kings Own Staffordshire Light Infantry Militia formed in 1853. Due to shortage of supply during the Crimean war contacts were placed with the American firm of Robbins & Lawrence of Windsor, Vermont, for 25,000 2nd model Enfield rifle. Due to the company's financial problems, deliveries were slow and only 16,000 were delivered between 1856 & 1858. These Windsor / Enfield's were considered inferior to British made arms and consequently relegated to Militia issue. This example in very good condition with good stock, quite sharp overall, barrel to a grey / blue patina, good bore. A rare collection Enfield variation. (See A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930)

£1100





A GOOD .577" PATTERN 1853 3RD MODEL 3 BAND PERCUSSION RIFLE, with 39" Birmingham proofed barrel, fitted with block and blade fore-sight and ladder rearsight, standard military pattern border line engraved lock stamped with a crown on the tail and "1864 / TOWER" to the centre, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the left butt stamped "L. MARCK LIEGE". The rifle was probably made for supply to America during the Civil War and later sold off as surplus and then acquired by Louis Marck a noted Liege gunmaker / dealer for trade sale. **In very good plus condition with excellent stock, barrel to a blue / grey patina, excellent bore. A rifle that has seen very little if any use.** **£995**



A .577" PATTERN 1856 2-BAND PERCUSSION VOLUNTEER RIFLE RETAILED BY BAKER LONDON, with 33" Birmingham proofed barrel, rifled with 3 grooves, pattern 1860 bayonet lug at muzzle, block and blade fore-sight and ladder rearsight, standard borderline engraved lock signed "BAKER LONDON", regulation iron mounted full walnut stock with chequered wrist. In very good plus condition, with excellent sharp stock, barrel with fading blue finish, some speckling, very good bore. £1100



A PERCUSSION CAPE GUN BY I. HOLLIS & SONS, with 32" barrels one of 14 Bore for shot, and the other of 16 Bore rifled with 5 grooves, the top rib engraved with makers name "I. HOLLIS & SON, LONDON", and fitted with leaf sights, foliate engraved side-action locks also marked "I. HOLLIS & SON", iron mounted walnut half-stock, with chequered wrist and forend, scroll trigger-guard, the butt fitted with a circular patchbox. Cape guns were ideal survival firearms, with one barrel for shot for birds and small game, and the other rifled for big game, they were popular with colonial settlers and hunters, particularly in S. Africa, hence their being called Cape Guns. In very good condition with excellent sharp stock, barrel to a grey / brown patina, good bores. An out of Africa gun. £1100



A .577" SNIDER MK III VOLUNTEER CAVALRY CARBINE, made to regulation pattern with 19 ½" barrel rifled with 5 grooves and fitted with the Pattern 1861 carbine ladder rearsight, Mk III positive bolt locked action, standard Pattern 1853 type lock marked "1878" to the centre, regulation brass mounted walnut half-stock, with sling bar, the buttplate with trap. **A typical commercial Snider probably made for commercial sale in the Colonies, Australia or S. Africa. In very good condition with good stock, barrel to a blue / grey patina.** **£650**





A .310" UNDERLEVER, SINGLE SHOT, HAMMERLESS ROOK & RABBIT RIFLE BY CHARLE H. MALEHAM, with 25" ovate barrel with chequered sighting rib and fitted with leaf sights, signed with the makers details on the left, hammerless, underlever action, the action body decorated with milled patterns, with a raised panel on the right inscribed with the makers details "CHAS. H. MALEHAM 20 REGENT ST. WATERLOO PLACE LONDON S.W., the leftside with safety. Two piece figured walnut stock, the butt with chequered full pistol grip and fitted with a yellow metal (gold?) escutcheon, on the underside. Charles Maleham was a Sheffield based gunmaker who took over his father's business at West Barr in 1868 and opened a London shop, at 20 Regent St. The rifle is in very good condition, excellent figured walnut stock, barrel and action with fading blue finish, tight action and excellent bore, bright and sharp.

£995





A 13-BORE DOUBLE BARRELLED PINFIRE SPORTING GUN BY DENYER, CIRCA 1860, 30" sighted browned Damascus barrels, the top rib engraved "B. DENYER 131 HOLBORN HILL. LONDON", scroll engraved barrel tang and fixed breech, border and scroll engraved side-action locks, signed "B. DENYER LONDON", Jones rotary underlever action, chequered forend and wrist, border and scroll engraved iron mounts, the underside of the butt with white metal escutcheon engraved with the owners initials and crest. B. Denyer was employed by Forsyth & Co before establishing his own business in 1838 at Tottenham Court Rd, in 1847 he moved to Oxford St. then in 1850 he moved to 131 Holborn Hill where he remained until his death in 1875. This interesting sporting gun was originally made in percussion and converted to breech-loading around 1860, in very good condition, with excellent figured walnut stock, barrels to a grey / brown patina. £395





A RARE & EARLY .577" (SNIDER) BRAENDLIN ALBINI VOLUNTEER 2 BAND SHORT RIFLE BY THE BRAENDLIN ARMOURY, with 30 ½" barrel rifled with 3 grooves, fitted with ladder rearsight graduated to 1000 yards, bayonet lug at muzzle, and also a stud at the breech for supporting the breech block when open, a rare feature that I have not encountered on any other Braendlin Albini rifles. The Enfield Pattern 1853 lock is dated 1863, indicating that the rifle is a conversion from an earlier muzzle loading rifle. Regulation iron mounted walnut stock with inset oval brass disc stamped with the number 32, an old museum or armoury identity number. This rifle probably dates 1865/66 and is an early Braendlin Albini and a conversion, the conversion being effected in a similar manner to the first Snider conversions, the upper part of the barrel has been machined away to act as a receiver and the breech block hinge forged onto the top of the barrel. Later Braendlin Albini's and the Snider utilized a screw on breech shoe unit. This breech-loading system was designed and patented in 1866 by an Italian Naval Captain, Augusto Albini and Francis Augustus Braendlin a Birmingham gunmaker and proprietor of the Mont Strom Gun Works and later the Braendlin Armoury. In fact, the Braendlin Albini is an adaption of the Mont Storm. It features a hinged breech block which is swung up and forward to open, operating a double claw extractor. The firing pin runs through the breech block and is driven by a plunger linked to the hammer which also locks the action closed on firing. The system is far superior to the Snider, having a positive locked breech and positive levered extraction, it was trialled by the War Department and performed credibly well. It was from those trials that the Martini Henry was adopted, the Braendlin Albini system was adopted by Belgium. **In very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, barrel with much original blue, tight action and good bore. A rare collector piece for those with an interest in the evolution of breech loading systems.** **£1650**



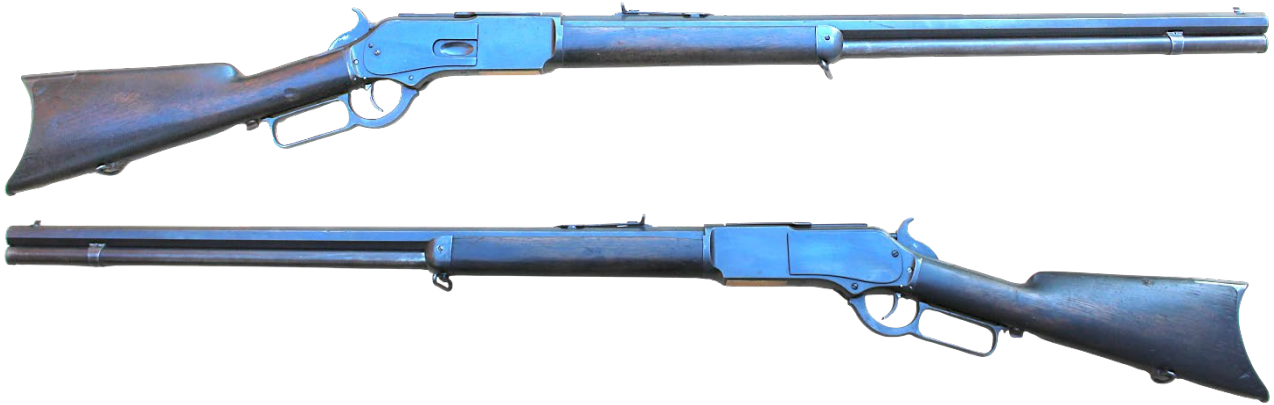
AN INTERESTING .577" SNIDER Mk III SPORTING RIFLE SIGNED PROBIN, 26" sighted octagonal barrel rifled with five grooves and having an underbarrel rib for ramrod /clearing rod, the stepped lock of flintlock form signed 'PROBIN' (faint) to the centre, walnut half stocked with chequered wrist and raised check rest, iron mounts including a scroll trigger guard. This unusual and interesting rifle was originally made as a flintlock rifle or sporting gun circa 1820/30, probably by John Probin of 29 Lisle St. Leicester Sq. London. Then circa 1870's rebuilt as a Snider sporting rifle, with the fitting of a new barrel with Snider Mk III positive bolt locked action and the lock modified. In very good condition with very good stock, barrel with fading blue finish, good bore and tight action. An interesting collector's item. £750



A .577/450" MARTINI HENRY MK I CAVALRY CARBINE DATED 1887, with 21.3" Henry rifled barrel stamped with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps at breech, with hacksaw cut just in front of the nocksform, the action body stamped with the Crown V.R. Enfield cypher dated 1887, and I.C.1. (interchangeable carbine, Mk I, meaning it could be either a cavalry or artillery carbine dependant on the type of fore-end fitted). Two-piece iron mounted full walnut stock, the butt with various issue markings. The carbine was decommissioned by cutting the barrel and firing pin nose, during its working life, for use in regimental depots for training new recruits. It is still operational but cannot be fired. In very good overall condition the barrel and action to a blue / grey patina, good bore and action and good stock and complete with original rod. Martini / Henry carbines are exceptionally scarce and sought-after. £895



A GOOD 45/75 WINCHESTER MODEL 1876 LEVER ACTION SPORTING RIFLE, with 28" octagonal barrel fitted with buckhorn rearsight, full length tubular magazine, iron mounted two-piece walnut stock. The Model 1876 was designed to offer the shooter a large calibre lever action for big game and is basically a bigger version of the Winchester Model 1873. Production ran 1876 to 1897 with a total production of 63,871. This example in the 41,8XX serial range dating 1883. **In very good condition with good stock, barrel and action with fading blue finish.** **£2500**



A GOOD 10 BORE WINCHESTER MODEL 1887 LEVER ACTION SHOTGUN, 31" sighted barrel, marked at the breech end with the Winchester patent legends and calibre "10", tubular 5 shot magazine, the left side of the action marked with a stylish intertwined "WRA Co" monogram and the lower tang bears the Winchester name and address marking, two-piece walnut stock the butt with semi pistol grip. The Model 1887 was Winchester's first lever action shotgun and made for black powder loads. It was designed by John M Browning and the company hoped the lever action mechanism would attract the millions of shooters already sold on lever action rifles. The system was cumbersome to use and was only a moderate success, produced 1887 to 1901 with a total production of approx.. 64,900. **In very good condition, good stock, barrel and action with fading blue finish.** **£1500**



A GOOD 32/40 MARLIN MODEL 1893 LEVER ACTION RIFLE, with 26" octagonal barrel the top flat stamped with the Marlin address and patent details and dates to 1893, buckhorn rearsight. Full length tubular magazine, iron mounted two-piece walnut stock. The Model 1893 was Marlin's first lever action rifle chambered for the new smokeless ammunition, total production is estimated at 850,000 to 1,000,000, this example in the 107,XXX serial range making it a fairly early example. The Model 1893 Marlin was considered by many authorities to be superior to the Winchester Model 1894, with a stronger action. **In near excellent condition with excellent stock, barrel and magazine with much original blue, fading case colours to action with some staining, good action and bore.** **£1800**



A GOOD 32" RIMFIRE MODEL 1892 MARLIN LEVER ACTION RIFLE, with 24" octagonal barrel, the top flat stamped with usual Marlin address and patent legend, fitted with buckhorn rear sights and blade foresight, full length tubular under-barrel magazine, two-piece walnut stock with crescent butt. The Model 1892 was made circa 1895 to 1916; the rifle is the same as the Model 1891 second variation with tube loading. Total production is estimated at approx. 45,000. **In near excellent condition, fine stock, barrel, action and magazine with much original blue finish, good action and bore. £1250**



A GOOD 8mm Portuguese Kropatachek Model 1886 Bolt Action Magazine Rifle, 32" barrel, made at Steyr and bearing the Portuguese Royal crest. This was the first small calibre repeating rifle adopted by any country. In very good condition, with good stock, quite sharp overall, much original deep blue to barrel, good bore and all matching numbers, a better than average example. Of an important collectors rifle. £850



A 7.5mm X 53.5 Swiss Model 1889 Schmitt Rubin Straight Pull Military Rifle, all matching numbers including magazine. A fine example with fine stock, much original deep blue to barrel and action, excellent, bore, the rifle is complete with muzzle cover. £650



Christmas Clearance Items

A .65" PATTERN 1837 STYLE YEOMANRY OR VOLUNTEER CAVALRY PERCUSSION CARBINE BY DICKENSON OF LONDON CIRCA 1840, with 21" London proofed barrel fitted with a swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, the lock of flintlock form and signed to the centre with the makers name "DICKENSON LONDON", regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. An interesting carbine possibly part of a private purchase by a yeomanry or volunteer cavalry unit, in very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, the barrel to a blue / grey patina. A good, genuine and attractive collectors carbine at a very reasonable price. £495



A RARE & GOOD .650" PATTERN 1817 NEW LAND OFFICER'S CADET FLINTLOCK CARBINE BY BRANDER & POTTS, with 34" sighted barrel stamped with London proofs at breech, flat style New Land pattern lock signed to the centre with the makers name "BRANDER & POTTS", with raised pan and flat ring-neck cock, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the buttcap tang engraved with the rack No '5', the stock stamped in various places with the original owners name "H. C. ALGAR". This Pattern was originally approved in 1812 for Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, but no orders were placed until 1817 when 200 were ordered. The same pattern was apparently also adopted for cadets of the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth and the Marine Society. It is a smaller version of the New Land musket with a barrel of 34", there is also a slight variation in furniture, it is the only gun in the New Land series to have a tail pipe and the barrel is pinned to the stock and not secured by flat keys. **In very good plus condition with excellent stock, barrel with a fading brown finish. A good collector's item at a bargain price.** **£695**





A GOOD 32-BORE PERCUSSION TRAVELLING PISTOL BY WATERHOUSE & HORTON CIRCA 1830, with 6.75" sighted octagonal browned Damascus barrel, the tang and breech decorated with foliate scroll engraving, the lock with attractively decorated with quality borderline and scroll engraving and signed "WATERHOUSE & HORTON", to the centre, flat style dolphin head cock engraved to match. full walnut stock with chequered wooden grip, border and scroll engraved steel mounts, horn-topped wooden ramrod. The makers Waterhouse & Horton were established at 32 Edmund St, Birmingham 1820 to 1832 making this a very early percussion pistol. An excellent piece with fine untouched stock, the barrel with a fine browned finish.

£595





A .750" PATTERN 1839 2nd TYPE OR PATTERN 1845 EXTRA SERVICE PERCUSSION MUSKET FOR MILITIA, 39" fully Ordnance proofed barrel with block foresight / bayonet lug, the lock of flintlock form and stamped with the TOWER Crown V.R. cypher. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock and fitted with Lovell's pattern spring bayonet catch, B.O. stamp to right butt. This variation of the Pattern 1839 musket has only recently been identified and termed a Pattern 1845 Extra Service Musket, previously this pattern had been misidentified as a Pattern 1839 musket. (See British Percussion Muskets of the 1830's & 1840's. George Lovell's Legacy. By Adrian Roads). The introduction of the percussion system in to British Military service brought about the obsolescence of the entire reserve of flintlock arms, large quantities of which were on issue to the militia. The militia were usually armed with weapons of cheaper manufacture and the new musket chosen for them was a cheaper version of the Pattern 1839. The difference between them is so minor that in the past there has been no distinction between them, the Pattern 1845 is the more basic of the two. The majority of these Pattern 1845's have no rearsight and they utilize pins to retain the barrel instead of keys and generally the locks are undated, variations can be found in stock furniture. Initial production used up the final reserves of flintlock parts, these included both New Land and India Pattern locks, suitably modified and the tails rounded, old India Pattern barrels and mounts, later production was new made. The first order was placed in October 1844 and the last as late as 1855, with a total production of 205,000. They were not on issue for long and soon replaced with the Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle, like most obsolete service arms at the end of their useful life most were scrapped, the metal parts being recycled and the stocks sold off as firewood. In very good condition with good stock some minor bruising commensurate with use, barrel to a blue / brown patina. A basic item for the British Military collector. (Ex-Museum Collection) £695



AN INTERESTING .38" RIMFIRE REVOLVER BY AUGUSTE FRANCOTTE, CIRCA 1870, WITH A PERIOD HOLSTER, made in the continental style with 4 ½" round sighted barrel, marked at breech "A. FRANCOTTE / LIEGE", with side mounted ejector rod, borderline engraved cylinder with raised reinforce over rear section, stamped with Liege proofs and the crowned A.F. makers mark, open top frame with hinged loading gate and also stamped with the crowned A.F. makers mark, folding trigger, two piece broom handle walnut grips. In very good sharp overall condition, excellent grips, barrel and action to a grey patina, probably originally finished in the white. Complete with a period brown leather holster. (110/25) £595





AN INTERESTING & RARE .30" RIMFIRE TRANTERS STYLE SINGLE ACTION POCKET REVOLVER, with 2.5" octagonal barrel, fitted with side mounted ejector lever and plunger, top strap engraved with retailers name "J. SQUIRES, LONDON", borderline engraved one piece frame, spur trigger-guard and side mounted loading gate, plain six shot cylinder, two piece chequered walnut grips. Although very similar to Tranters design the pistol was probably made by P. Webley & Son. **In very good condition with excellent sharp grips, barrel and action with fading blued finish. Revolvers of this type and calibre are quite rare. (92/25)** **£595**





A .656" PATTERN 1859 ENFIELD NATIVE INFANTRY THREE BAND PERCUSSION MUSKET, 39" barrel of .656" calibre with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps, fixed vee rear sight, standard Enfield style lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher dated 1864. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the butt with feint Enfield roundel. This is one of only 14,000 Pattern 1859 Native Infantry Muskets made at the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield. Approved by the Ordnance authorities on 7th May 1859 as an improvement on the Pattern 1858 musket. Although approved in 1859 no appreciable quantities were produced at the Enfield factory until 1864 and only 14,000 were manufactured. (See page 134, A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930). The Pattern 1859 was one of a family of smoothbore Enfield's produced for issue to Sepoy regiments in the East India Governments army. After the mutiny of 1857 it was decided that native regiments be armed with inferior weapons to the Pattern 1853 of the British regulars. It is one of approx. 200 acquired by Walter Clode of Westley Richards from the family of the Maharajah of Faridkot in 1992. **This is a rare gun and in very good plus condition with much deep blue, good bore, good stock with some minor loss of sharpness. Serious black powder shooters consider the Pattern 1859 to be the most accurate of all percussion muskets due to its reduced calibre and its high quality of manufacture, barrel boring and finishing. (Ex-Museum Collection) See, A Catalogue of British Military Longarms. 1730 to 1930 by Brian C Knapp. £850**



A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930

By Brian C. Knapp



This new book is sponsored by the Royal Armouries who supplied most of the illustrations and it will without doubt be the standard reference work on the subject, it totals 17 chapters, 267 pages with over 650 colour illustrations. The work tells the story of the evolution of all British military longarms including muskets, rifles and carbines over that 200-year timespan, from the Long Land to the S.M.L.E. The book is divided into 3 sections, Part 1 details all flintlock muskets and carbines, including the 5 patterns of Long Land 1730 to 1756, the Short Land muskets 1744 to 1779 and the later patterns of flintlock muskets 1792 to 1843. Also included in this part are sections on Sea Service flintlock muskets 1730 to 1810 including the Nock volley gun. The series of flintlock fusils and carbines for infantry and other corps, 1730 to 1836, flintlock rifles 1776 to 1838. The part on flintlock cavalry carbines is divided into three sections, covering carbines for light cavalry, heavy cavalry and finally, special production and rifled carbines.

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There is no other work that covers the subject and the entire period, it contains the results of a lifetime's involvement in the subject, and the findings of the very latest research, consequently, provides the reader with previously unknown information and even brings to light previously unrecognised patterns. It also corrects inaccuracies and misconceptions in previous works. For those interested in the subject of the evolution of British military longarms 1730 to 1930, collectors, military historians and museums etc. this is an essential work.



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