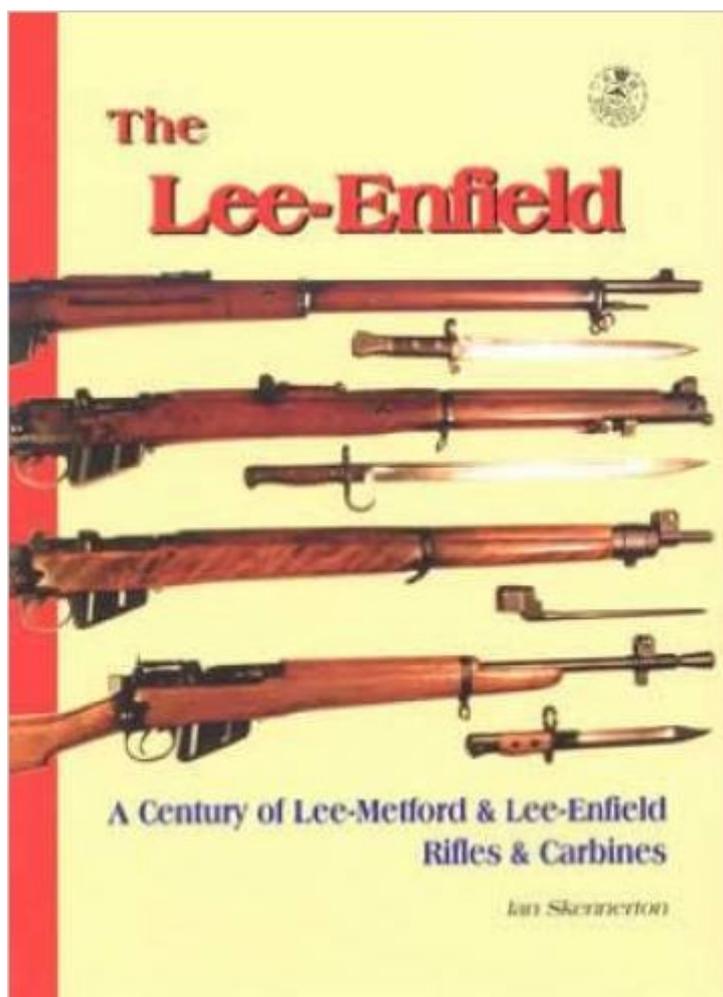


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# The Lee-Enfield: A Century Of Lee-Metford And Lee-Enfield Rifled And Carbines



## Synopsis

The net product of more than four decades of world-wide research and study, evolving through two prior editions and many other related titles. This is the ultimate account of a century's development and issue of the Lee-Enfield series. The Lee Enfield has proven itself as the finest battle rifle of all time. No other firearm has served for so long at home and abroad with such a proud record. This study encompasses all aspects of Lee-Enfield development & production... Britain, America, India, Australasia, South Africa & the Far East. Rifles, carbines, bayonets, parts, tools, accessories & ammunition are arranged into specific groups & chapters. There are five new chapters: Preview, Model Identification Lee-Enfield Hybrids Serial Number Production Ranges Component Parts Evolution An Ammunition Summary The Pattern Room collection and library has been the primary source for samples and records. With the larger format, this presentation sets a new standard for collectors, students & shooters of the venerable Lee-Enfield... indeed, for all arms books. While the 'Lee-Enfield Story' has long been accepted as the definitive tome on the Lee-Enfield and Lee-Enfield rifle series, this new volume increases the record from 504 to 608 pages and features improved photographic detail, larger illustrations and an improved layout.

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I became a fan of the Lee Enfield rifle back in the 80's when a friend of mine bought one. Now that I have bought my own Enfield, and plan to own more versions, I thought I should get this book to learn the history and various versions of the weapon. I love this book. If you have an Enfield and want to learn what all the stamps and markings mean, this book covers about 99% of them. Ian Skennerton's book is a must for Lee Enfield fans. This book is the definitive digest for all things Enfield. It

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"The Lee-Enfield" represents a lifetime of study by Mr. Skennerton, and the amount of information it contains is astounding. The book itself is quite large, which allows plenty of pictures to be included and keeps the considerable amount of text legible. The binding seems to be good enough (I'm no expert) and three ribbon bookmarks are included (Red, White, and Blue, naturally). The story of these rifles is laid out in impressive detail from the first trials with magazine rifles through each stage of development and deals individually with each location of global production. Skennerton then provides detailed descriptions of the various component parts and technical details for each model of Lee-Enfield or Lee-Metford. This section has been the most helpful for me as a new collector, as it presents the different variations in a simple and understandable way, giving a page with a picture and brief description to each. Information is also included on the various accessories and ammunition.The work seems to be something of a one-man show, and spelling or grammatical errors are not uncommon, although I haven't seen any that hurt understanding. I have also heard second hand that this book deals best with Australian rifles (Skennerton is himself Australian) and leaves something to be desired regarding Indian manufacture. I have yet to find any glaring mistakes, but I'm new and I wouldn't expect to notice anything but the most obvious errors.This book isn't cheap, but it is high-quality and such specialized books usually come with a high price tag. Given the wealth of information it provides, this book is well worth purchasing for anyone interested in these rifles.

I have had the honor of meeting Ian several times over the last 15 years during his travels to North America. (He is Australian). He has dedicated his life to research on the topic of British Commonwealth firearms circa 1880-1960. Ian has traveled the world several times over in his research efforts. This research especially includes his exhaustive work on the topic of Lee-Enfield and Lee-Metford rifles and the vast array of variations, manufacturers, markings, issue stamps, etc. You simply cannot be regarded as a serious collector of Lee-Enfield and Lee-Metford rifles if you do not own this book or one of Ian's earlier editions. This last edition is by far his best work. Thank you mate!

This book is the encyclopaedia on the subject, with detailed descriptions and photographs that can help answer questions you might have about the evolution of the rifles or in identifying a particular example. Believe it or not, it does not cover every question, but it comes as close to perfection as we will ever likely see. Superb.

This is the ultimate book for the Enfield rifle collector. It details the history from the Lee Metford through the post WW2 sniper variants. There is more information in the book than I would think possible- the author really did his legwork and research on the subject. HIGHLY recommended.

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