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## Bedfordshire Imperial Yeomanry Bandolier

REF: 82122

Height: 15.5 cm (6.1") Width: 119.5 cm (47") Depth: 5.5 cm (2.2")

**Sold**



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A grained leather Lee Metford Bandolier with holster for a Colt New Model 0.32 Calibre Pocket Revolver.

The bandolier will take 50 rounds separated into 4 pouches of 10 and 2 of 5. Bandoliers were first introduced in 1882 to accommodate ammunition for the new breechloading firearms and were widely used by mounted infantry and cavalry during the Boer War. This example is stamped B I Y for Bedfordshire Imperial Yeomanry along with B 89 and I 07.

It is also stamped Pearson & Son, Bedford above Doyle & Smith Birmingham 1901. Pearson were civil and military saddlers/harness makers at 21, Cauldwell Street, Bedford but little is known of Doyle & Smith. Although, the previous Bedfordshire Yeomanry was disbanded in 1827, they were re-raised in September 1901 to meet the demand for more troops to fight in the Boer War. The leather is a supple, mellow example of the saddlers' art which remains in fine condition. Circa 1901.

Size unbuckled is given.