

Pacific Bladeware Newsletter

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Welcome to Pacific Bladeware :

We ask potential customers and visitors to our website to please read the item descriptions carefully. We receive many calls each week from people asking details on our products - which we do not mind answering of course - but the answers to many of these enquiries are already there in the item descriptions; so you can save the cost of a call by first checking the information that accompanies each listed item. If then you cannot find what you need, please feel free to email or call us at your convenience and we will be only too happy to assist you.

Knife Collectors As collectors of edgedware for almost 53 years, we know the importance of having accurate and detailed history of the knives that we collect.

In order to help others, we have provided a comprehensive and reliable history page for each of the makers of the knives that we sell. We hope that visitors to our site read these pages and find the information useful for their own records.

Overseas Clients We ask that overseas customers please check with their local Police and Customs authorities to ensure that it is legal to import double-edged daggers into their country. Sometimes an import permit may be required. Failure to comply with local Government regulations can sometimes invariably lead to extensive delays in delivery times and may even result in the seizure of the goods.

A Message regarding the Wm. Rodgers F-S 180BMoD:

We have had many enquiries asking "What makes the 180BMoD different from the mass produced reproduction FS knives on the market?" To this, we state the following:

The William Rodgers Fairbairn-Sykes 180BMoD knife blades are unique in the fact that they are manufactured by using traditional methods - they are all **'hand-forged' and 'hand-ground'** - not machine pressed then hand-ground like others.

By using these conventional methods means that the blade is not only stronger, but there are very slight differences between each knife, mostly in the grind.

After the manufacturing process is completed, the knives are carefully checked by Ministry of Defence Inspectors to ensure that they meet with MoD specifications prior to being passed for use by British and NATO military forces.

Ultimately, the 180BMoD is a 'fighting knife' rather than being a retail or 'collectable' item.

Although there are many collectors who choose to purchase this knife because of its unique individuality as a 'bona fide' fighting knife it is, after all, a weapon specifically designed and made for combat purposes rather than something to be placed in a showcase or suspended on a wall.

Wm Rodgers does not sell these knives to retailers anywhere - Pacific Bladeware, as the sole official agent in the Southern Hemisphere for Wm. Rodgers, is the only supplier of the 180BMoD outside of Wm. Rodgers themselves of course. We sell specifically to the military, however, we do release some of these knives to the public when availability permits.



Letters of Authenticity

We issue **'Manufacturers'** Letters of Authenticity with some of our knives. These letters are official and contain important information relative to the knife that you have just purchased.

This information can prove specific claims made by the dealer, for example whether the knife is in fact a genuine 'Military Issue' knife, or some other claim that may influence your purchase, plus the Manufacturer's physical address, Telephone & Fax numbers and direct Email address so that if you wish to qualify certain details with them yourself, then you can easily do so.



There are sellers worldwide, particularly on Internet Auction sites, who make misleading claims about some of the items that they market. If you have any doubts regarding your potential purchase, then it is your right to request some form of tangible proof.

A Manufacturer's (**not dealers**) Letter of Authenticity will generally suffice. If not available, then a manufacturer contact with phone number or email address should be provided. This way you can speak directly to the people who made your knife, and then qualify any doubts that you may have. After all, it is your hard earned cash at stake, so you need to be sure what you are spending it on.

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Knife Tips:

After using your knife, especially in humid climates, always wipe the blade clean with a dry cloth to remove any dirt or moisture that could later contribute to the formation of rust. Even stainless steel can oxidise without a little care from time to time.

With folding knives, a small drop of oil when necessary on the folding joint will ensure that your knife will open smoothly each time you need it. You would be surprised just how quickly dirt can build up in the mechanism causing the movement to become stiff and sometimes difficult to open.

When storing your knife, especially for long periods, always remove the blade from its leather sheath. Leather can retain accumulated moisture that is a detriment to steel blades. If possible, store the leather sheath away in a separate area from your knife and remember to apply a light coat of oil to the blade. Petroleum jelly is also fine to use.

Below, we have included a small article on the 'Military Broad Arrow' stamp that some readers may find interesting, particularly those who are knife collectors.

NEW ARRIVALS During the next couple of months we will be adding the much sought after **Boker Kalashnikov folders** to our inventory. There will also be the new Boker Bowie & Hunting knives, Leather folding knife pouches & Toggles, Sharpeners and other popular blades as well.

NEW STOCK

From time to time we will be adding new items to our stock-list, so please check our website regularly.

We try our best to stock a variety of different items from our manufacturers, however, sometimes either the nature of the goods or Federal Law and/or State Legislation prevents us from doing that.

Nevertheless, we will endeavour to present a pleasing variety of items that will hopefully satisfy our customers.

Please note that all items listed on our website, unless otherwise marked, are currently in stock and ready for immediate delivery. We do not list items that we do not generally carry.

The Broad Arrow Much has been written about this well-known stamp and there have been many interpretations of its true meaning - but what does it really stand for? Well, in two words, the arrow means 'Government Property'.

The Broad Arrow came into general use in the 1600's and was the Heraldic badge or device of Henry Viscount Sydney, afterwards the Earl of Romney who, at the time, held the position of Master-General of the Ordnance Department for the British Government.

It was he himself, on his own authority, that initiated the use of the arrow as the distinguishing mark for military stores. For companies manufacturing goods for both military and civilian use the broad arrow, even though not compulsory, was an optional stamp that could be used to identify which goods were to be shipped directly to the military and not to be confused with goods designated for the private sector.

An official spokesperson for the British Ministry of Defence (MoD) recently informed me - in writing by formal letter - that, to the best of their knowledge and records, the Broad Arrow was **NEVER** officiated by the Defence Department as a mandatory mark or stamp. In other words, the choice whether to use the Broad Arrow stamp was never enforced by the Government but, for their own benefit, was left entirely up to the manufacturers or suppliers themselves.

Perhaps this may explain why so few FS knives carried the stamp during the war. **Today it is against MoD regulations and Specs No. E/1323E to mark FS knives with any form of identification stamps whatsoever, particularly the broad arrow.**



Coming soon_____

Soon we will be introducing a new section to our website. This new addition will be **'The Treasure Chest'** and will be devoted to antique and rare collectable knives.

In this area we will be offering some really special pieces such as Third Reich Daggers, Randall and other well known names. Also, by arrangement, we will be accepting **'Consignment Knives'**. This is where you can advertise and market your own unwanted treasures through our site. If you have knives to sell, please contact us for further details.



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