

**A SCARCE 75TH BATTERY ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY BOER WAR 1901
DATED LEE METFORD LEATHER AMMUNITION BANDOLIER**



British Boer War 1897 Pattern and 1901 dated and unit marked, mounted troops 303 Calibre Ammunition Leather Bandolier. Made of brown leather it has 6 ammunition carriers with full flap covers. Each carrier has heavy duty hooped, stitched slots for individual .303 rounds used in Lee Metford Service rifles. The bandolier holds 50 individual rounds of ammunition in total and each flap cover has all of its brass stud fasteners. One end of the bandolier is fitted with a heavy duty brass buckle. The mid section of the bandolier has a small metal hoop for strap attachment, complete with the often missing belt attachment strap.



The bandolier is maker marked; 'D.MASON & SONS, BIRMINGHAM 1901' Belt is also unit marked, which is stamped (quite faint now); '2.B.. 3EA RFA..75'. Its not clear what '2.B.. 3 E A' stands for but 'RFA' stands for Royal Field Artillery and '75' for 75th battery. 75th battery took part in the Boer War, serving with distinction from the start of the war, until December 1901 when they left for India.



All rivets, studs are present however the stitching on one of the flap attachments is loose and one other is missing – all others secure and the detached flap could be repaired. Bar this there is no damage, the leather is strong and supple.