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In the West, the NATO countries looked hard at new weapons to upgrade their own infantry arsenals and counter the AK-47. Although British and other designers developed their own prototype assault rifles chambered for intermediate cartridges, the Americans adopted the M14 'battle rifle' and forced a common full-length calibre, 7.62x51mm, on their NATO allies. Fabrique Nationale of Belgium designed a new military rifle, the Fusil Automatique Léger or FAL, as an assault rifle using a true intermediate cartridge, but this innovative weapon also proved to be a successful battle rifle when adapted for the full-length NATO round. It was soon adopted by the military and police forces of no fewer than 93 nations around the globe, from the United Kingdom to Israel, and was manufactured under licence on every populated continent. It remains in production to this day and is regarded by most as the quintessential postwar battle rifle. In fact, the FAL dominated the militaries of the West to such a degree that its nickname became the Right Arm of the Free World.

Roughly comparable in terms of size and weight to other contemporary battle rifles such as the American M14 and the German Heckler & Koch G3, the FAL proved to be reliable and well loved by its users. It performed reliably in a wide variety of small wars and insurgencies, in the hands of professional soldiers as well as those of hastily trained conscripts and essentially untrained guerrillas. It proved itself in harsh environments as varied as the cold, wet, featureless Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic, the snow and ice of Norway and northern Canada, the deep jungles of Vietnam and Malaya, the deserts of the Middle East, and the streets of Belfast. While thankfully never called upon for its original intent - facing down hordes of mechanized Soviet infantry on the plains of

Western Europe - the FAL fulfilled every role it was asked to perform and remains a viable and well-respected weapon to this day.

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Review

For those of us who did have a love affair with this rifle, it is a book that should be on our bookshelves if not in our hands, and for those who have never experienced the weapon, it's an interesting and illuminating read that may help to understand why it was so revered. - arrse.co.uk

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Bob Cashner recently retired from forestry and is now using his free time for writing and pursuing a BA in military history. He served four years in the US Army as a Cavalry Scout, was recalled to active duty during Desert Storm, and served an additional nine years in the National Guard/Reserves. An avid hunter and shooter, he is also a collector of vintage military rifles (including three different models of the FAL). He has written one previous gunsmithing book, *The Poor Man's Scout Rifle*, and is a frequent contributor to *World War Two History Magazine*. Previously, he wrote weekly outdoor columns for three newspapers, published outdoor articles in *The Boundary Waters Journal* and still contributes to *Backwoodsman* magazine. He lives in Montana with his beloved wife and a Labrador retriever named Griz.

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