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EDITORIAL

A new NZAHAA website is being prepared and will hopefully be up and running in the near future. I will keep you posted.

Meanwhile if you need contact information concerning the NZAHAA consult the inside back cover of the Gazette and contact your Branch or National Secretary. If you are not happy about any aspect of the NZAHAA then talk to your Branch Rep he is a member of the Management Committee and is best able to do something about your problem. Remember all these people are volunteers who give their time for your benefit.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed material for this edition.

Best wishes, Phil

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NZ Arms Register
www.armsregister.com

The following new or revised info pages have been uploaded

Machine Guns: NZAR ID 187, 199, 201, 202
Bayonets : NZAR ID 59, 399
AFVs: NZAR ID 161
Articles > Rifles: NZAR ID A57

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section

A rare modified Chassepot for Kommission Gewehr M.1888

By Marco CORNUDA



The dimensions are:

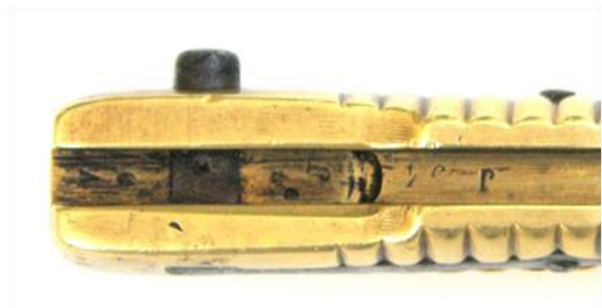
Total length: 700 mm.
Blade width: 29.2 mm.
MRD: 17.2 mm.

Blade length: 570 mm.
Blade thickness: 9.1 mm.

The end of the pommel has been leveled and the top of the pommel has been machined in one step 2 mm. deep and cut 42 mm. from the rear.

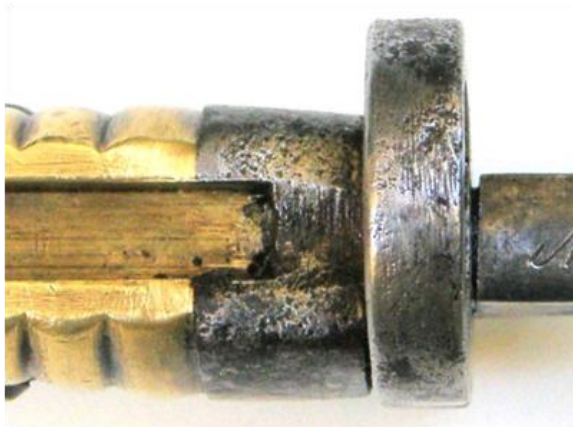


Comparison between the end of the pommel of the modified Chassepot and the end of the pommel of the French Chassepot



The original cross-guard has been removed and a new cross-guard, without quillion, has been added with a new muzzle ring. This cross-guard has the mark **D.R.G.M.** (**Deutsches Reich Gebrauchs-Muster**, for German Empire's registered patent)





picture Christian Mery

The conversion has been made on a bayonet produced in Mutzig on february 1869, as you can deduce from the mark *M^{re} Imp^{ale} de Mutzig Fevrier 1869* on the blade back.



A shortened bayonet, with blade of 305 mm., has been recorded by my friend Rik Desmet.



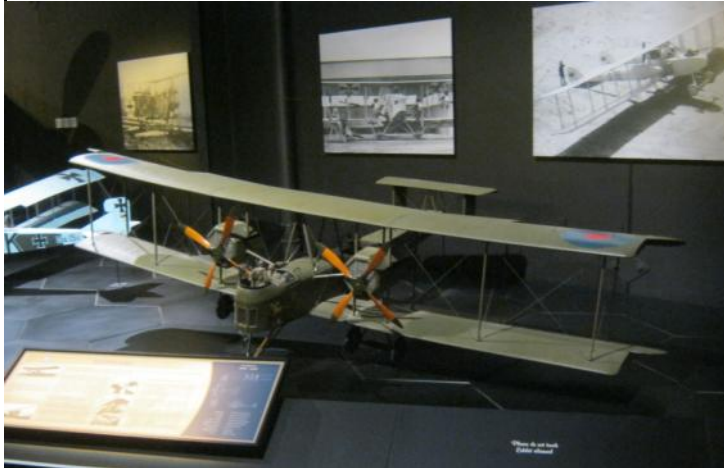
picture Rik Desmet

A PLACE WORTH VISITING by Phil Cregeen

On our recent South Island tour we stopped in Blenheim to visit the **Knights of the Sky** exhibition at **Omaaka Aerodrome**, which features Sir Peter Jackson's own collection of First World War aeroplanes. Many of the aircraft are displayed in a realistic setting with scenery and figures created by Wingnut Films and Weta Workshop. In addition to the aircraft there is an impressive display of uniforms and memorabilia of WW I airmen from all sides in the war. You can find out more by visiting: <http://www.omaka.org.nz/>

Here are some photos:



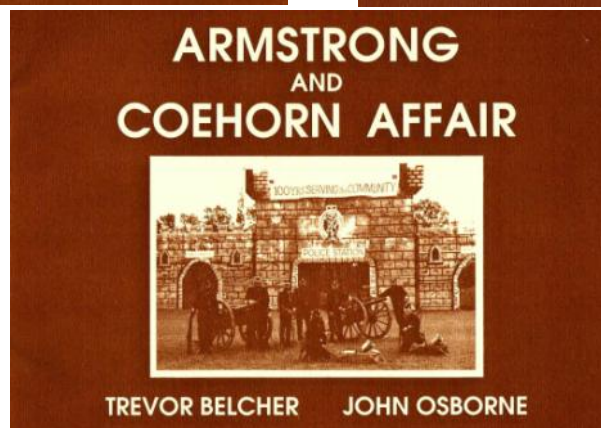
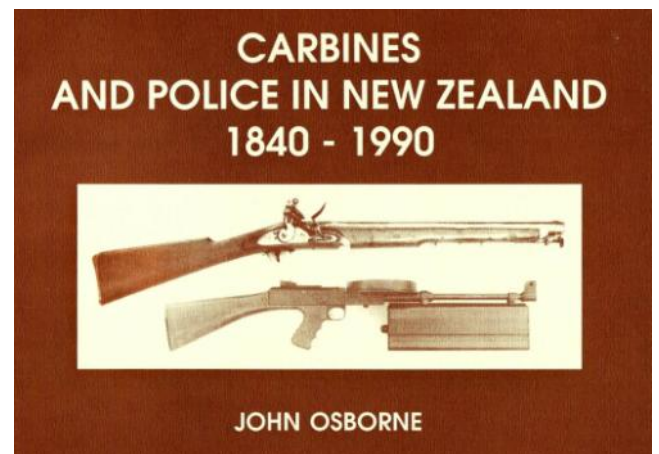
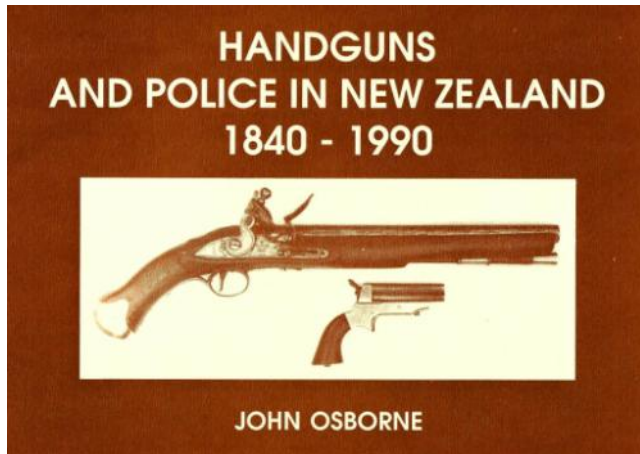


YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

ONE OF THESE BOOKS

BY

JOHN OSBORNE



All you have to do is e-mail a digital copy of one of your own original WW I photos of New Zealand service men with weapons to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Provide your postal address and which one of the 3 books you would prefer.

The best photo will be chosen by the Editor and the winner will receive one of the above books.

The winner will be announced in the next issue of the e-Gazette.

There will be another chance to win in the following months.

Special thanks to John Osborne for donating his books

WHAT CHANCE WILL YOU HAVE OF ADDING ONE OF THESE TO YOUR COLLECTION?



According to the New Zealand Herald the Defence Force is to replace the Steyr Aug Individual Weapon in the near future. See http://m.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11278332 for the full story.

Soldiers complain that the weapon is ineffective and inaccurate beyond 200 metres and also prone to stop-pages. Approval has been given for the Defence Force to select an off the shelf replacement which it is anticipated will be in service by 2016/17.

A decision on how some 9,000 Steyrs will be disposed of has yet to be made but it has been stated that they are unlikely to be sold to overseas military. So will they be destroyed?

Are these rifles not part of our national heritage, just as the Snider and Lee Enfield are? And as collectors should we not be campaigning to have at least some of them made available to the NZ collectors market? Our campaign to save the Cadet Force No 8 & No 9 training rifles from destruction resulted in a public auction with strict controls on who may bid for them, which returned a significant income to the Defence Force. So why not do the same for the Steyr.

What do you think?

Firearms Community Advisory Forum

The official minutes of the meeting have yet to be published , here follows NZAHAA President Steve Privett's recollection of the meeting.

On June the 17th I attended the police Firearms Community Advisory Forum at Police National Headquarters in Wellington representing the NZAHAA. Present was Joe Green backed up by 8 members of the police policy team, and arms officers etc, along with representatives from MFAT, Customs, Mountain Safety Council, COLFO, Service Rifle Assn, Deerstalkers and NZ Pistol. Joe Green is stepping down as of the 1st of July and he briefly introduced his replacement.

First on the agenda was the ATT (arms trade treaty), and adoption of laws by the UN General Assembly, the government appears to be in a hurry to ratify this document and become one of the first 50 countries to do so (44 have already), supposedly this is to stop the proliferation of arms trafficking, however I couldn't help thinking maybe its to help NZ become a member of the UN security council.

We are assured that this is not to stop legitimate importation of firearms, ammo or parts by collectors, dealers or shooters, but to stop brokerage, for example where by a dealer in NZ buys 100 rocket launchers from a country and sells them to another country without them going through NZ.

Next on the agenda was NZ Customs, they spoke about retrospective permits, which means if an item arrives at customs without a import permit dated prior to its landing then it will be seized. It will be held for one year, and will need a court order stating that you can legally have it, before they will release it. It is up to the importer to find out if any imported item needs a permit and to obtain it before the item arrives. Import permits can be obtained online through NZ Police. The police have a spread sheet available to speed up the process, I will try and procure one to circulate.

The arms act was next ,with discussion over MSSA pistol grips, and although law has been passed, this is once again being challenged in court, not much more to say about this really, decision pending .

There was general discussion on police exposure at gun shows and auctions, and how police can get information circulated out to the 230,000 licensed firearms owners that do not belong to recognized organizations .

Mountain safety commented that they are adapting their training with more focus on semi-automatic safety, as around 90% of new firearms sales are now semi-autos .

There was a Rep from a company called SelectaDNA who specialize in a microdot security marking for items, with a type of unique DNA .These microscopic "DOTS " can be attached to an item, such as a firearm, so if they are stolen and recovered they can be identified. However most firearms have serial numbers that do the same thing, and there is no substitute for a decent safe.

Its a privilege for our organization to be invited to attend these forums and to be able to participate in debate on issues that could have an affect on our hobby, and to discuss issues before laws are passed. Having dialogue with other shooting organizations is also very helpful and widens our knowledge of the issues they may be having, these meetings are likely to be held 2 or 3 times a year All in all a very informative meeting.

Steve Privett

President

I have been advised that Import Permits can take up to a month to process due to staff shortages at Police National HQ. Ed.

GUN REVIEW BY Phil Cregeen

Here we have a **Pattern 1839 Constabulary Carbine**. It has an overall length of 42.5 inches and a barrel length of 25.6 inches with a smooth bore of 0.65 inch calibre. The walnut stock is fitted with upper and lower sling swivels and the barrel is retained by two steel pins, the upper sling swivel screw and a breech tang screw. The brass furniture comprises of a butt plate, trigger guard, side plate, nose cap and two ram rod pipes. The ramrod is of steel and numbered to the carbine and is secured by an internal spring in the bottom of the stock groove. There are no sights other than a rudimentary foresight block that also serves as a bayonet stud, the bayonet is secured by a Hanovarian catch. The lock is of the Pattern 39 type and is marked Crown VR Tower 1842, with government ownership mark, it is secured by two side nails. The barrel is marked with Ordnance View and Proof marks of 1841

These carbines were issued to NZ Provincial Constabulary in the 1840s, 50s and 60s



The bayonet has a blade of 13 inches and a special spring to prevent it being taken from the scabbard by an assailant.



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE



Grant Spencer writes:

Just back from a month in Russia and took this photo of a **large** German shell at Volgograd (Stalingrad). All the details were in Russian. I found all the museums and displays did not include English. My understanding is that it is from a siege gun used at Sebastopol in the Crimea.

A **BIG** PISTOL from Trevor Marshall

Ever seen a triple barrel eighteen shot revolver?
Me neither

You really have to wonder what the recoil is like and how does the thing pattern on a target.

18 Shot Revolver
I figured you would like this one!!!!

Triple Barrelled Revolver



CHECK YOUR POWDER contributed by Tony Bruce



The remains of a Hawkens Arms N.Z. .45CAL S/N 527.40 muzzle loader.
The sort of thing that you hear about but rarely get to see.

It transpires that the owner was a keen shooter and used to shoot the Hawken using pre measured loads of 60gr 3Fg Black Powder. One day his wife got stuck into his "gun/reloading area" and decided to give it a bit of a tidy up. Well on the fateful day he grabbed what he thought was one of his pre measured loads and duly loaded the Hawken to demonstrate its capabilities to family and friends. The photos show what happened.
He survived but did some damage to his head and hearing.



The cause? On investigation afterwards he discovered that what he thought was a pre measured load of 60gr of 3F turned out to be 60gr of 700X!

The only part missing is the nipple!

The message - double check you powder before pouring it down the barrel.

See two more examples, of blown up pistols here

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_XNWeMqCT0 The exploded 1858 Remington New Model Army revolver .The owner loaded it with smokeless powder

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU4-v433Of0> Exploded 1861 Navy revolver bore. A chamber was loaded without powder (or the powder failed to ignite), and the second chamber was fired on the bullet stuck midway in the bore

REMEMBER ZULU?



On the 10th of June a special charity performance of ZULU was held at the Odean, Leicester Square, London, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Royal premiere of this great film.

The film dramatizes the events at Rorke's Drift between the British Army and the Zulu Battalions in January 1879, and tells the story of how 11 Victoria Crosses were awarded in a single action where 150 British soldiers, many of whom were sick and wounded, held off 4000 Zulu warriors.

Attended by Prince Harry the digitally re-mastered film was shown in the original wide screen format and included behind the scenes footage, entertainment from the Zulu choir, Amabutho, and from the Welsh Guards Male Voice Choir.

Barry Iacoppi a Wellington Branch member was fortunate to be able to attend this performance and says it was a great night out.



Barry with two survivors from Roarke's Drift?

After 50 years of watching this film it is still my favourite. Ed.

PROGRESS REPORT from Bill Lang, Otago Branch



At left one of our Minenwerfer wheels finished sanded, with cooling water now dried ready for prime painting.

Because the piece will never be outside a Museum environment, paint that does not “off gas” will be used. Selection of the final paint colour has been both frustrating & amusing with the result being subjective at least. “Feldgrau” is an interesting word to describe anything greyish from blue tinted to a green tint, light to darkish grey, anything goes, slapped on with a big brush.

Note oven glove & rag employed to prevent wheel (50 + kg) rolling off the table thus squashing a member .

STOLEN GUNS

The following guns were stolen from an Auckland address on 12 June, they may be offered for sale at some stage.

See http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11273361

- "Caesar Guerini" (brand)
- 1 x Forum 12 gauge field gun
- 1 x Forum 12 gauge sporter impact
- 1 x Elipse Evo 20 gauge field gun and another 28 gauge barrel
- 4 x semi automatic shotguns
- "Browning" (brand)
- 2 x 12 gauge, 2 shot semi automatic (1966)
- 1 x Berretta .22 rifle semi automatic (1966)
- 1 x Browning 20 gauge semi automatic 5 shot shotgun
- 1 x Winchester Martini Action .22 collectioS gun
- 1 x Remington 30/30 lever action collectors gun
- 1 x Remington 1187 Camo 12 gauge semi automatic shotgun
- 1 x Parker Hale Safari 30-06 rifle

Anyone who has information relating to this incident can call Detective Senior Sergeant Darrell Harpur on 09 261 1300 or the anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

REMEMBER D DAY contributed by Alan Webster

Last month saw the 70th Anniversary of D Day on 6 June. How is this for a fitting tribute to all those who fell on that day?



British artist Jamie, accompanied by numerous volunteers, took to the beaches of Normandy with rakes and stencils in hand to etch 9,000 silhouettes representing fallen people into the sand. Titled **The Fallen 9000** <<http://thefallen9000.info/>> , the piece is meant as a stark visual reminder of those who died during the D-Day beach landings at Arromanches on June 6th, 1944 during WWII. The original team consisted of 60 volunteers, but as word spread nearly 500 additional local residents arrived to help with the temporary installation that lasted only a few hours before being washed away by the tide.

9,000 Fallen Soldiers Etched into the Sand on Normandy Beach to Commemorate Peace Day on September 25, 2013.

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month (below left) attracted only one correct answer, which was from Rod Woods who said “it is an alidade incorporating a parallel ruler”. This instrument is for surveying using the Plain Table method and was used by the military for plotting gun positions, fortifications, target positions and map making. To read more about Plain table Surveying visit:

<http://theconstructor.org/surveying/plane-table-survey-and-its-accessories/6474>



Surveyor working with Alidade and Plain Table



FROM THE WWW (ctrl+click to follow the link or copy and paste to your browser)

From Grant Soich - Judge rules in dealer's favour over Caveat Emptor

<http://www.antiquetrade gazette.com/news/2008/feb/11/judge-rules-in-dealer%E2%80%99s-favour-over-caveat-emptor/>

From Tony Bruce - Historical Breechloading Arms Association-Articles

<https://sites.google.com/site/hbsauk/knowledge-and-research/articles>

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 or 2015 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2014

6 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
12 & 13 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
26 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
16 & 17 August	Tauranga Arms & Militari Show, Greerton Hall
6 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding
13 September	HYGM & Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton
12 October	Military Heritage Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum
25 & 26 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
1 & 2 November	Taranaki Branch Gun Show.
8 & 9 November	Armistice in Cambridge

2015

28 March	Kumeu Militaria Show
5 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru
20 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North

GUNS WHERE ARE THEY ? *Send me a photo and details of your local guns*



4 pdr Armstrong pattern c1732-bored up to 4.1" 6/9pdrs c1830s, from John Osborne.

This gun is at Kohukohu and has a history associated with George Frederick Russell (1809-1855). Russell sailed from Sydney to Horeke in 1831 and purchased his Kohukohu properties in 1839 setting up his own business as a timber trader, shipping kauri spars and squared timber to London and other markets. Russell's business rapidly expanded, Kohukohu succeeding Horeke as the centre of the Hokianga timber trade.

BUY SELL OR SWAP *List items free for two months*

***FOR SALE :** EXTREMELY RARE **Springfield Armory Model 1903 Rifle** that has been converted from a Rod Bayonet model manufactured in 1904. Has the original barrel that has been set back .020 inch and now chambered for 30-06 cartridge. Being a Rod Bayonet barrel it has no date markings. This was an original USMC Issue Rifle and has both front and rear USMC sights. It is still in the original blued condition and not parkerized, and has an early " S " type " high wood " single lug Stock with original 1905 handguard without sight cut or metal clips; RARE **Springfield Armory Model 1903 Sniper Rifle** fitted with Noske Scope in Noske windage adjustable Mount, and special purpose Sporting Stock, not converted from service Stock. Fitted with Lyman Receiver Sight and Star Gauged barrel. Rifle issued in Australia during WW II, refurbished and so marked at Lithgow S.A.F. in 1942, and Stock with Royal Military College Duntroon markings also.

WANTED : British Commonwealth Trials Rifles especially Pattern 1913, No I MK VI & No 4 Trials Rifles; WW I Lattey, Gibbs, Martin, and similar Optical Sights; Rifle Grenade Cups & Spigots, and Wire Cutters & Breakers.

CONTACT : Colin Green, 5 Tiffany Grove, Templestowe, Victoria 3106, Australia.
Phone :61 3 98462070. Email : colingreenaust@hotmail.com



FOR SALE: Alidade Mk II complete in plywood carry case with leather straps and small circular screwdriver in leather pouch. The instrument is marked as follows: A&A Ltd, Broad arrow, Mk II. The instrument is in excellent condition, however the case has some scratches and slight separation of the ply at the two ends. \$100.



Contact: Phil oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

WANTED: Brno .22 Hornet magazine

CONTACT: John Dahlin ph. 09 439 4123 Email: johndahlin@outlook.com

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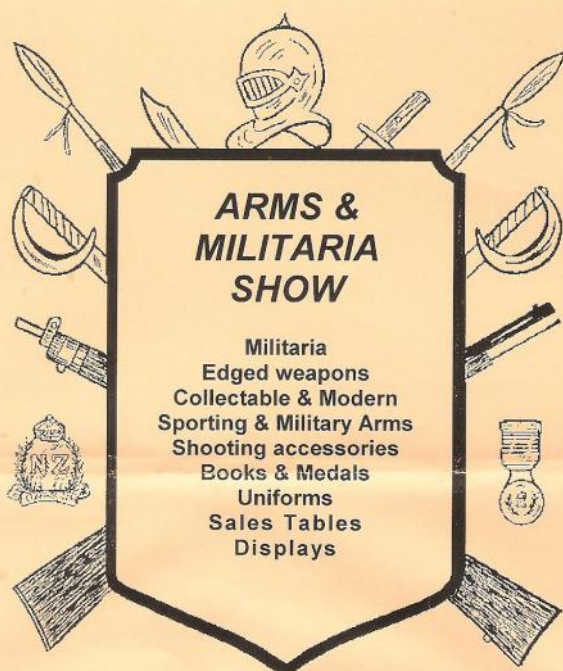
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Textbook of Small Arms 1929 (HMSO)
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SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015

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