



# E - GAZETTE MK II

**New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc.      # 44 August 2014**

## **EDITORIAL**

This past month seems to have been a busy one with gun shows, auctions, commemorations and displays, resulting in this larger than usual edition. I hope you have been able to get involved with all this activity. Don't forget to send in images of your events.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Ian Rasmusen who passed away on 16 July, see page 7. Our condolences also to the family and friends of well known gunsmiths and engraver Richard Purcell who passed away in mid July.

Thanks to the Management Committee for getting behind the campaign to save at least some of the Defence Force Steyrs for the collectors of New Zealand. See page 2.

Best wishes, Phil

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## **AN INTERESTING BAYONET from Ivor Howitt © 2014**



### **Swiss Model 1900**

An unusual and very rare Swiss cruciform bayonet made using the blade from Peabody socket bayonets. The hilt is part of the tapered cruciform blade and the pommel is brazed on to the end of the blade, the cross-guard is fitted to the tapered blade and brazed in place. The bayonet and steel scabbard were heavily blued.

Dimensions:

O.A. Length 503 mm., Blade Length. 387 mm., Blade thickness at Cross-guard 13 mm., M.R.D. 14 mm.

The M1900 was for the Schmidt-Rubin M1900 Short Rifle issued to Bicycle Troops and Machine Gunners. With a larger MRD of 15 mm it was used on the Schmidt-Rubin M 1889 and 1896 rifle and referred to as the Model 1892.

Reference: Watts & White # 602 and Kiesling # 260.

### **SAVING NZDF STEYRS FOR COLLECTORS**

A decision on how the NZDF Steyrs are to be disposed of is probably many months away, but the Management Committee have supported an initial approach to the Minister of Defence to suggest that some at least be made available to collectors. Here is the text of our letter:

Dear Dr Coleman,

#### **Replacement and Disposal of Defence Force Steyr Individual Weapons**

This Association understands from your press release of the 17 June that the Steyr Individual Weapon currently on issue to the Defence Force is to be replaced in the near future.

We realise that a decision as to how the Steyrs will be disposed of may be some months away, but wish to register the interest of our members in obtaining examples of this rifle for their collections.

Having served the New Zealand Defence Force for the past 25 years the Steyr is as much a part of our national military heritage as the Lee Enfield rifle and as such is valued by collectors of military firearms.

In 2008/9 the government of the day reversed a decision to destroy all the Cadet Force Lee Enfield No 8 and No 9 training rifles and instead allowed them to be sold to collectors and rifle clubs. This resulted in a significant income to the Defence Force.

Whatever decision is made as to the final disposal of these rifles we urge you to consider allowing sufficient numbers to be made available for sale to bonafide collectors with the appropriate Firearms Licence.

In the hands of such collectors they do not pose any threat to national security or public safety, as I am sure you know, strict regulations cover the ownership, storage and security of such collections. Purchase of each firearm requiring a permit to procure issued by the Police.

This Association which has over 800 members would be happy to assist in any way possible to preserve these rifles for future generations of military rifle enthusiasts and facilitate their disposal to bonafide collectors.

## FROM THE GUN ROOM BY Frank Pye

One of a series of articles on “Pip, Squeak and Wilfred” (see next page) compiled by Frank Pye, which appropriately relates to the WW1 Theme, this year being the centenary of the beginning of hostilities. It was only a month ago on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June that a century ago Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo which set the fuse burning.

### 1914 & 1914-15 STARS

These Stars of which there are three variants were issued to commemorate the First World War.

The First (1914 Star) authorized in 1917 and awarded to those who served in France or Belgium on the strength of a unit or service in either country between 5<sup>th</sup> August and midnight 22/23 November 1914.

The Second Star (Mons Star), this Star is commonly and incorrectly referred to by its nickname the “Mons Star”. The reason for this nickname is because in 1919 King George V sanctioned a bar to be added to the previously issued 1914 Star. The bar was for those who had actually been under fire during the period 5<sup>th</sup> August and midnight 22/23 November 1914. They also took part in the retreat from Mons. That is how it received its nickname. Recipients of the bar were entitled to wear a small silver star on the ribbon when the star itself was not being worn. The majority of recipients of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stars would have been pre-war regular army. They were known as “the Old Contemptibles” a term given to them by the German Kaiser Wilhelm when he referred to the small but professional British army. Recipients of both the 1914 Stars always received the British War Medal and Victory Medal.



The Third Star (1914-15 Star) the 1914-15 Star was authorized in 1918 and was awarded to those who saw service between 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1915. Those eligible for the 1914 Star were not eligible for the 1914-15 star.



### The Stars and New Zealand

The 1914 Star including the “Mons Star” was only awarded to two New Zealand Nurses. The 1914-15 Star was awarded to troops serving in Samoa on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1914 and in Gallipoli and Egypt between 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1915. The ships company of HMS Philomel also qualified for the medal.

### The Medals

All Three Stars were made of bronze; all the stars were suspended by a ring and then a ribbon 32mm wide. The ribbon is a watered ribbon of red merging into white which merges into blue. The medals are all the same to look at except for different dates. The 1914 star is a crowned four pointed star with crossed swords and a wreath of oak leaves, having a Royal cipher at the foot and a scroll inscribed Aug-Nov 1914. The “Mons star” is a 1914 star with a bar on the ribbon. On the bar is 5<sup>th</sup> Aug-22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1914. The 1914-15 star has the date 1914-15 on a scroll across the middle of the medal. The reverse side is perfectly flat and plain except for the recipients name, rank, number and regiment. 378,000 1914 stars were awarded including the “Mons star”. It is not known how many of them were “Mons Stars”, there were 2,350,000 of the 1914-15 stars awarded.



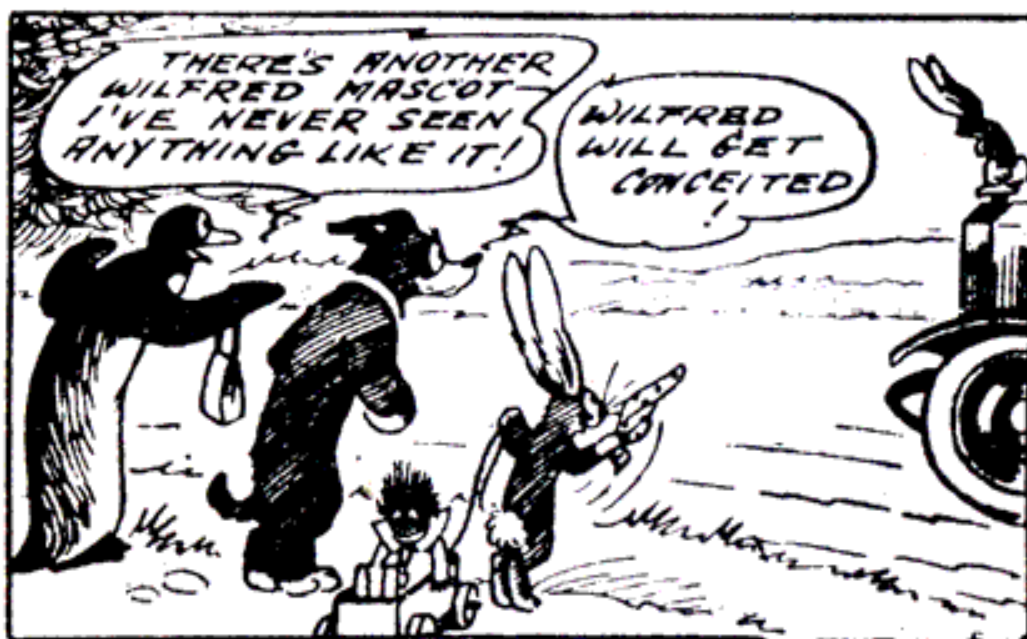
## Pip, Squeak and Wilfred

*Three of the British campaign medals: The 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.*

Pip, Squeak and Wilfred are the affectionate names given to the three WW1 campaign medals — The 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal respectively. These medals were primarily awarded to the Old Contemptibles (B.E.F.) and by convention all three medals are worn together and in the same order from left to right when viewed from the front. The set of three medals or at least the British War Medal and the Victory Medal are the most likely medals to be found among family heirlooms.



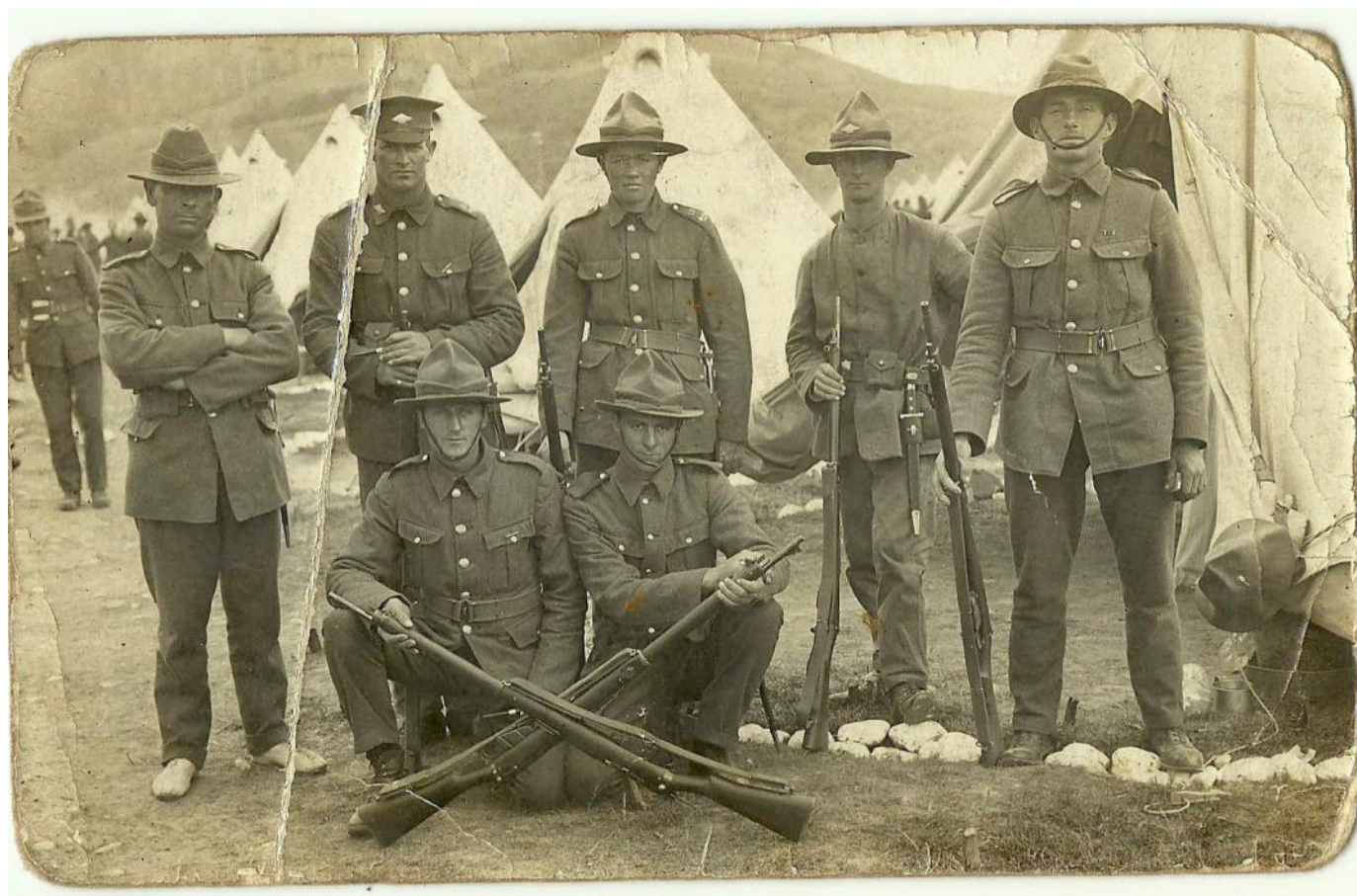
When the WW1 medals were issued in the 1920's it coincided with a popular comic strip published by the Daily Mirror newspaper. It was written by Bertram J. Lamb (Uncle Dick), and drawn by the cartoonist Austin Bowen Payne (A.B. Payne). Pip was the dog, Squeak the penguin and Wilfred the young rabbit. It is believed that A. B. Payne's batman during the war had been nicknamed "Pip-squeak" and this is where the idea for the names of the dog and penguin came from. For some reason the three names of the characters became associated with the three campaign medals being issued at that time to many thousands of returning servicemen, and they stuck.





## FIRST WORLD WAR PHOTO COMPETITION

These images submitted by Andrew Edgcombe, who wins the prize this month.



JF Sertifield Brown 8/1415 is my Grandfather, kneeling at front left. Interesting picture with a real mixture of uniform and badges, Slouch hat, lemon squeezer's and a field cap. Long Toms and bayonets evident.



Left: Arthur Russell and friends striking a warlike pose in camp, Long Toms and pattern 1888 bayonets, Arthur is second from the left.

Right: Soldiers on the march, Arthur Russell is about centre in the outside row behind the guy tipping his hat. Lemon squeezers, Pattern 08 webbing, more Long Toms

I have a number of letters Arthur Sent his wife Olive, which his daughter passed onto me along with some photos many years ago.

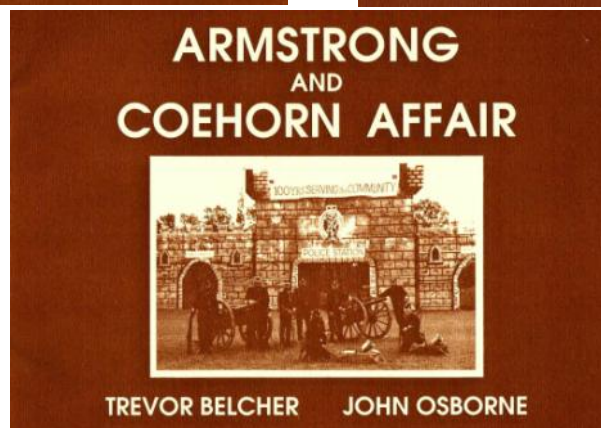
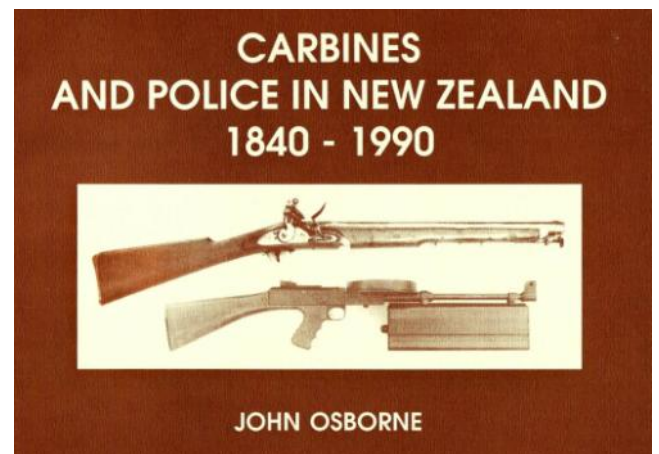
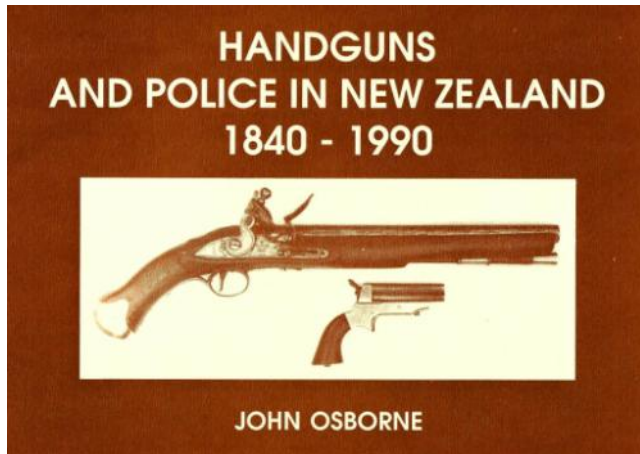
**Your chance to win next month see next page.**

# ANOTHER 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](mailto: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



## IAN RASMUSEN

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Ian Rasmusen on the morning of Wednesday 16 July. Ian was long time member of the Wellington Branch, and a personal friend for nearly 40 years. Over the years Ian had built up an amazing collection of bayonets, and he was renowned not only in NZ but internationally as well. Not only that but Ian was extremely generous with his time and knowledge, and over the years helped many collectors with their collections. Ian always had an interesting display at club meetings and gun shows, and was always willing to catalogue bayonets for auction and help out. He attended the Wellington Branch auction the weekend before his death and helped out with the overnight security. He will be greatly missed by collectors worldwide.

Steve Privett

## WELLINGTON BRANCH AUCTION by Andrew Edgcombe

I was privileged yet again to be able to attend the Wellington Branch NZAHAA annual auction over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July. A planned get away for mid Friday afternoon went well with a fellow Taranaki Branch member arriving at the prescribed time with military precision to share a ride to the Capitol. A pleasant drive and collecting related conversation had us in Wellington in time for registration and a quick viewing before settling into our respective accommodation for the evening. Saturday started early to maximize viewing time and as always a good breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches and coffee at the venue courtesy of Wayne and his happy catering crew manning the kitchen for the weekend. Todd Foster did a great job of auctioning off the catalogue of items over the two days making 1000 lots by Saturday evening.

Lots were many and varied with something of interest for everyone. Some fantastic early NZ related items including firearms, uniform, badges and medals were on offer which is seldom seen in such numbers along with the usual cross section of antique and modern arms, Militaria and accouterments. A sheet of lat entry items was available at the door and the tender tables as usual were full of bonus items and lots not making reserve were placed out for viewing and offers just in case buyers had a change of heart.

Earlier in the year I was I was fortunate enough to join Steve and Alwyn for a day of collecting lots from vendors, this was a great insight into the staggering amount of back ground effort which goes into putting on an auction of this scale. Recording and receipting on the go whilst taking charge of people's treasured possessions. Then follows cataloging and photographing. A mammoth task for all concerned but the results speak for themselves!

Congratulations are in order for the Wellington team as this was their thirtieth auction which was announced after the usual Saturday evening spread put on for those who care to stay and enjoy the local hospitality. The milestone was marked with a lovely cake and speeches. I was surprised to have a count up myself and realized the first Wellington auction I attended was 27 years ago....pricing was quite different in those days.



**Auction Convenor (and National President) Steve Privett cuts the cake**



Aside from two days of "business" the auction is a great opportunity for catching up with friends old and new from within the collecting "family" with attendees from all over the country and across the Tasman.

The Auction wound up mid afternoon on Sunday with efficient systems in place for payment and pick up, It wasn't long before the picturesque cityscape disappeared in the rear view mirror as we journeyed home.

Thanks are definitely in order for all involved in organizing and running this auction, well done to all concerned and thank you yet again for a memorable weekend.

## ANYONE WIN LOTTO ?

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Width 2.2 m (7 ft 3 in)  
Height 2.2 m (7 ft 3 in)  
Crew 3

Engine Cummins BTA 5.9 diesel  
190 hp (142 kW)  
Suspension torsion bar  
Speed 80 km/h (50 mph)

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## BURST BARRELS

Following on from last months item on burst guns Grant Soich sent in this image. Even professionals get it wrong sometimes.







## BACK TO SCHOOL

On 30 June Phil Cregeen went back to School on behalf of Northland Branch to provide a display of firearms commemorating 150 years of the New Zealand School Cadet Force. It was part of year 11 History Day at Whangarei Boys High School. In addition to the display of firearms, the National Army Museum provided story boards on the Cadet Force and other Museum exhibitions and the boys presented the results of their research in to various conflicts that had involved New Zealand. The rest of the school then attended by class in half hour slots to view the exhibition. Needless to say the firearm display proved to be the most popular and at times we were mobbed by young boys wanting to know “are these real?”, “which is the most powerful?”, “how old is this?” “what is this (ram rod) for” and so on. My thanks to Pan Glynn for helping with the shifting and lifting and supervision throughout the day.

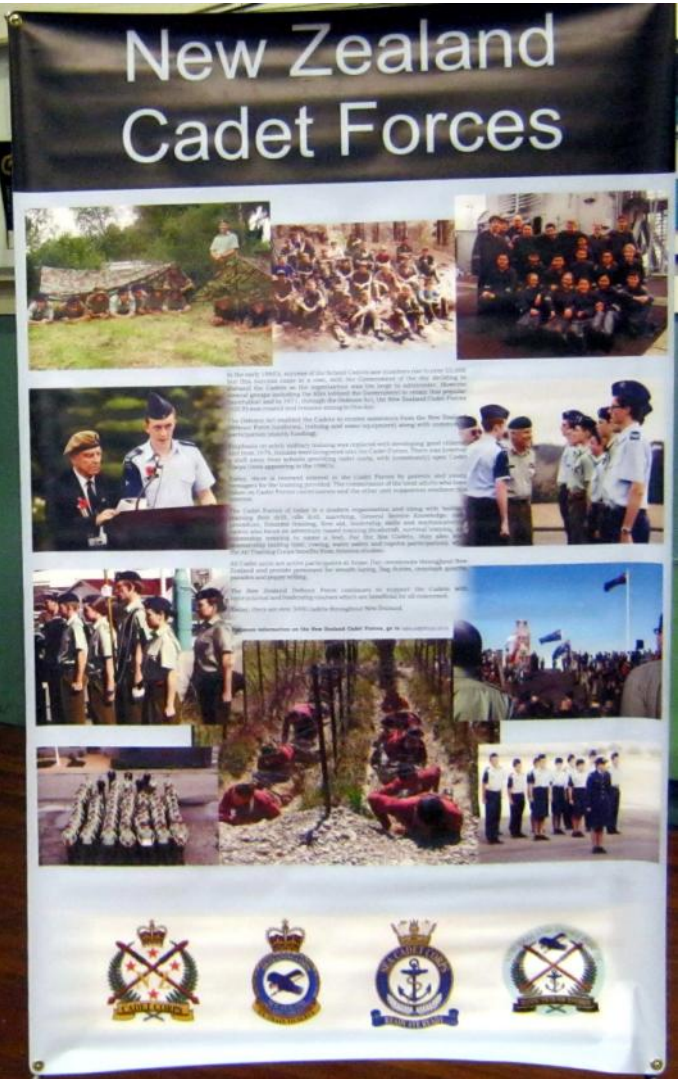


“What no scopes !”





In the 1930s 40s & 50s School Cadets fired these on the range.







**Student research projects**



## NEW EXTENSION AT NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, WAIOURU



It is planned to build a WW I Battle field at the rear of the National Army Museum at Waiouru to be completed in time for the 100th anniversary of the Somme Offensive in September 2016. The project is being built with the support of Sir Peter Jackson.

This report from the Dominion Post

Plans to build a life-size, open-air WWI battlefield in the central North Island have been unveiled, alongside film-maker Sir Peter Jackson's involvement.

They show what would become a replica Western Front battle field outside the National Army Museum in Waiouru, director Jeanette Richardson said.

"Once it is built the visitor will cross a bridge and in so doing will leave this century behind and step into an especially combative part of the last one.

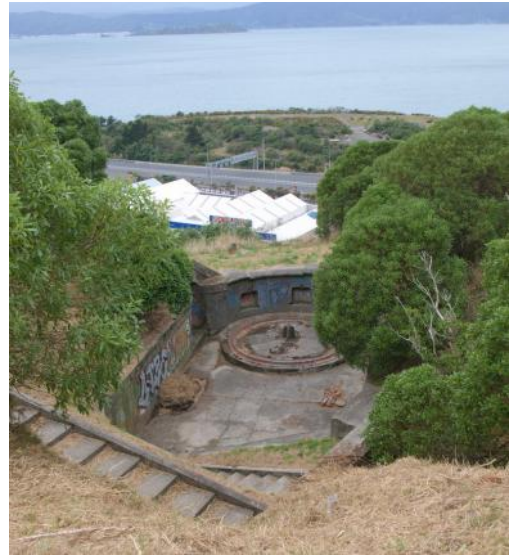
"He or she will be in a world of bombed out French buildings, trenches, field kitchens, first aid posts, bogged down tanks, crashed planes and the general mayhem and detritus of war. A word of caution though - it is a working battlefield so do watch out for the shrapnel and do be prepared to take cover."

The battlefield project would give people a sense of the reality of the war and what New Zealand soldiers went through during it.

Jackson and his team was helping with design, "planning prowess and moral support", Richardson said.

Jackson, who has a well-documented interest with war, said: "No other museum in [the] world can do this. No one's got a backyard like we have, it's going to be fun. We'll make it good."

## AN INTERESTING PLACE TO VISIT By Andrew Edgcombe



I thoroughly enjoy looking around historical sights and try and make the most of every opportunity to do so. A recent trip to Wellington gave me a bit of time to explore another of our Capitals hidden treasures. Fort Buckley, which is just south of Kaiwharawhara overlooking the Interisland Ferry Terminal. I have driven the route into Wellington many a time over the last thirty years and was unaware that just above the Spotlight store on the right hand side of the motorway there is a well preserved emplacement which once housed two 64 pound Rifled Muzzle Loading Armstrong Guns with a range of 3200 meters and 12 to 15 Men to crew each gun.

Fort Buckley was built in 1885 in readiness to stave off the imminent Russian invasion that never came. The construction was undertaken by the Field Force of the Armed Constabulary along with a good deal of help from the Public Works Department. A great sense of urgency surrounded the construction of Fort Buckley (considered to be the No2 priority site in the Wellington area) with men working well into the night to complete the Fort by early 1886.

Once the Russian scare had blown over a Russian Warship actually entered Wellington Harbour in 1886 on a good will visit, the ship was the *Vestnik*. The Evening Post from 24<sup>th</sup> May 1886 noted the *Vestnik* fired a salute to the British Flag to which the Fort Buckley battery replied. Another Salute was fired in honour of Her Majesty's Birthday. That would have been quite a spectacle!

During the Second World War the site was again used for defence purposes with the threat of Japanese invasion an Anti Aircraft gun was sighted on a knoll above the caretaker's house.

Fort Buckley is a site rich in history and well worth a visit, The site can be accessed from Barnard Street; it was a pleasant surprise to note that local residents have taken some pride in this historic site with a big clean up effort having been recently completed in conjunction with the local Council making the site more accessible as it was previously rather overgrown, also there is now signage at the street directing interested parties down a track to Fort. An excellent pamphlet can be had from the information board at the top of the track which contains more in depth information than I have provided here. It is easy to access and close to Wellington City. Make the effort on your next Wellington trip, you won't be disappointed.





## **BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN MUSEUM by Des Ching**

On a recent trip to Canada to visit my son Roy, who lives at Brandon in Manitoba, I had the opportunity to visit the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum. Brandon lies two and a half hours drive west of Winnipeg and is a city of over 50,000 people. Today it is a supply base for the oil and gas industry and a hub for the massive wheat crops that are harvested there. The airport would not be considered busy.

However during WW II Brandon airfield was part of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan (CATP). This plan was initiated early in the war to train aircrews from Canada, New Zealand and Australia. The Canadian government hoping that this would be Canada's contribution to the war effort and so avoid sending an army overseas again. Of course as the war expanded this was not possible and a huge number of Canadians left for overseas service.

The CATP grew into a vast network; 231 training sites were built and 8,300 buildings and hangars constructed where over 200,000 aircrew were trained. Central Canada was considered ideal for training because of the flat terrain and clear skies. Brandon airport is now home to the CATP National Museum - a national historic site. The museum contains excellent fixed displays supported by period videos. Housed in one of the original wooden hangars is the aircraft hall, although sealed from the weather it is unheated and was close to the outside temperature of around minus 20. Rugged up we moved around the aircraft which mainly featured the training aircraft of the day: Tiger Moth, Harvard and Avro Anson.



**Tiger Moth**



**Harvard**

While inspecting the aircraft we were approached by an elderly gentleman who asked if we were from New Zealand. He then told us that he had trained at Bandon but instead of going overseas he was retained as an instructor and remained there for the duration of the war. Archie is 94 years young and as sharp as a tack, he recalled that two of his first pupils were Kiwis, one a Maori.

In the hall was a Mk I Avro Anson, so I was able to tell him that the only flying example in the world is based at Nelson.



**Nelson Based Avro Anson**



Archie is closely involved in the planning for a memorial to the members of the RCAF and Canadians in other Commonwealth Air Forces who lost their lives in WW II. The memorial will also pay tribute to RAF, RNZAF and RAAF personnel who perished in or near Canada. Their names will be inscribed on granite panels which together will be 100 metres long. Over 19,000 names will be recorded. It is planned that the memorial will be erected and opened this summer.



### **Proposed RCAF and Commonwealth WW II Memorial**

Visit [www.airmuseum.ca](http://www.airmuseum.ca) for more information or to make a donation.

*Aircraft Photos by Phil Cregeen taken in New Zealand*

### **TRADE ME BANS THE SALE OF LEE ENFIELD MAGAZINES**

Recently a member had his auction for the sale of a Lee Enfield (10 round) magazine removed by Trade Me, the reason they gave is that their policy no longer allows the listing of high capacity magazines.

We do not allow reloaded ammunition to be sold on the site or large capacity magazines as defined by the Arms Act(i.e. more than 15 cartridges for .22 rimfire, or more than 7 cartridges for others) regardless of whether these are designed for bolt action or semi-automatic firearms. To make our firearms policy consistent with the 11th of December 2013 law change we have also made the decision to ban the sale of free standing pistol grips or other stocks that, when fitted to a semi-automatic rifle, would result in the weapon being classified as a MSSA.

Daft as this policy may seem, I guess any trading organisation is entitled to make its own rules as to what it will allow to be traded. However this is yet another example of the erosion of the ability of firearm owners to enjoy their hobby. It adds to similar restrictions such as the refusal of NZ Post and many airlines to carry firearms or their parts. One more nail in the coffin!

## HOW MANY WHITWORTH SHORT RIFLES IN NEW ZEALAND?

So far 37 Whitworth military pattern Short Rifles have been recorded in New Zealand. These rifles are of 33 inch barrel, two bands with bayonet bar on the upper band, hexagonal bore of 0.451 calibre. Rifles with un prefixed serial # appear to have a military ramped bed rear sight hinged at the front, while some prefix C and D have a flat bed ladder rear sight as on the rifle below.



If you own one of these rifles can you provide any of the missing details or add another to the list below, please send to: [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

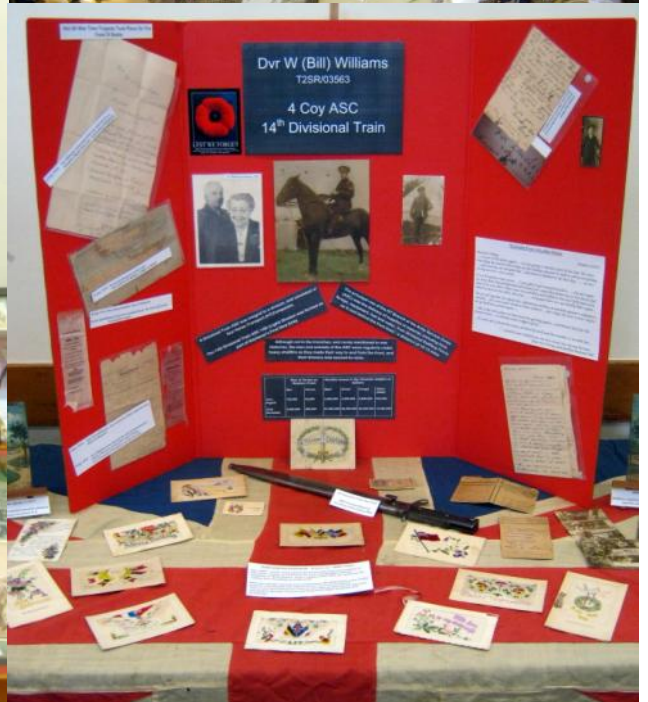
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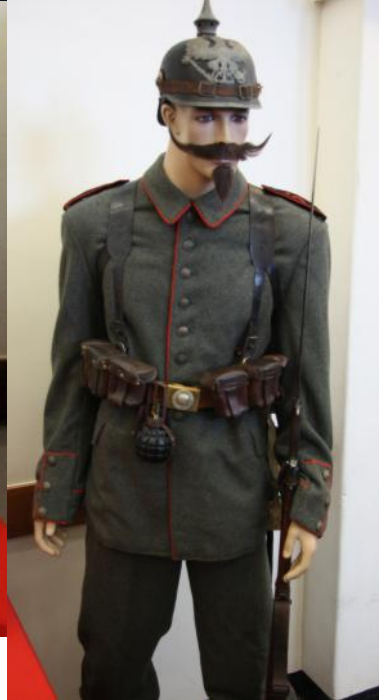


## AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW

Held on Sunday 6 July at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, the show was well attended and as usual the members provided some excellent displays. Here are a few pictures by Kevin Hussey and Phil Cregeen.









## Otago Branch Minenwerfer Project Update by Bill Lang

We are now at the stage of assembly with the TOSM Exhibition delivery date of 23rd August fast approaching. Some items have been replaced as completely eroded /missing. Some reverse engineering being undertaken after photographic & item study. Three top rate paint slappers have been making their Sunday pilgrimage to Mortar Central & good company to boot. Yes it's all go at times looking like Krupp's Essen works (bits are a tad smaller)



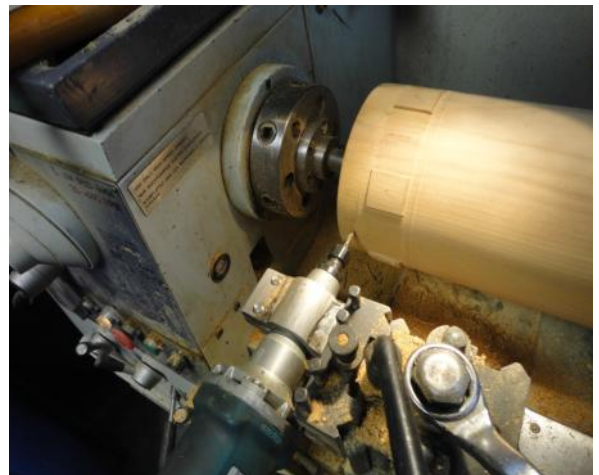
Left - 170mm barrel going for fitting.

Right - carriage being screwed around onto deck. Smart cookies those Ger-man Military Engineers.



Below Left - Ahh! what's this, yes an old McGregor's Foundry Kauri mould pattern set up with fuse hole being bored. No it's not one of the TSS Earnslaw patterns.

Below Right- rifling driving lugs being milled out using milling cutter with die grinder set up in tool post.



Below Left - Ted skilfully biffing on the finish coat to wheel, with primed 170mm projectile made with original drawing spec's. (rear).



Right - Primed shell just sitting lightly in muzzle. (good fit)  
Roy is making a point that we could indeed fire it but would need to make another shell for display. This week will see the shell painted in original colours with dates etc.





## Te Ranga 150th Commemoration of the Battle 21 June 1864, images by John Osborne



Photograph taken by Camilla Payne 10 Feb 2011 of the Te Ranga battle field, the monument in the distance (center) marks the rifle pits where the Maori Kingites fought, died and lie buried. The two 6pdr Armstrong field guns positioned either side

The day commenced at 7am with Mihi and karakai – blessing of the new pou –followed at 7.45am by Parakuihi (breakfast) at St Thomas Aquinas College. Recommencing at the battle site at 9.00 am when first visiting iwi and guests were welcomed with a pohiri followed at 10.00 by the welcoming of the VIP guests with pohiri and speeches.

Local school children provided a re-enactment of the battle. A memorial service was held to remember the fallen, followed by the laying of wreaths. The commemorations concluded with lunch at St Thomas Aquinas College.



**Blessing small Pou on the East side of the battle field and Large Pou on the West side**



**Breakfast at St Thomas Aquinas College**





**9am Pohiri / mihi – Kingitanga, visiting iwi – guests and visitors**



**10am Pohiri / mihi VIP group**



**Nga Roimata O Te Ranga –a recounting of the events of 21 June 1864 in kapa haka and song**



**Laying of wreaths**



**MYSTERY OBJECT** (below right), answer please to [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

Last month (below left) attracted only two correct answer, the first which was from Geoff Collings who said "The mystery object is for removing a stuck pull-through from a 303 barrel."



## World War 1 Military Art Calendar

Five dollars (\$5) from the sale of each calendar goes to the Ranfurly Trust, a Trust set up in 1903 to assist military veterans in the Auckland region. This calendar runs from July 2014 to December 2016 and includes 19 artworks from World War 1 military artists from the Greg Moyle Art Collection.

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**UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 or 2015 please advise [oilrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilrag@xtra.co.nz)**

## 2014

- 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*

### L5 105 mm Pack Howitzer at Picton RSA from Stuart Leithead



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)



**WANTED:** Long Tom butt plate marked NZ and 06.  
**Contact:** Noel [njtaylor@ihug.co.nz](mailto:njtaylor@ihug.co.nz)

**WANTED:** Steyr 9 mm X 23 mm ammo. **Contact** John [johnayto@clear.net.nz](mailto:johnayto@clear.net.nz)

**\*WANTED:** Brno .22 Hornet magazine **Contact:** John Dahlin ph. 09 439 4123 [johndahlin@outlook.com](mailto:johndahlin@outlook.com)

**WANTED:** wooden .303 Maxim/Vickers ammunition boxes similar to the two styles shown in the photo. Any condition considered. 16 of these (or as many as I can find) are needed for the restoration of my .303 Maxim galloping carriage. Please reply to Rod by email to [gundoc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gundoc@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 445 1900.

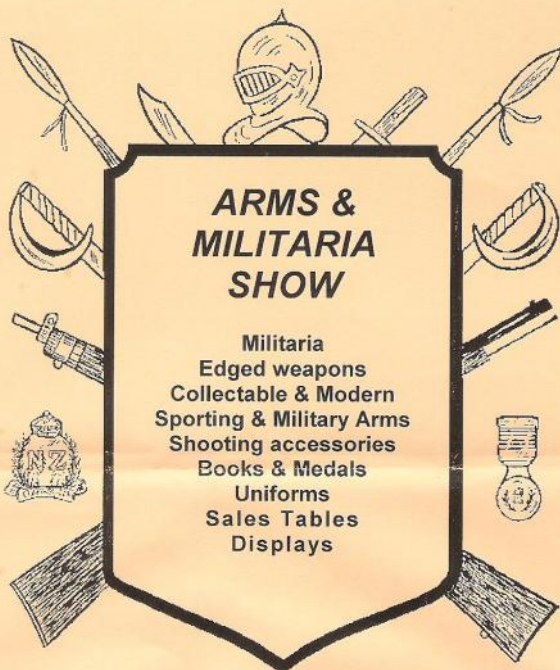


**WANTED:** Bolt for an 1888 8mm Mauser rifle. I would prefer a flattened type bolt; but will look at anything, including a straight, cut or sporterized bolt. Or I might also consider whole rough rifle suitable parts. Contact Tony 021 289 8831 [charioteer@paradise.net.nz](mailto:charioteer@paradise.net.nz)  
Here's a picture of what the bolt looks like





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Clayton 021 034 0605 or Danny 021 336 207

kumeumilitariashow@gmail.com

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**SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015**

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