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EDITORIAL

Please send me dates for your 2015 events.

The new NZAHAA website is up and running, <http://www.antiquearms.org.nz/> it is still a work in progress, if you have any comments our webmaster [Mack](#) would be pleased to hear from you.

The case of a New Zealand hunter who has had his rifle seized by Customs has highlighted the need for all New Zealanders travelling overseas with a firearm or parts to get their paperwork in order before travelling. See Notes on page 7. The refusal of the Customs Service to no longer allow the retrospective issue of an import permit is yet another unreasonable and retrograde move by officials to control the lawful ownership of firearms in New Zealand. Should NZAHAA try to get this changed?

Best wishes, Phil

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www.armsregister.com

New articles

Articles for NZAR Category	Title
Machine Guns	Browning Fabulous Fifty
Rifles	Snider in NZ an overview
Military History	Tauranga campaign 1864
Rifles	NZ Long Arms 19C Part 1 Muzzle Loaders
Rifles	NZ Long Arms 19C Part 2 Breech Loaders
Bayonets	British Naval Cutlass Bayonets

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INTERESTING BAYONETS from Rex Hill

The Wellington Branch monthly meeting held on 3rd August had a display theme of letters E and F and members were asked to include bayonets in their displays as a mark of respect for the late Ian Rasmusen. This resulted in one of the larger displays we have seen of late and nearly all included one or more bayonets.





FROM THE GUN ROOM

The second of a series of articles on “Pip, Squeak and Wilfred” compiled by Frank Pye, Thanks Frank

THE BRITISH WAR MEDAL 1914-20

This Medal was instituted to commemorate some of the worst battles ever known, and recorded the conclusion of the First World War. It was instituted by King George V in 1919. It was later extended to include the period 1990-20 and service in mine clearing at sea as well as operations in Northern and Southern Russia, the Eastern Baltic, Siberia, The Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.



The Medal was made of Silver and also Bronze. 6,500,000 medals were awarded in silver. The bronze medal was issued mainly to Chinese, Indian and Maltese labor battalions. Approximately 110,000 medals were issued to these groups.

Originally it was intended to award bars for those who fought in different battles and operations during the war, the idea was dropped when the Royal Navy suggested 68 bars for Navy personal and 79 for the Army. The reason for not issuing bars was the cost factor. The Navy bars had been accepted in 1920 but no further action was taken. Navy bars can be found on miniature medals and also some full size medals both Army/ Navy but these were manufactured privately

The reverse side of the medal has a figure of Saint George riding naked on his horse and facing right, the horse is trampling a eagle shield representing the Central powers and on a skull and cross bones symbolic of death, above the horse is the sun rising, a sign of victory. Around the edge are the dates 1914-1918. The obverse shows the coinage head of King George V with the legend Georgius V Britt; REX ET Ind: IMP:

THE RIBBON

The ribbon is the same width as the Stars this being 32mm. The ribbon is passed through a straight non swiveling suspender which is part of the medal. It is made up of a broad orange watered down the center, boarded with white, black and blue stripes. Recipients of Mention in Despatches who did not qualify for the Victory medal wore a bronze oak leaf on the ribbon.

THE BRITISH WAR MEDAL AND NEW ZEALAND

The Medal was awarded to all New Zealand servicemen and women serving overseas during World War One.

REPLY FROM NZDF ON STEYR DISPOSAL

Here is the reply to our letter to Minister of Defence and NZDF concerning the disposal of the Steyr. It does not look too hopeful at this stage, but early days, so never say die! We have registered our interest, so perhaps once the new rifles are starting to be issued will be the time to step up our campaign.

Dear Mr Cregeen

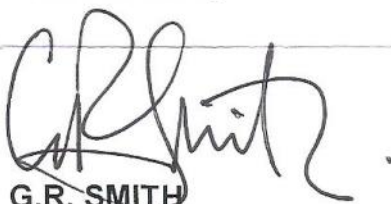
Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2014 concerning the disposal of the Individual Weapon Steyr. As this is an NZDF issue, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defence have asked the NZDF to respond directly to you.

The current Individual Weapon Steyr rifle fleet is expected to be disposed of once its replacement has been introduced into service in 2016/2017. A separate project will be initiated to examine the most efficient and cost-effective way to dispose of the Individual Weapon Steyr fleet. As part of this project, all feasible options for disposal will be considered.

At this early stage on-sale to any party is unlikely, and the End-User Certification for the rifles may affect their sale to third parties. These matters will be assessed in more detail once the rifle disposal project commences.

Thank you for your interest in New Zealand's military rifle history.

Yours sincerely



G.R. SMITH
Commodore, RNZN
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

CORRECTION

Please note that Ted Rogers Militaria Auction

is on Sunday 26 & Monday 27 October 2014

**this was incorrectly advertised last month
and in the September Gazette**

Please advise your friends.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused. (Ed)



Well, there's been both good news and bad news in terms of media politicking around NZ's gun laws recently. The bad news: TVNZ took it upon themselves to manufacture an anti-gun story out of thin air, when it aired an article alleging that "New Zealand is once again being urged to follow Australia's lead" on Firearms law, without once mentioning who was doing the urging or why. Instead, they had to rely on recycling 17 year-old recommendations from the Thorpe report.

The good news was that the news article did include a (very brief) snippet of me putting the case for responsible gun ownership. And both Minister of Police Anne Tolley and the police themselves were quick to support our current system, with Anne Tolley quoted as saying "there is no evidence to show that registering individual firearms will give greater protection to the community than the current system". It appears that the lobbying from COLFO and other shooting groups does sometimes have an effect. On which note, I met with both John Key and Bill English in July to remind them that there are 240,000 firearms owners out there on the electoral role, who deserve to be listened to.

The grace period for registering semi-auto long arms with pistol grips is now over, and hopefully all of you possessing such weapons have now either registered them with the police, disposed of them, or modified them to remove the evil pistol-grip. As far as we are aware, those who wished to obtain "E" endorsements and to register firearms as MSSAs were able to do so. If you encountered any problems with the process then please let us know. Interestingly, a complaint regarding these regulations has been laid with Parliament's Regulations Review Committee – the first time that firearms regulations have been referred in this way. The Committee heard evidence from the complainant in May, and considered the matter again in July. Hats off to the shooters who took this initiative; we await the committee's decision with interest.

There was another meeting of the Arms Advisory Forum with Police in June. High on the agenda was the issue of consistent handling of firearms and parts imports between Police and Customs. Sadly, there was little commitment from officials to actually resolving the problems importers face, so there is still plenty of work to be done in this area. There was also discussion about the likely impact on NZ firearms law of the UN Arms Trade Treaty, which our government has signed and is now working through ratification. The short answer is that, contrary to persistent rumour, there are no changes required to our Arms Act.

Also in June, I took the opportunity to meet with Geoff Jones, president of our sister organisation the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia. We have agreed to look at ways in which our two organisations might work together on areas of common interest.

At this year's COLFO AGM, a motion was carried to look for ways of working with (or, if need be, put pressure on) local councils to ensure that there are more shooting ranges available in local communities, particularly in the larger urban areas. Keep an eye out for more action on this in the months to come.

Earlier in July I attended the Deerstalkers national conference, speaking to the conference on the Saturday morning. I was very pleased to see the conference vote to continue its financial backing for COLFO's work – so a very big "thank you" to all NZDA members for your continuing support.

With an election looming, now is the time to remind all candidates in your area that you both shoot and vote. I encourage you all to attend at least one meeting to ask the candidate what their stance is on firearms law – and to let them know yours! Politicians hate angry constituents, particularly in election year and particularly among those in their "target demographic". So get out there and make your voice heard.

Paul L Clark

Chair

Council of Licenced Firearms Owners Inc.

IMPORTING & EXPORTING FIREARMS by Phil Cregeen

Rules are getting tighter around importing and exporting firearms to and from New Zealand. Before you do either you should check with your local arms officer and make sure you are not caught out. **Be Warned** Customs will no longer accept a retrospective Permit to Import a firearm or parts. Your permit needs to predate the arrival of the goods in New Zealand. When exporting firearms NZAHAA members should pay particular attention to the Note below.

Having received the e-mail below from MFAT I thought I should look up Strategic Goods and found the following:

GENERAL CONSENTS TO EXPORT WITHOUT A PERMIT

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade has issued the following General Consents for the export of strategic goods without the need for a permit from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

(I) Approvals for private persons to export certain firearms and ammunition (other than to the countries listed below *this is a list of Pacific Island nations. Ed*)

Private persons may export up to five sporting firearms without a permit from MFAT in the following circumstances:

- (a) Persons taking their own sporting firearms overseas on a hunting holiday; or
- (b) Competitors in international shooting contests taking competition sporting firearms overseas for their own use; or
- (c) Tourists leaving New Zealand with firearms and/or parts of firearms they purchased in New Zealand. These firearms and/or parts must be for personal use and not for commercial purposes; or
- (d) Persons who have been in New Zealand on a hunting holiday may export their firearms and/or parts which they originally imported with a permit issued by the New Zealand Police; or
- (e) Persons who have been in New Zealand competing in a national or international shooting competition, or who are transiting New Zealand to attend or return from a competition in a third country may export their firearms and/or parts which they originally imported with a permit issued by the New Zealand Police; and
- (f) Persons exporting firearms covered by (a) to (e) above may export related ammunition and/or used cartridges. The ammunition/used cartridges must accompany the firearms (this approval does not permit the export of ammunition on its own).

Note: The above exemptions notwithstanding, all firearms manufactured 50 years or more ago require a separate export clearance from the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

For more information consult:

<http://www.mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/3-Export-controls/documents/export-controls-nzsgl-2013.pdf>

E-mail from MFAT

New legislative controls on the brokering of strategic goods currently being developed by the New Zealand government. Brokering involves negotiating or arranging a transaction that involves the supply of strategic goods in exchange for some form of benefit, whether financial or otherwise.

These new controls are being introduced in the context of New Zealand's ratification of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, which recognises that brokers are often used to facilitate legitimate deals, but that unregulated brokering can assist the illicit movement of conventional arms and military equipment to illegitimate users or destinations, including countries under United Nations arms embargo and conflict zones.

The controls will apply to the brokering of all goods included on the New Zealand Strategic Goods List, which covers conventional arms and other goods that have significant military applications. *See Link above*

The intention is for these controls to be introduced and passed by Parliament in 2015.

As a first step, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("MFAT") is now calling for any person or entity based in New Zealand that is, has or intends to undertake, brokering to register with MFAT. Those that register will be kept informed of the development of legislative brokering controls in New Zealand.

The following link provides further information about the new controls and the registration process:

www.mfat.govt.nz/Trade-and-Economic-Relations/3-Export-controls/1-NZ-Strategic-Goods-List/18-New-brokering-controls.php

I would be very happy to answer any further queries, and please feel free to distribute this message as widely as possible.

Regards

Peter Noble,

Export Controls Coordinator

International Security and Disarmament Division

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The Otago Branch Minenwerfer Update. By Bill Lang

At last the Minenwerfer project has drawn to a close with the trip into Dunedin for exhibition install. Finally when the wheels & bearings were brought together, then after the whole assembly was keyed to the axles, it was lowered to the floor.

From left - Ted, Fergus (a Scottish Deerhound standing in for Stuart) & Roy.

At this point a draw bar was inserted, thus some movement backwards & forwards took place. This is the first time since 1921 (when it was secured in place at Owaka) that the Mortar has been wheel mobile. That's 93 years ago.



The following two photos give an indication just how due to manpower shortages, ACC rules & legal issues, getting a Trench Mortar closer to that rabbit warren up on the hill, needs a more modern approach.

Ute with drawbar & Mortar just before dawn outside the TOSM roller door. As it is surprisingly well balanced, I was able to manoeuvre it alone better than a box trailer. Still wouldn't like it rolled / dropped on my toe. (635kg)



Medium trench mortar on its single-axle cart ready for transport by its crew. Total weight in transport position with accessories was 635 kilograms.



The Exhibition is called “Dunedin's Great War” with the opening bash on Thursday evening, with access by the public the next day, Friday 1st August at TOSM. Yes, add a visit to your calendar !



Above the Otago Branch's 170mm Minenwerfer post installation at TOSM with Imperial German flag captured from the German Consulate in Samoa 1914. A very rare item in any collection.

Right - the full size dummy round previously as seen in July Hangfire prior to finishing. Lucky we didn't blast off, as time ran out to make another. Weight 51 to 52kg (HE) with a rate of fire approx. 35 per hour, gas 45 per hour due to being lighter. Being a muzzle loader a charge was placed down first.

As a class of weapons during WW1 the trench mortar & its ammunition were constantly improved, always with devastating effect. The versatility was increased through the introduction of gas, smoke & incendiary shells. In 1918 the Medium mortar's monthly usage of 120,000 shells (mixed fillings) must have placed great pressure on the manufacturing & transport systems in place behind the Western Front.

What does all the lettering mean ?

Markings shown on displayed shell (right) from top.

- Serial number,
- batch-manufacture-model,
- inspectors initials,
- date of filling,
- green bands (x3) indicating bursting charge of perchlorate of potash and dinitrobenzene.
- and above the white metal driving lugs, an “N” indicating the new type driving band that was used to save copper post 1916.

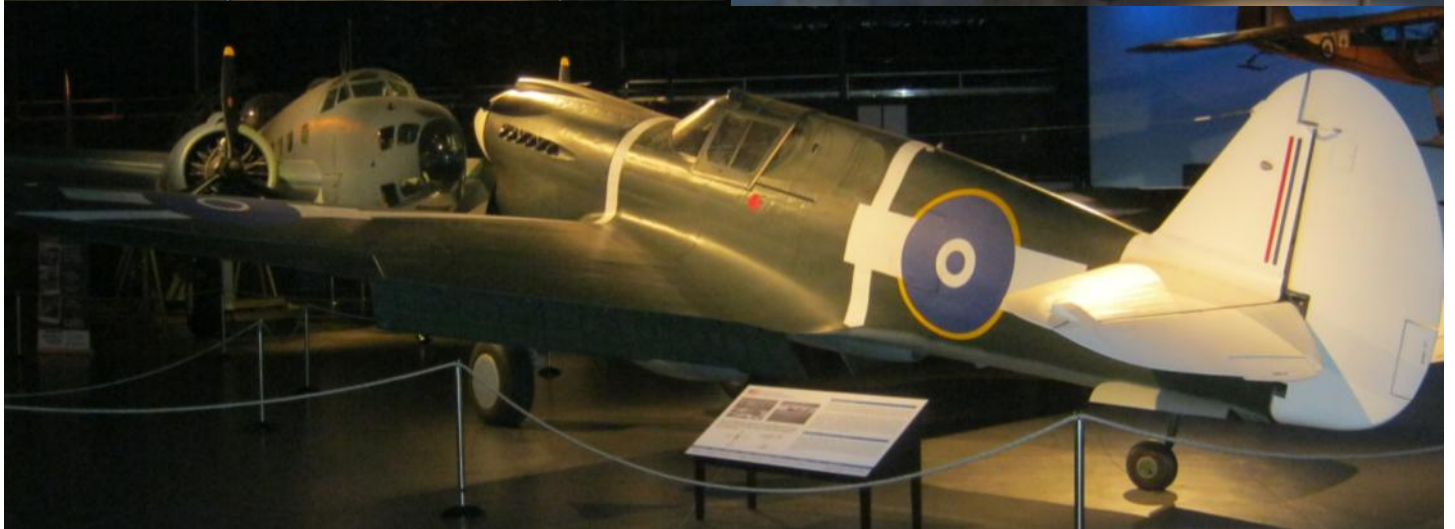


AN INTERESTING PLACE TO VISIT by Phil Cregeen

The RNZAF Museum at Wigram near Christchurch is well worth a visit. Entry is free but it is worth-while to pay \$10 and take the behind the scenes guided tour as well, where you get to see many more aircraft in the process of restoration,



Top Left Vampire, Top Right Tiger Moth, Middle Skyhawk A-4K, Bottom Aermacchi MB-339CB



From the top: Iroquois, Avenger, Spitfire, , P 51D Mustang, P40 Kittyhawk, and a general view of main hall



Behind the scenes in the restoration hanger.

Work is carried out by dedicated volunteers

From the top:

Airspeed Oxford

Oxford Cheetah Engine, Bell H13, Bristol Pegasus

Hawker Sidley Andover, Bristol Freighter

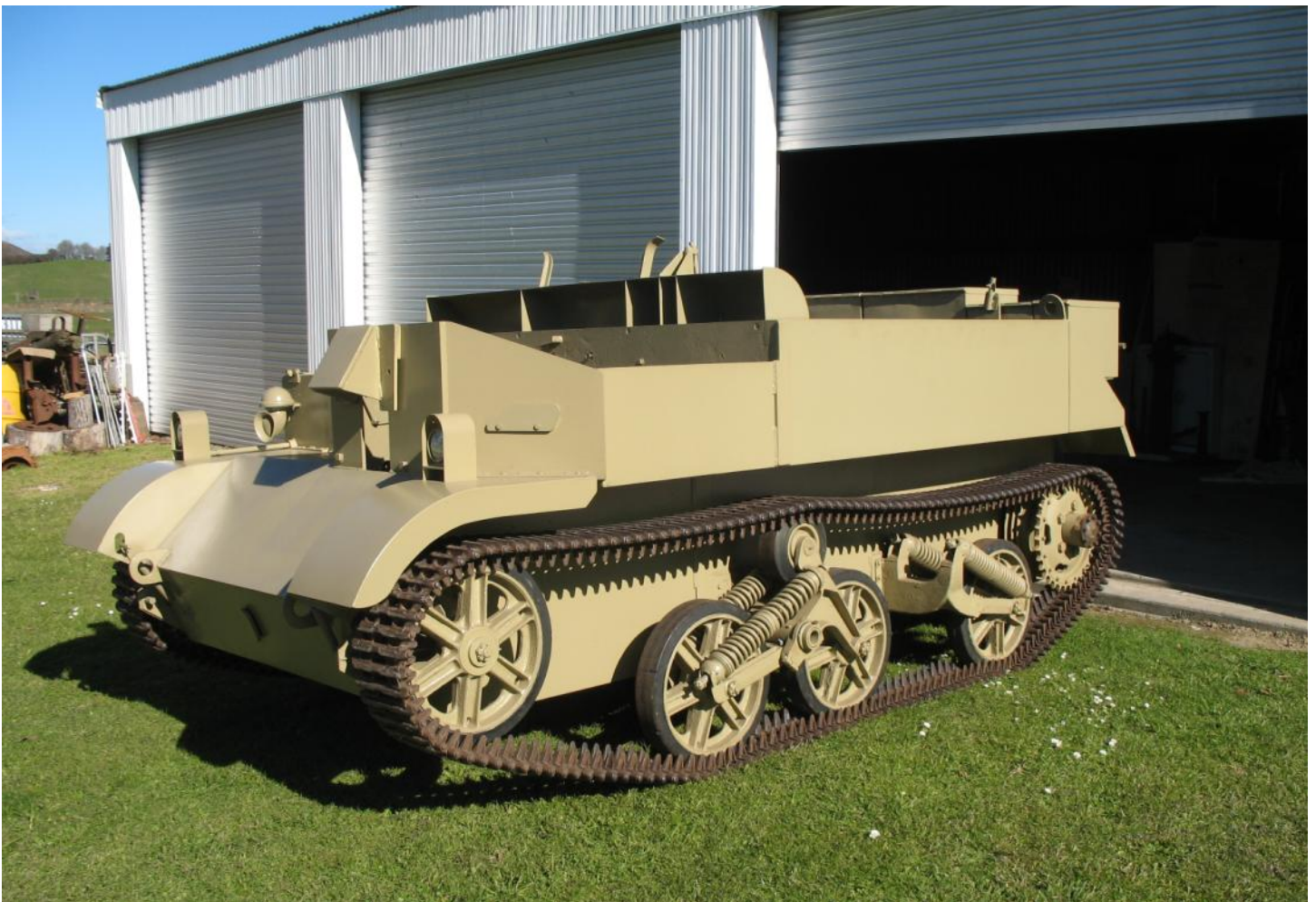
BAC 167 Strikemaster

BREN GUN CARRIER RESTORATION UPDATE from Kath Arnold

Colin Arnold with the help of his son-in-law Shane has now progressed his Bren Gun Carrier to the stage where he can drive it in and out of the shed, apparently the ground is too wet to go further at present.



From this in 2011.....to this in 2014



And who would dare get those hard to find tracks dirty?



Engine bay with V8



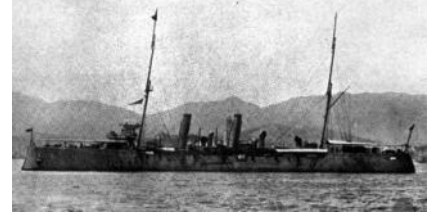
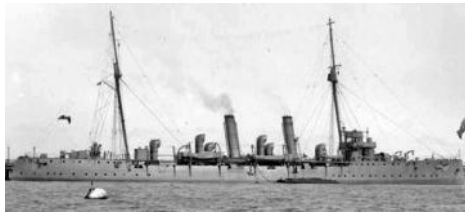
Drivers position, note the mount for the Vickers MG, that Colin also built



Rear end with tools

New Zealand's first military action in World War I compiled by John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG

On 7 August 1914 New Zealand agreed to the British governments request for New Zealand forces to seize the German wireless station near Apia in German Samoa, one of several radio stations used by the German East Asia Squadron. A 1,370-man New Zealand 'Samoa Expeditionary Force' most volunteers from New Zealand Territorial Force units sailed on 15 August 1914 in the cruisers HMS *Philomel*, *Pyramus* and *Psyche*. The convoy stopped in Fiji to collect guides and interpreters and to rendezvous with the battle cruiser HMAS *Australia*, the cruiser HMAS *Melbourne* and the French cruiser *Montcalm* which acted as escorts. The NZ force landed at Apia on 29 August 1914. The local German authorities offered no resistance and the occupation of German Samoa by the NZ Force took place without any fighting



Left: In 1913 The British Admiralty loaned HMS (HMNZS) *Philomel* to New Zealand to form the nucleus of the newly established New Zealand Naval Forces being a new NZ division of the Royal Navy. *Philomel* was armed with 8 x QF 4.7 inch guns, 8 x 3-pounder guns, 4 x Maxim machine-guns, and 2 x 14 inch torpedo tubes. **Center:** HMS *Pyramus* was armed with 8 x 4-inch quick-firing guns, 8 x 3-pounder quick-firing guns, 3 x Maxim machine guns and 2 x 18-inch torpedo tubes. **Right:** HMS *Psyche* was armed with 8xQF 4 inch guns, 8xQF 3-pounder guns, 2x4.7-inch guns, 2 field guns, 3x Maxim machine guns and 2x14 inch torpedo tubes.

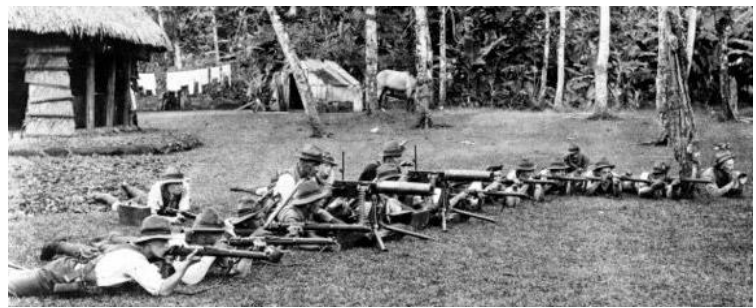


Above: Troopships and escorts in Samoan waters August 1914.

After escorting the NZ 'Samoa Expeditionary Force', the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force sailed to Port Moresby and met with the Queensland contingent aboard the transport *Kanowna*. The force then sailed for German New Guinea on 7 September, for another takeover of a German colony. The German cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* hastened to Samoa after Admiral von Spee learned of the occupation. He arrived off Apia, Samoa on 14 September 1914, three days after the departure of the Dominion cruisers and transports. However, he realised that a landing would only be of temporary advantage in an Allied-dominated sea, and instead sailed to Tahiti which he shelled causing much alarm and damage. He then rejoined the rest of his fleet and headed for South America.



NZ Samoa Expeditionary Force arrives 29/8/1914.



NZSEF Maxim Machine Gun Section in Samoa 1914

The NZ Samoa EF were armed with both .303 MLE rifles and bayonets and .303 Sht LE rifles and bayonets (see above photos). The machine gun section with .303 Maxim Medium MGs. Officers with .455 revolvers.

Nearly all of the NZ Samoa Expeditionary Force went on to join the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Middle East and France. By the war's end 210 of these men had been killed in action or died of wounds (163 died in France). A further five were killed while serving with the Australian Imperial Force.

After WWI New Zealand governed the islands as the Western Samoa Trust Territory from 1920 until independence in 1962 – firstly as a League of Nations Class C Mandate and after 1945 as a United Nations Trust Territory.

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Roll of Honour in Apia

The Sāmoan soldiers' roll of honour appears on the tower of the National Clock, Apia. The clock tower, referred to as 'Le uati', was built to commemorate Sāmoans who served with the Allies during the First World War. More than 60 soldiers of Sāmoan descent joined the Allies—not all of whom were named on the roll of honour. A number of Sāmoans also served with the German military forces.

More information about these men can be found in Christine Liava'a's book *Le Fitafita Mai Samoa—The Force from Samoa: Soldiers from the Samoan Islands in the Great War*, available in the Museum Library.

Image courtesy of Christine Liava'a

Sāmoans called to war

More than 60 soldiers of Sāmoan descent joined the Allies during the First World War—a number of Sāmoans also served with the German military forces. A clock tower, known as 'Le uati', was built in Apia to commemorate Sāmoan-born soldiers who fought with the Allies, though not all were named on the clock tower's roll of honour.

Researcher Christine Liava'a has been able to identify more soldiers from Sāmoa who served in the Allied or German forces. These include soldiers of Sāmoan heritage (living in Sāmoa and abroad), pālāgi (Europeans) living and working in Sāmoa, sons of missionaries, and men of other Pacific Island descent.

More information can be found in Liava'a's book *'Le Fitafita Mai Samoa—The Force from Samoa: Soldiers from the Samoan Islands in the Great War'* available in the Museum library.

Vida MacLean's nursing badge

Nurse Vida MacLean, who served in Sāmoa, received her Registered Nurse qualification badge while serving in Wanganui Hospital in 1910. Along with colleagues Bertha Nurse and Fanny Wilson, Vida MacLean was recalled from Sāmoa in time to join the first 50 New Zealand nurses to leave for overseas service in April 1915.

Brass and enamel badge
AM 2001.25.619

Those who served in the Allied military services	Sāmoans in the German military services	
Allen E. T.	Hammerell H.	Kopsch E. C.
Annandale W. S. O.	Hills Dr H. W.	Gebauer H. C. R.
Annandale B. I.	Lazarus J.	Spemann A.
Blacklock J. D.	Leger B.	
Blakelock J. R. T.	Leger J.	
Bleazard C. K.	Leger F.	
Brown A. E. H.	Miller W. J.	
Carne A. G.	Molvick H.	
Carne F. B.	Rea H. E.	
Carne H. C.	Ripley S. S.	
Chatfield E. E.	Roberts (Ah Sue) F.	
Cobcroft A. R.	Saunders A.	
Cobcroft J. V.	Saunders W.	
Collier Dr F. W. D.	Scanlon P.	
Collier B. H. F.	Selio J. J.	
Doughty W. T.	Sifaga S.	



FIRST WORLD WAR PHOTO COMPETITION

This image was submitted by Trevor Adams who wins the prize this month.



**Kiwi Soldiers parade on Salisbury plain in 1916 armed with SMLE rifle and P 1907 bayonet.
In front is Trevor's grandfather Lt Robert James Garland Palmer.**

Lt Robert James Garland Palmer 6/4182 was a married builder from Auckland. He embarked in Wellington as part of the 11th Reinforcement Canterbury Infantry Battalion, C Company on 1 April 1916 on HMNZT 49 *Maunganui* and HMNZT 50 *Tahiti* bound for Suez, Egypt arriving on 3 May.



***Maunganui* in Wellington Harbour**



Tahiti

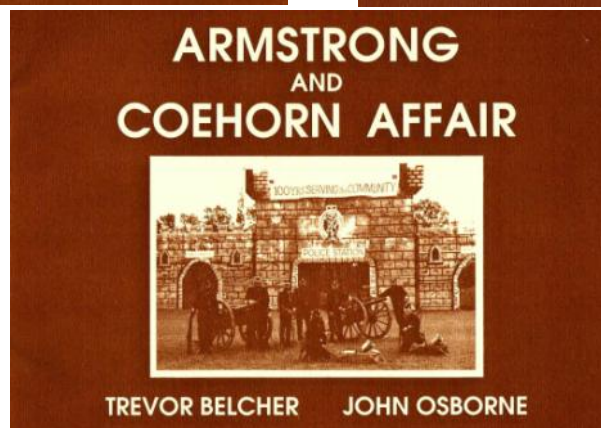
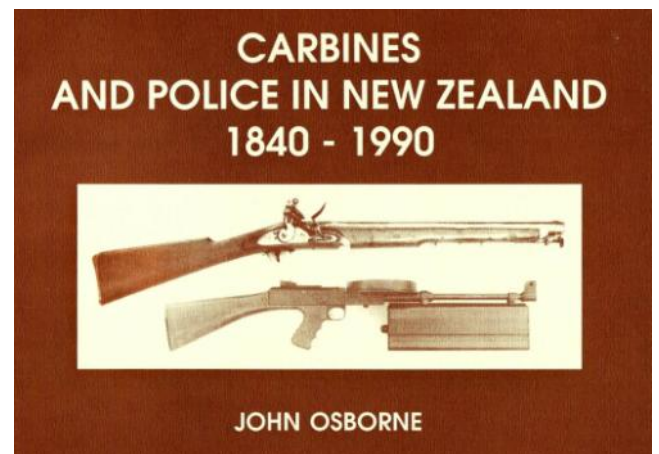
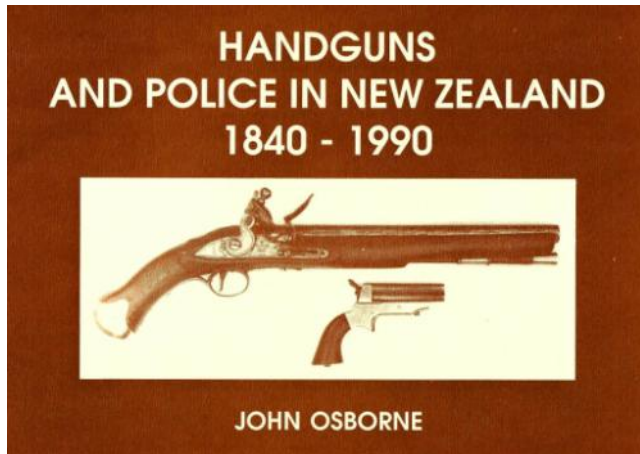
Your chance to win next month see next page.

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

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

NSW ISSUE CALISHER & TERRY CARBINE

A NSW issued Terry carbine was sold in a recent New Zealand auction, which has an unusual steel reinforcing plate above the lock. There is no obvious sign of damage to the stock in the region of this plate, see photo below, which was well fitted at some time in the distant past.

I wonder if any of our Ausie readers have come across this modification and know the purpose?



The carbine Serial No 5785 is fitted with a saddle ring and marked A/P 585 on the butt tang and NSW on the trigger guard. The underside of the butt is marked RB&C and C&T.



FROM OUR READERS

Hi Phil

Fantastic job on the school display, that is superb PR. Looks great and I'm sure it would have stirred up plenty of interest.

Reading the Gazette article on Cadet rifles (September Gazette) made me think back to my own days as a Cadet in the 1980's. We had SLR's, they may have been DP as they were non functional but were the real deal for parade use "special occasions only" like practicing for dawn parade etc.. They were kept in the Armoury at the Hawera Drill Hall. We sometimes did the dawn parade firing party on ANZAC day either with Territorials or just ATC cadets doing the honours. We used M16's for the firing party and cenotaph guard duty with M16's. Also had days operating the targets in the butts at the Army rifle range for the Territorials which normally resulted in a shoot with SLR's and M16's and a ride to and from the range in the back of RL Bedfords. This was back when the Cadets were administrated by the department of defence and before OSH decided that such activity may be considered dangerous.

Times have changed, the drill hall was given to the local Iwi, the rifle range sold off and no Cadets or Territorials in Hawera these days.

Regards, Andrew Edgcombe

ALPERS LOSES FUNDING

I am sure this story will bring a smile to many a Kiwi shooter's face. For the benefit of our overseas readers, Philip Alpers, a one time TV presenter and now self proclaimed professor, was the face of the NZ Anti-gun lobby in the 1990s until his efforts came to nought and he cleared off to Australia where the government were more sympathetic to his aims. More recently he went to the US to give law makers the benefit of his vast knowledge following the Sandy Hook School Shootings.

See <http://www.sportingshootermag.com.au/>

[gunPolicy.Org](http://www.gunpolicy.org) Under Resourced

14 Aug 2014

Shooters go "Boo Hoo".

By Marcus O'Dean

In a surprising development in Academia Land, a recent google search has revealed that the infamous Sydney University "academic", Philip Alpers' [firearms news site](#) has very recently had to close because of a lack of funding. I can hear the squeals of anguish emanating from their fellow travellers at Gun Control Australia, ie two hand wringers and a dog - pity any self-respecting dog who has to associate with 'em.

You may recall Mick Matheson's [series of blogs](#) on the subject of Alpers using dodgy statistics and even dodgier conclusions and recommendations in his "papers" justifying increased restrictions on Law Abiding Firearm Owners in Australia. All the while, Alpers never completed an undergraduate degree anywhere and it is believed he never even enrolled in a university course - so that's what "Adjunct" means.

One must ask why Alpers' department has suffered such a reduction in resourcing and we can surmise and suppose, but for the present I am certain licensed and law-abiding shooters everywhere will raise a small cheer.

CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS FIREARM?

Rod Oakley would like to know if any members can give any insight into this very unusual firearm. Below left. One of our Otago members has something similar. Photographed from a print in the porch at Oare church. This church is a feature in the story of Lorne Doone.



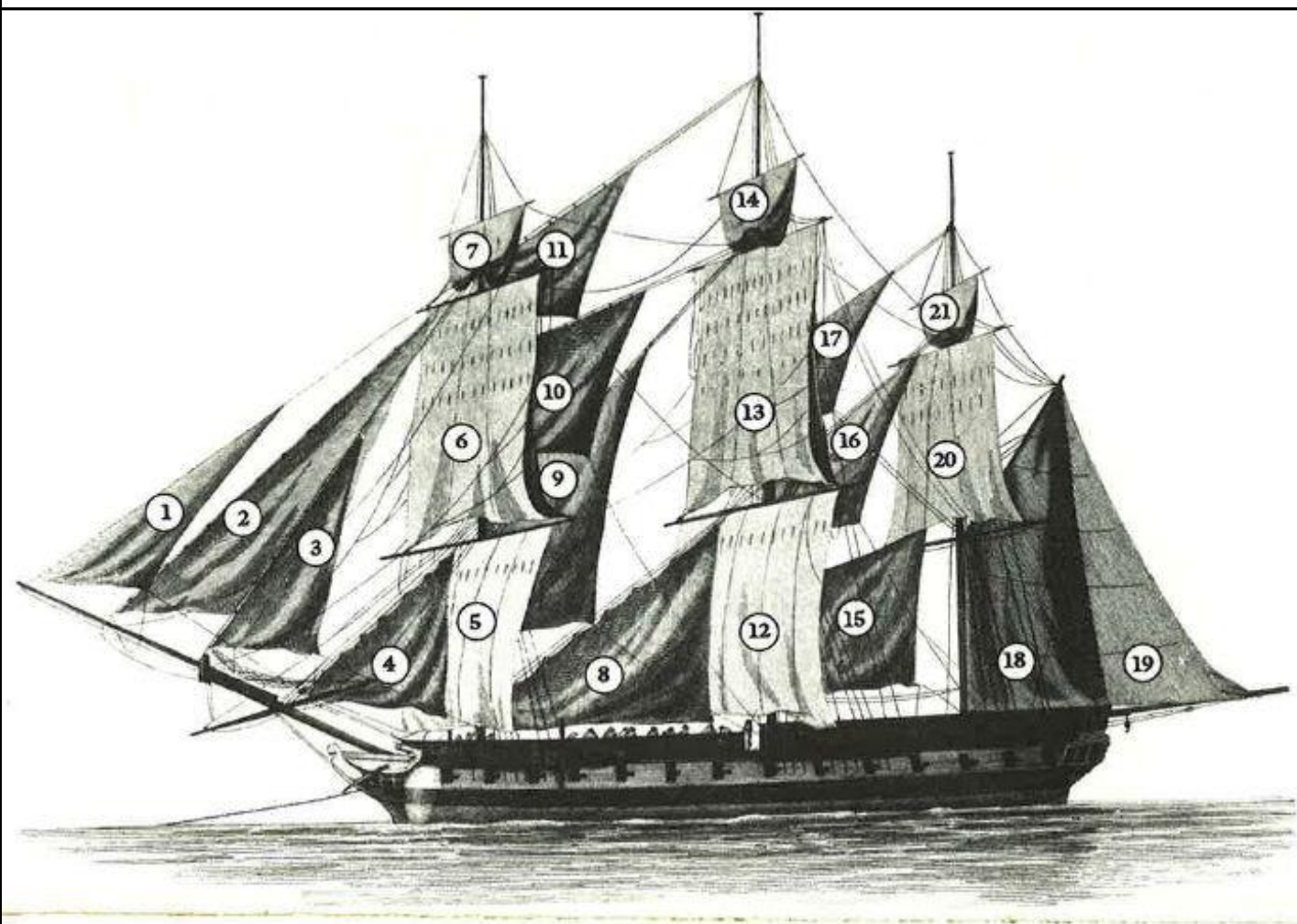
Urb Seux would like to know if the engraving on this small German .38 calibre 6 shot revolver, dug out of the ground at Parua Bay, Northland about 40 years ago is of Maori origin.



If you can help please send your answers to oilrag@xtra.co.nz

EVER WONDERED WHAT “HOIST THE FORE TOP GALLENT” MEANT?

Tony Bruce has provided the answer. Notice the rope leading from the bow, it would appear she is being towed by the ships boats, all sails set hoping for a breeze.



The sails of a square-rigged ship, hung out to dry in a calm.

1	Flying jib	12	Mainsail, or course
2	Jib	13	Maintopsail
3	Fore topmast staysail	14	Main topgallant
4	Fore staysail	15	Mizzen staysail
5	Foresail, or course	16	Mizzen topmast staysail
6	Fore topsail	17	Mizzen topgallant staysail
7	Fore topgallant	18	Mizzen sail
8	Mainstaysail	19	Spanker
9	Maintopmast staysail	20	Mizzen topsail
10	Middle staysail	21	Mizzen topgallant
11	Main topgallant staysail		

Illustration source: Serres, Liber Nauticus.
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MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month (below left) attracted no answers. It is in fact the muzzle of a .450 Maxim Machine Gun on display at our National Army Museum.



FROM THE WWW

From Kevin Hussey: Soldiers kit through the ages.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-one/11006139/Inventories-of-war-soldiers-kit-from-1066-to-2014.html?frame=2994178>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-one/11011316/Military-kit-through-the-ages-from-the-Battle-of-Hastings-to-Helmand.html>

From Grant Soich: Destruction of German Guns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfbcL_sP6z0#t=47

From Neville Dodd: WW II Atom Bombs

http://www.alternatewars.com/Bomb_Loading/Bomb_Guide.htm

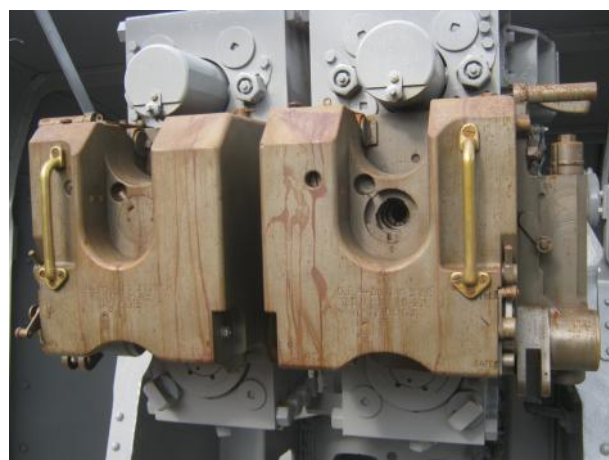
UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 or 2015 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz
2014

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| 6 September | Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding |
| 13 September | HYGM & Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton |
| 12 October | Military Heritage Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum |
| 26 & 27 October | Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington |
| 1 & 2 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show. |
| 8 & 9 November | Armistice in Cambridge |

2015

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| 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*



This Naval turret with two QF 4.0 inch Mk XVI Naval guns dated 1943 is believed to be a spare mounting supplied to New Zealand for *HMNZS Achilles* and *Leander*. It was used ashore for training. It is to be found in the Packard & Pioneer Museum at Maungatapere, near Whangarei. These guns were secondary armament in cruisers where they were used mainly for AA defence. It has recently been restored.

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

***WANTED:** Steyr 9 mm X 23 mm ammo. **Contact** John johnayto@clear.net.nz

***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 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
Here's a picture of what the bolt looks like.



Kumeu Militaria Show Update

Hello Fellow Enthusiasts

It time to start thinking about the next Kumeu Militaria Show. The last show was well received for a first event; we had excellent feedback from exhibitors and the general public. This has helped us by confirming the aim of our show:

“Supporting those that serve our country and promoting an interest in our Military History”

2015 is a very big year, with many events occurring to commemorate the start of World War One. Our show is positioned four weeks prior to Anzac Day. It is a great opportunity to participate in the Lead up to one to the biggest commemorative events in New Zealand History.

It is always hard to pick a weekend that suits everybody, especially at that time of the year. I hope that everyone can help to make this the success we want it to be.

Clayton and I are now accepting tentative bookings for Stall holders and Display areas. We will be getting in contact with everyone over the up coming months to drum up support for this event. It is you people that make this a great day out, the looks on the faces of all the kids last April was amazing, whether they were hanging out with the re-enactors, Dry firing the artillery piece or climbing over some of the awesome examples of military vehicles.

So please start spreading the word, March the 28th 2015, Kumeu Showground's

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