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EDITORIAL

While it is reasonable to assume that not all members of NZAHAA are firearm owners, it is a good bet that most of you own at least one if not lots guns. And if you own one or lots it is also safe to assume that from time to time you enjoy shooting them.

In addition to being Editor for NZAHAA one of my other “volunteer jobs” is as National Secretary for SSANZ (Sporting Shooters Association of New Zealand Inc), a shooters rights organisation and founding member of COLFO. In this role I get to hear about the many adverse events that affect shooters both nationally and at a local level. For example in the past year we have seen the Police Cost Recovery Bill, Police refusing to issue retrospective import permits, Fonterra closing the last full bore range in Taranaki, Environment Southland targeting shooting clubs, Whangarei District Council attempting to impose tougher noise and operating time restrictions on shooting ranges, D.o.C spoiling recreational hunting by 1080 drops and giving preference to heli hunters and Fish a& Game attempting to ban sub calibre lead shot.

In my opinion the only way to defend against these frequent assaults on shooting sports is to join together in a strong organisation that is proactive in combating these issues.

For only \$20 per year you could join SSANZ and help keep the sport of shooting alive for future generations. Application form attached with this e-Gazette.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this issue and provided feedback on the printed Gazette.

Best wishes,
Phil



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THE ORIGINAL MILLS BOMB

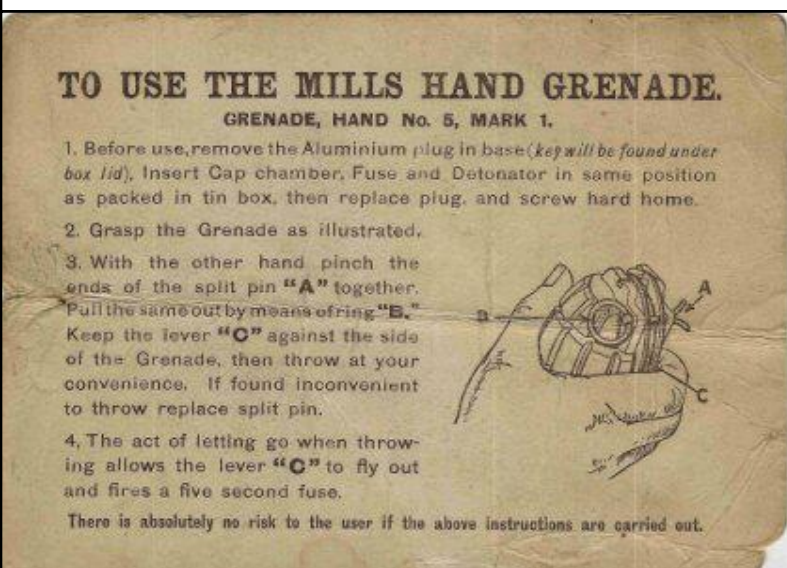
Mills bombs were a common implement on the battlefield, used to great effect in the both World Wars and remaining in British Service from their 1915 introduction right through to 1972. Seemingly they were a popular souvenir as many drill or deactivated HE grenades found their way home and factory rejects from the first world war even made it to market as patriotic souvenirs in the form of ink wells, ash trays or money boxes. Most commonly encountered are the No36 Mills bombs which were even made in New Zealand during the Second World War.

Here we have a trio of the very first Mills bombs to enter service, the No5 Mk1, introduced April 1915. The No5 Mk1 was exclusively a Hand Grenade where as the No23 and the No36 grenades were adaptable for use as rifle grenades by the addition of a steel launcher rod to the base plug rod or firing from a dis-charger cup. The method of construction for the body was sand casting using wooden formers to create the molds. Very early No5's were "centre cast" where the seem of the casting runs horizontally around the centre of the grenade, this method of manufacture proved difficult resulting in many failures the body also required the centre grove in the body to be machine cut after casting, this was soon superseded by the side casting method where the seem runs vertically on the grenade body, this method is by far the most commonly encountered method of Mills bomb production and casting lines are clearly evident with less time expended on finishing.



No5Mk1 grenades, Centre Cast at left, note machining marks around grenade body also vertical groove central to filler plug, two standard cast variants with vertical groove either side of filler plug and casting seem running vertically up the side of the body.

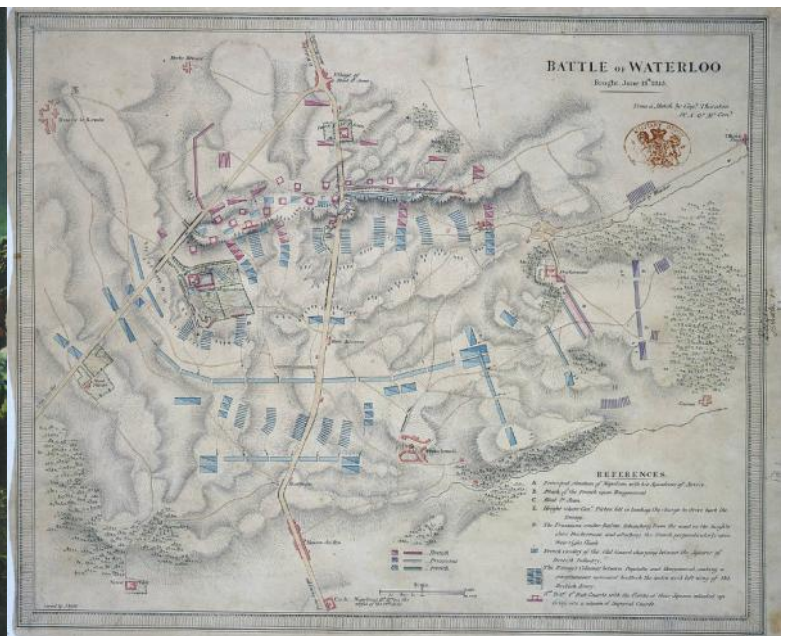
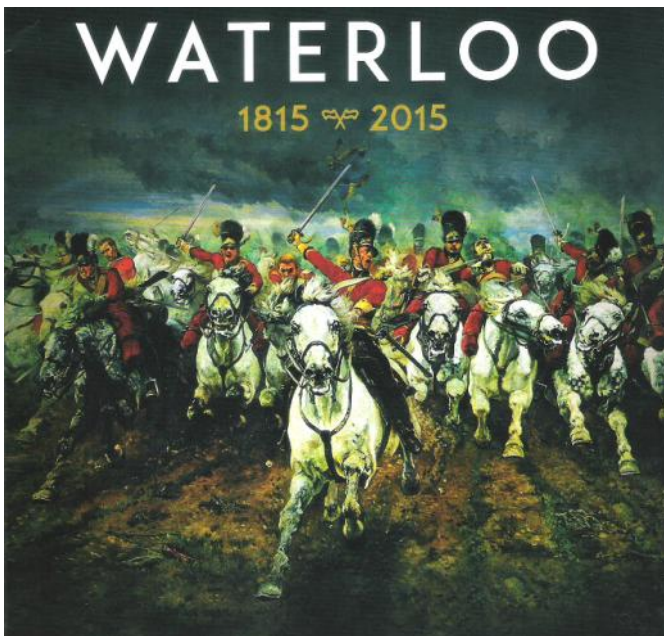
No5 base plugs carry manufacturer's data and month/year of manufacture but due to these being interchangeable there is no guarantee that the base plug in the grenade was the one it was originally issued with! Centre tubes evolved in the No5's also with cast aluminum or brass construction being some of the earliest and the later variants being cast zinc. The Grenade body shape varied between manufactures, strikers and levers also evolved as time progressed. Most changes were introduced to simplify production. British Grenades from the First World War are quite scarce to find even though they come in a tremendous array of variants, the Mills type being the most frequently encountered as they were the most prolifically produced of all patterns. Next time you see one have a close look, you may just stumble on a rare and desirable centre cast variant.



I love the "absolutely no risk to user" quotation...

Use this link to see a great example of how a Mills Bomb mechanism works, it is impressive.

<http://science.howstuffworks.com/grenade2.htm>



A Contribution from Noel Taylor

18th June this year saw the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

Following the battle, and supported by the Duke of Wellington the British Parliament voted that each man regardless of rank who participated would receive a silver medal suspended from a ribbon and personally engraved with the recipients rank, name and unit at a then cost from the Royal Mint of 6 shilling for the silver value of same. See photos below.

Prior to this general issue only officers of Field Rank – i.e. Major and above received a Gold Medal with an engraved bar for the battle. There was also private issues of commemorative medals like Bolton's medal for Trafalgar but this was the first time the government issued a medal to all regardless. In 1849 the Imperial Government retrospectively issued medals and bars for actions going back as far as 1790 mainly covering campaigns in India/Burma, US War of Independence and the Napoleonic Wars, the only problem most veterans were deceased and families missed out. These three medals were The Army of India Medal, The Military General Service Medal and the Naval General Service Medal.

The issue of medals has continued over the last 200 years to what we see today and you have within your wider families. Regrettably NZ & UK due to costs failed to name the WWII medals, although the likes of India, Canada and Australia managed to name theirs. Regrettably unless named privately after a few generations they tend to fall into the unattributed trinket status which is sad considering what the original recipient had to endure to earn them.

For all this and the issue of the Waterloo Medal the Duke Of Wellington is quoted as saying his soldiers were 'the scum of the earth' whilst acknowledging that the battle 'was a near run thing'!



AN INTERESTING PLACE TO VISIT

Pol Hill Gun AA Battery by Andrew Edgcombe

We take a lot for granted these days and visiting the ghostly remnants of our past, researching the stories behind their very existence and an understanding of the social impact of the threats posed to our forbears can be quite a humbling experience that gives you an appreciation for the liberties we enjoy today.

We have some fantastic history in our own back yard which is more often than not largely overlooked or ignored. I make the most of any opportunity to visit sites of military or historical interest and usually take along the Family. The kids think the old gun emplacements and fortifications are a great place for exploration and war games (I would have been the same at their age). I do my best to impart an understanding of what they are and why they are there without spoiling their fun; maybe they will retain some of the facts and even develop a degree of appreciation for our unique history

Wellington is one of my favorite areas for exploration and I endeavor to visit something of historical interest whenever in the area. Recently we made time to visit another of the surviving military structures this region boasts. Not far from the central city off Ashton Fitchett Drive at the Pol Hill Reserve in the suburb of Brooklyn are the remains of the Pol Hill Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery where four 3.7" AA guns, a command post and accommodation for 109 man were ready to defend the capital should the anticipated Japanese Invasion have eventuated, those manning the defenses drilled, watched and waited yet never fired a shot in anger. In 1942 when construction commenced this would have been quite a remote and challenging locality, Today urban sprawl is the only invader, residential subdivisions in the vicinity now make a stark contrast to what in its day was a serious defensive installation and being readily accessible the structures have sadly become a convenient canvas for artistic expression for the younger generation in the form of graffiti, desecration to say the least but also a surprising waste of talent, if only these abilities could be channeled into something positive.



The site provides a commanding view over the city and out over Cook Strait, an ideal hunting ground for enemy aircraft. The 3.7inch gun was quite a formidable weapon in its day with the ability to fire a 12.72 kg shell to a ceiling height of 9754 meters, ten to twelve rounds per minute would be the maximum rate of fire. The command post and emplacements are in great condition considering the years of neglect since decommissioning in 1944, anchor bolts for the guns remain and wire loops for camouflage material are largely intact on the roofs of the structures. These emplacements are quite extensive with numerous rooms and ammunition lockers protected by blast walls leading off the main gun pits. Twenty one Heavy Anti Aircraft positions were constructed in New Zealand during the Second World War, reputedly sixteen of these have been demolished totally or in part, three of the six positions constructed around Wellington still remain in reasonable condition.



Fighter Aircraft in Support of the Gallipoli Campaign

Compiled by Dr John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG

With the outbreak of WWI hundreds of New Zealanders joined the Royal Navy by transferring from NZ or by direct RN enlistment. The NZ Naval Defence Act 1913 formally established the New Zealand Naval Forces.

In 1914 HMS *Ark Royal* commanded by Cdr Robert Clark-Hall, was the first ship designed and built as a floatplane carrier. Armed with 8 floatplanes, many bombs and 4 QF 12-pounder, 12 cwt guns plus 2 machine guns she arrived at the island of Tenedos on 17 February 1915. The same day A Wright Pusher floatplane (speed 116km/h) from *Ark Royal* discovered new fortifications in the Dardanelles dropped a single 20-pound bomb and returned with seven bullet holes in its skin. *Ark Royal's* aircraft conducted reconnaissance and observation missions in support of the fleet as it moved further up the Dardanelles. *Ark Royal* lost her first aircraft on 5 March as the propeller of one of her Sopwith Tabloids splintered into pieces at 3,000 feet. Both of the aircraft's crewmen were recovered by the destroyer HMS *Usk*.

On 1 March 1915, Lieutenant Cemal Bey dropped bombs on the British battleship *Majestic*, causing substantial damage. At that time there were three enemy aircraft in Gallipoli, manned by German and Ottoman pilots. These formed the Ottoman 1st Air Squadron, under the command of the German Lieutenant Ludwig Preussner.



Later in the March, *Ark Royal's* aircrew learned to spot mines from the air and were moderately successful and the ship's crew cleared a vineyard and built a 600m long airstrip on Tenedos Island (about 30km south of the Gallipoli Peninsular) for No. 3 Squadron of the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) and unloaded its crated aircraft on 26–27 March. On 8 April, *Ark Royal* received a pair of Sopwith Schneider single-seat floatplanes and two Sopwith Type 860 torpedo bombers, another Wight Pusher and a Short Type 166, all two-seat floatplanes. The ship had no room for all these aircraft and she used the collier *Penmorvalt* to store some of them and for additional workshop space. *Ark Royal's* aircraft continued with reconnaissance, observation and bombing missions over the Dardanelles, and discovered a large ammunition dump on 12 April, providing corrective data to direct gunfire from HMS *Lord Nelson* onto the target.

On 25 April *Ark Royal's* aircraft provided support to the Australian and New Zealand troops at Anzac Cove as they landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. A month later, the battle on the peninsula had bogged down and *Ark Royal* moved to a safer anchorage at Imbros Island, from where her own aircraft continued to support operations at Gallipoli.



Left: HMS *Ark Royal*. Right: Sopwith Schneider built by Sopwith Aviation Company originally designed as a high speed sports aircraft (148km/h) and later adapted for military use, some Schneiders were still in service at the end of WWI.



Short Admiralty Type 166 on HMS *Ark Royal*.



The Royal Aircraft Factory BE2

The Royal Aircraft Factory BE2 was a British single- engine two-seat biplane which was in service from 1912 until the end of WWI. About 3,500 were built. Initially used as frontline reconnaissance aircraft and light bombers; variants of the type were also used as night fighters. Although quite slow it had a relatively low accident rate, and its stability actually proved helpful in its artillery observation and aerial photography duties during the Gallipoli Campaign. The BE2 was not a practical fighter design with the pilot at the rear having the best view and the observer / gunner sitting forward with his view obstructed by the wing. When Lewis guns were fitted to the BE2 they could be placed in four positions but this involved the observer lifting the gun out of one socket and placing it in another. This required the observer to stand and work while the aircraft was likely to be manoeuvring. Later BE aircraft designs changed crew positions to give the observer/gunner an improved field of fire. The BE2 flew initially in a reconnaissance and observation role with a camera fitted to its side next to the pilot. At Gallipoli it was also used in a limited bombing role with the observer being substituted for bombs.

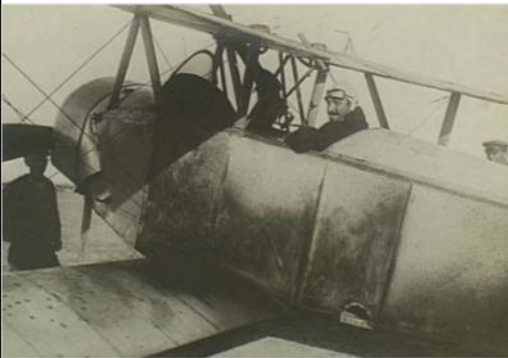
In March 1915 Commander Charles Rumney Samson was sent to the Dardanelles with No 3 Squadron (later No 3 Wing)

RNAS originally it was based on the island of Tenedos and, together with floatplanes from HMS *Ark Royal*, provided the only Allied air cover. On arrival, only four BE2s and a Nieuport 10 were serviceable of the 30 aircraft that had been shipped in crates. Samson's squadron pioneered the use of radio in directing the fire of battleships and photoreconnaissance. On 25 April Samson flew many missions himself at the Landing at Cape Helles, On 27 May, Samson attacked the German submarine *U-21* which had just sunk HMS *Majestic*; when he ran out of bombs he resorted to firing his Lewis gun at it. In June, a temporary airstrip was constructed at Cape Hellas; In August, Samson's wing was moved to a new airfield on the island of Imbros (refer map above) where it was joined by No 2 Wing under the overall command of Colonel Frederick Sykes.

The French designed Nieuport 10 single seat fighter aircraft saw extensive service with the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) It had a wingspan of 8.2m, a wing area of 18sq/m and a length of 7.09m. It was fitted with an 80hp Le Rhone rotary engine giving a maximum speed of 139km/h, a range of about 249km and a service ceiling of 4,572m. The British version was fitted with a model 1914 .303" Lewis machine gun mounted through the upper wing to avoid shooting the propeller. Between August 1914 and June 1915 the British Government had ordered from BSA, 3,052 Lewis Guns at a

cost of £165 each although used earlier were officially approved for Land, Naval and Air service on 15 October 1915.

Images of Commander Charles Rumney Samson who was a British naval aviation pioneer. He was one of the first four officers selected for pilot



training by the Royal Navy and was the first person to fly an aircraft from a moving ship. Samson commanded No 3 Squadron, Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) Wing, based on Tenedos Island. Left image: about to start on one of his excursions over the Ottoman lines at Gallipoli in a Nieuport 10 single seat fighter aircraft with bombs and Lewis gun armament. Right: Samson, standing beside a single seat Nieuport 10 aircraft during the Gallipoli Campaign, with a Webley Auto .455" Naval pistol in his hand.

Note: HMS *Ark Royal* was a Royal Navy ship manned & operated by Royal Navy regulars but embarked a RNAS air group whose sole responsibility was to operate and maintain the floatplanes. This split between the men who sailed the ship and those who flew the aircraft became standard practice for all the aircraft carriers that followed. The role of the Royal Naval Air Service during the Gallipoli / Dardanelles Campaign, ranged from reconnaissance and bombing strategic targets, aerial photography and the fighter planes supporting the invasion landings, limiting enemy reconnaissance including during the preparations and the evacuation of all forces from Gallipoli.

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nieuport> www.skytamer.com/Nieuport_10.html www.awm.gov.au/collection/G00518/ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Rumney_Samson http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Aircraft_Factory_B.E.2 [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Ark_Royal_\(1914\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Ark_Royal_(1914)) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wight_Pusher_Seaplane http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sopwith_Type_860 www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Gun www.armsregister.com

South Canterbury Branch 2015 Auction Prices Realized

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AUKLAND BRANCH SUPPORTING ANZAC DAWN SERVICE from Kevin Hussey

Auckland Branch had the honour of opening and closing the Waikumete ANZAC Dawn Service with canon fire. We had six cannons and one Mortar and fired them consecutively from 0559 – 0600.

We made a few people jump and rattled a few bones, old and new. We were shooting sand blanks between the rows of headstones.

Here's a few pics that were taken by Jim Hefkey's wife, Lynn.



NZAHAA Involved in Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show

NZAHAA members contributed to the success of this Whangarei gun show organised by the Sporting Shooters Association of New Zealand and held on 20 June, by providing various sales tables and a Northland Branch display. The display comprised a selection of British SMGs and a collection of Webley air pistols.



As well as local exhibitors, stall holders came from as far away as Kaitia, Auckland and Hamilton. Despite miserable weather which kept some people at home public attendance amounted to 584 visitors and all stall holders reported good sales, with the local Arms Officer issuing permits for 13 restricted firearms.

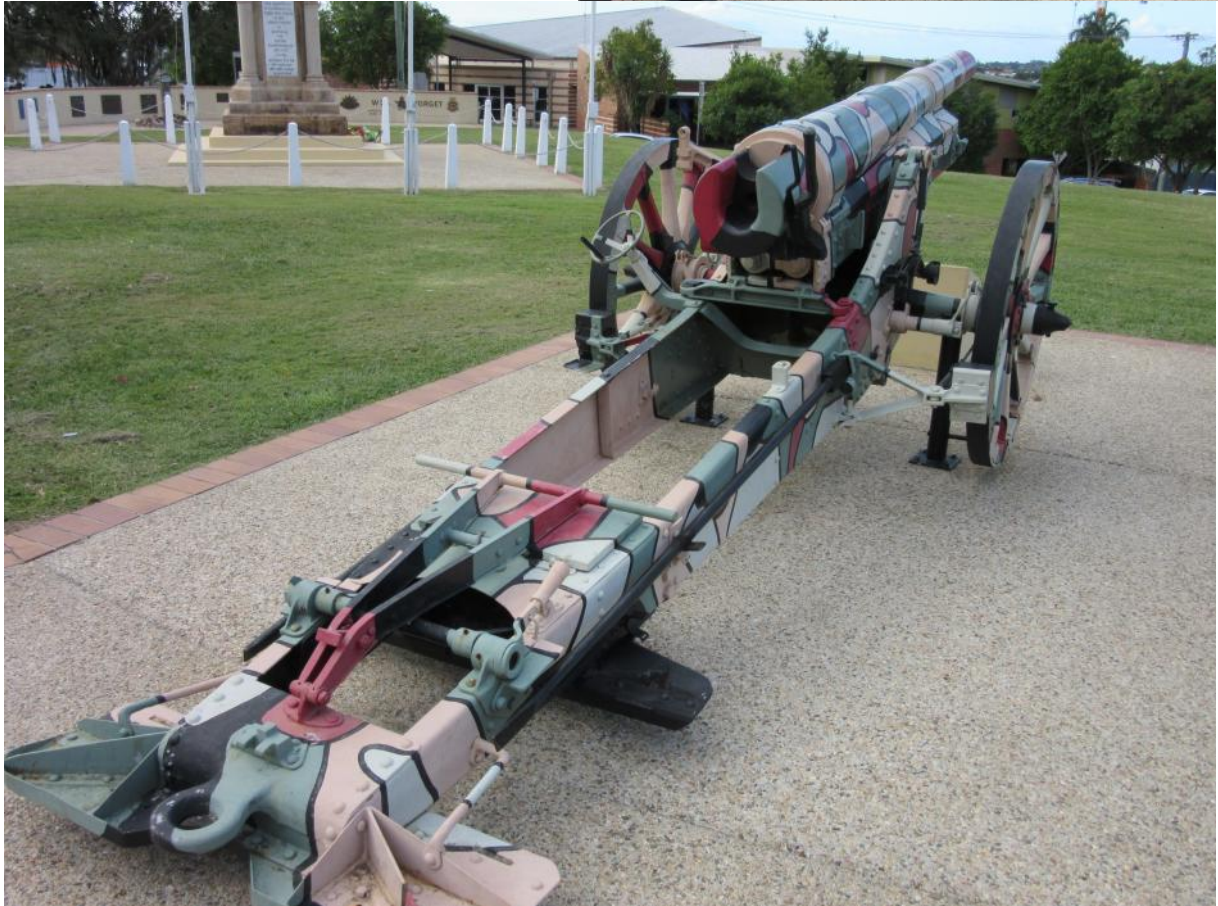
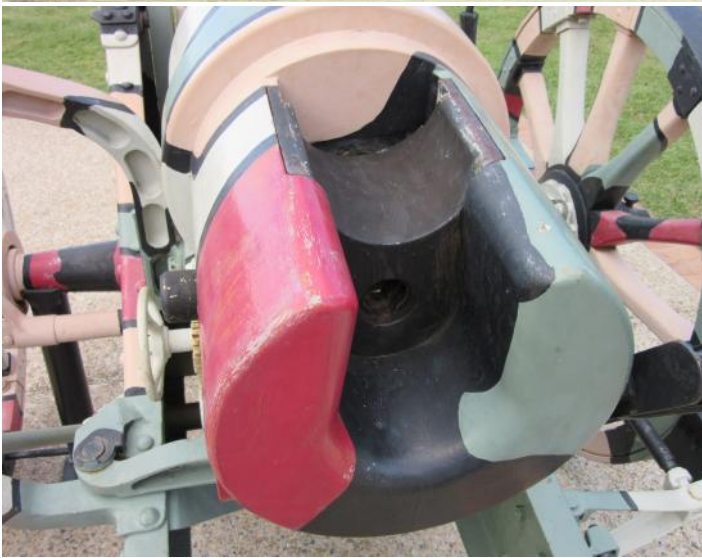
As well as providing an opportunity for trading new and collectable firearms the show now in its fifteenth year has become a major social event for Northland shooters and collectors.



Bargain of the day had to be a Colt 1911 which sold for \$800.



BRISBANE FIELD GUN from Keith Mitchell



DUXFORD MUSEUM UK Photos from Andrew Roke



CAN YOU HELP ?

Share your knowledge before it is lost.

Questions and Answers to oilrag@xtra.co.nz please.

Can you advise the country of origin for this Crown over PR on the lock plate of what appears to be an English C1810 Brown Bess



Taranaki Gun Show 7th and 8th November 2015 Accommodation

Taranaki Gun Show Accommodation details for 2015, the rate is the same as 2014 and are discounted to a corporate rate, please book with Marie Hunter at the Plymouth hotel and mention that this is GUN SHOW accommodation BOOK EARLY so you don't miss out 6th and 7th November 2015 (Show Sat 7th Sun 8th)

Please pass this on to anyone that may require accommodation for our show

Regards

Andrew

Standard studio rooms \$139+gst

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Our request last month for help in identifying this pistol in a Chile Naval Museum resulted in several readers providing answers, however the most comprehensive answer came from Mike Carrick, who had this to say:

For ten years, I was the Q&A editor in The Gun Report magazine (I still do that for www.ArmsHeritageMagazine.com), and I have had a similar question about these British fuze igniting pistols. Below is what I wrote in The Gun Report, April, 2008. The pistol in my question was the Mk I, 1877, percussion. The pistol in your question appears to be a breechloader, so would be one of the slightly later Marks. (Mk III) My pistol has a belt hook screwed on the right side, otherwise it would look very much like the one in your photo. Below is the Q&A from my 2008 column.

QUESTION:

I have seen an example of the pistol in the accompanying photograph in a museum, and it was described as a Confederate Signal Pistol. It has a British Broad Arrow above the letters W. D. Can you tell me anything about the history of this pistol?

ANSWER:

Through various references in my library, I was able to determine that this pistol is the British "Pistol – Safety Fuse, Mk I" described in the British List of Changes No. 3452, 16 October 1877. Furthermore, there were five models of this fuze-igniting pistol: Mark I though Mark V. This first model is percussion and fires a musket percussion cap. The next four models are breechloading pistols firing blank cartridges. I was able to find photographs of the last four, but could not find a photo of the Mark I, which I needed so that I could be completely certain that this and the museum pistol were exactly the same. Through the courtesy of Peter Smithhurst, Senior Curator, Firearms, Royal Armouries Museum, we have the photographs of their specimen pistol illustrated here.

The W.D. mark with the Broad Arrow, which indicates War Department, British Military ownership can be seen on the left side of the receiver. On the right side, below the belt hook, can be seen a mark of a crown over E over 3. This is the mark of inspector number 3 at the Royal Small Arms Factory in Enfield.

This pistol, and subsequent Marks, was developed so that Naval and Engineering personnel could ignite Bickford's Instantaneous fuse in inclement weather. It was safer than using matches, and during darkness, provided concealment from observation by enemy troops in the field. By the way, Bickford's fuse is still in use today for igniting dynamite, fireworks, etc.

The List of Changes describes the use as follows: a chamber is formed in the body of the pistol [just in front of the nipple] and tapped with a ratchet thread [two-jaw collet]. The end of the fuse is passed down the barrel, and is screwed into the chamber, two or three turns being sufficient to fasten it. It is obvious that this pistol could not have been used in the U.S. Civil War. MFC

Regards, Mike Carrick



Fuze Igniting Pistol
Mk I, 1877



Questions relating to our printed quarterly Gazette. **Your Feedback so far**

1. Bearing in mind that they could be up to 3 months old, would you like to see a FOR SALE & WANTED adverts included. **Yes 3, No 2**
2. Would you like to see some of the best articles from the e-gazette included in the Gazette, as you will in the June 2015 Edition. **Yes 5**
3. On page 19 (inside back cover) is there any section that you think is a waste of space. Which sections do you think most useful? **3 happy as is, 1 would like it only once per year**
4. Do you keep your Gazette for future reference or throw/give it away. **Keep 5**
5. Any other comments?
More members should sign up for the e-Gazette. More articles on sporting guns, more variety. (this is up to you the members to provide, Ed) Index of past articles. (published in the e-gazette in Jan 2013 and 2014, I will try and do another in January 2016. Ed)

HAWKES BAY GUN SHOW IN MARCH Photo from Robin Back



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

Last month (below left), No one provided an answer to this. It is in fact a pocket sextant, used by members of the Mounted Rifles Brigade during the desert campaign, in WW I and can be seen at the National Army Museum.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Tony Bruce: World War One poster collection goes to auction

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/world-war-one-poster-collection-goes-to-auction.html>



From Barry Iacoppi: War and other relics

<http://www.urbanghostsmedia.com/category/military/>



UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2015 or 2016 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2015

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| 5 July | Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden |
| 11 & 12 July | Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie |
| 18 July | Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch |
| 15 & 16 August | Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show |
| 12 Sept. | Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch |
| 5 Sept. | Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North |
| 19 September | NZAHAA HYGM, Auckland |
| 7 & 8 November | Armistice in Cambridge. |
| 7 & 8 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth |

2016

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| 2 April | Northland Branch Auction and NZAHAA AGM, Whangarei |
| 3 April | South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru |
| 11 June | Hunting & Shooting Show, Whangarei |

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

This cannon is at Waiouru Military Camp , images from Tony Bruce



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

***WANTED:** to buy or swap 17 or 18 bore round ball mould
contact Gordon Hill 03 615 7673 or g.h.hill@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED:** Tripod for British military heliograph, Contact: Michael Heard heard101@yahoo.com.au

***WANTED:** Lyman striker-mounted peep sight for a Jeffrey Steyr Model 1892 sporting rifle.

Contact Keith Mitchell at glenledi@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED:** for FN FAL, 1 Magazine, 1 Bipod

Contact: Dick Brough Ph # 07 3666751 gaylenebr@callsouth.net.nz

***WANTED:** Plans or Blue Prints for a Charlton Machine Gun or photo-copies of same.

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