



E - GAZETTE MK II

New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. # 19 July 2012

EDITORIAL

May proved to be a great month for my collecting interests, I scored a Ross M 10 from my mate Pat, a Brown Bess from Ted Rogers auction, a great book on British Service Revolvers from Carvell's auction, spent a fantastic day at the Lithgow SAF Museum, and another at the Australian War Memorial Museum in Canberra and finally the National Maritime Museum in Sydney. Now I just have to pay off the Visa card!

In June the Small Arms Factory at Lithgow celebrated its Centenary, it officially opened on 8 June 1912 and went on to manufacture over 640,000 SMLE rifles as well as Vickers and Bren guns, followed by SLRs and Steyrs, many of which have served our own Armed Forces. To the workers past and present at the factory and the volunteers at the museum we send our best wishes.

Once again my thanks to our readers who have sent comment or material for publication.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz
All views (and errors) expressed here are those of the Editor and not necessarily those of the NZAHAA Inc.

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STOLEN GUNS

On 20 th June I circulated two lists of stolen firearms and items of militaria to you. In one case the owner was asleep in bed when the burglary took place without him hearing anything to arouse his suspicion, in the other case the theft took place when the guns were in transit.

Both incidents are a timely reminder that as collectors we need to be vigilant about our security. If we are passionate about our hobby/sport or active in a club it is hard to be totally anonymous. Try entering your name in a Google Search and see how many hits you get. Criminals can always find out who you are and where you live if they try hard enough, but don't make it easy for them.

You will have met the Police security requirements for the firearms that you own, but don't be complacent.

- Don't publicise your collection.
- Don't tell people when you are going to be away from home.
- Have a trusted friend watch your house when you are away.
- Immobilise your firearms so that they obviously can't be fired, store the parts separately.
- Conceal access to your collection if possible.
- Keep the keys to your firearms storage safe at all times.
- Make sure you have a record of make, model, calibre, serial number and value of ALL your firearms.

NEW BOOK ON ENGLISH FLINTLOCK PISTOLS 1650-1830

To be published towards the end of this year by Auckland Branch Member Marsden B Robinson. Visit <http://flintlockpistols.net/> for details.

AN INTERESTING BAYONET Ross Rifle Bayonet Mk II by Phil Cregeen © 2012



Early Ross Mk II bayonet with scabbard modified with Pat 1888 locket for British frog

The Ross Mk II Bayonet was developed for the Canadian Ross Mk II** .303 Rifle but was mostly used on the Mk III Rifle. It was approved in May 1912 and manufactured by the Ross Rifle Company, Quebec, Canada. In 1915 the bayonet was modified by reshaping the point of the blade to improve penetration and minor changes to the pommel, which removed the cross pin.

Length OA 14.7 in (373mm), Blade 10.0 in (254mm), MRD 16.5 mm, Scabbard 11.2 in (284mm)

Wooden grips secured by two screws, Brown leather scabbard with integral frog, steel locket and internal chape.



Ross Mk II modified bayonet and scabbard, pommel cross pin illuminated after October 1915

New Zealand Service: When NZ home based military arms supplies ran out in 1915-16 NZ land forces travelled to Europe unarmed, when they arrived they were issued with small arms and ammunition, B Company, Wellington Infantry Battalion were issued with the .303" Ross M 1910 MKIII rifles & bayonets.

300 Ross Rifles were issued to the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, which became the RNZN in 1941.

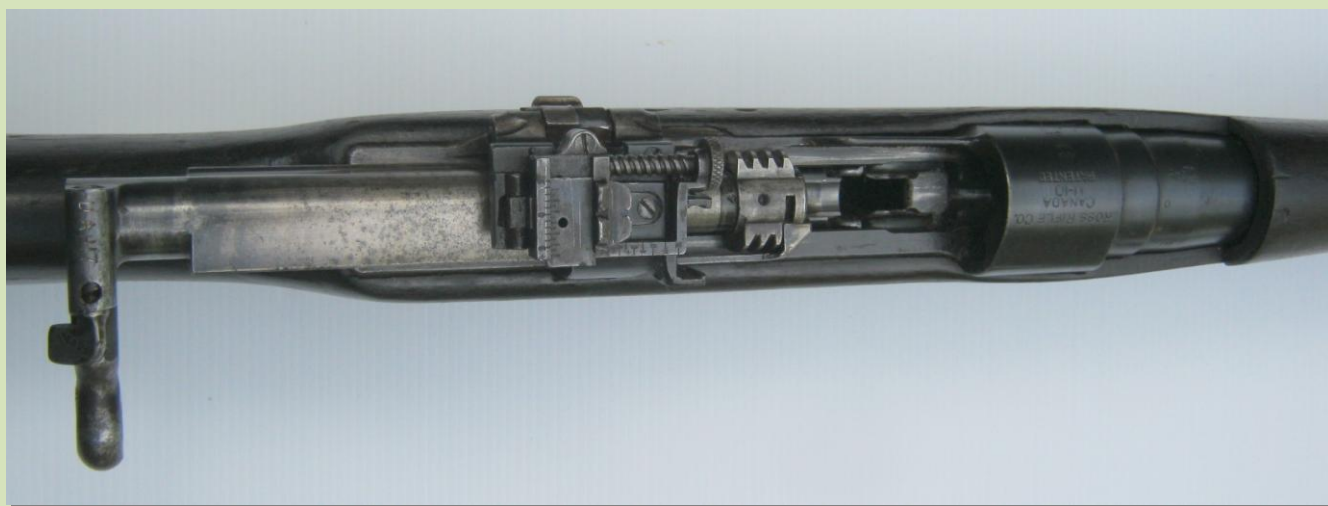
Ross rifles and bayonets were used by the Home Guard in WWII. They were sold as surplus in the 1970s.

Acknowledgements: Photo: Phil Cregeen & John Osborne

References: British & Commonwealth Bayonets by ID Skennerton & R Robertson



The Ross Mk III is a straight-pull, bolt action rifle, with a charger loaded 5 round magazine, made in Quebec by the Ross Rifle Co. for the Canadian armed forces. It has a 30.5 in barrel in .303 British calibre, with four groove RH twist 1 turn in 10 in. The stock is one piece with a top hand-guard to the lower band. The rear sight incorporates an aperture with windage adjustment, a 400 yd open battle sight and a long range sight, the blade fore-sight is fitted with a hooped protector. The safety catch is a flip over type on the bolt and to the left of the receiver is a combined cut-off and bolt release change lever. The rifle weighs 9 lb 14 oz and has an overall length of 50.5 in.



Straight pull bolt withdrawn to the rear, note screw thread locking lugs

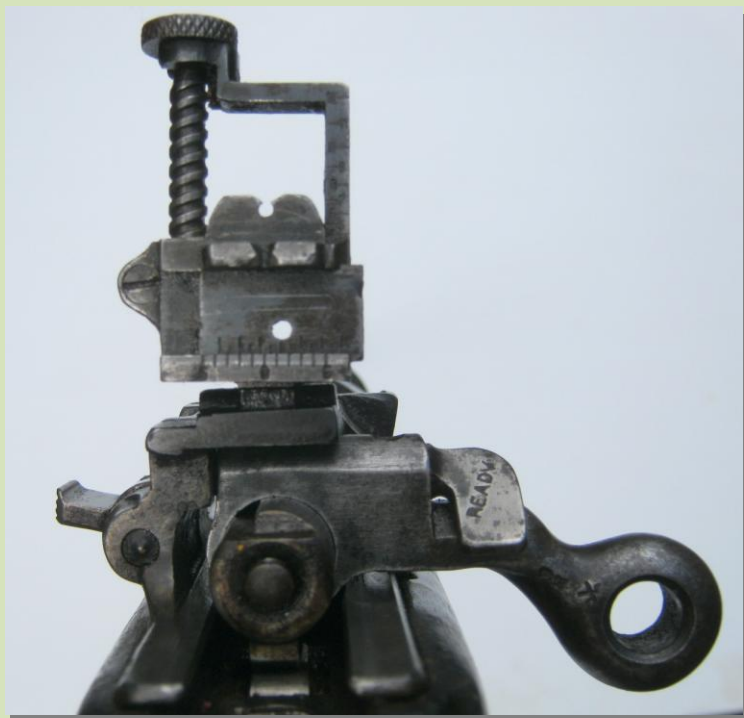
The Ross came about as a result of a desire by the Canadian Government to manufacture their own arms following the Boer War. Britain refused to allow the Lee Enfield to be made in Canada and so they turned to Sir Charles Ross, who offered his newly designed straight pull rifle as a suitable alternative and set up a factory in Quebec in 1902. The first military rifle Mk I commenced production in 1903 and then went through a number of improvements resulting in the Mk III in 1910.

Whenever I buy a new firearm I am keen to find out its history, in the case of this Ross M 10 it proved to be an interesting one. Armed with *The Ross Rifle Story* by R Phillips and studying the various marks on the rifle I have put together the following account.

Manufactured in 1915 by the Ross Rifle Company of Quebec (serial number and year stamped on the butt), it was completed sometime after August that year (from the letter E stamped on the barrel denoting chamber enlarged to accommodate the British manufactured Mk VII 303 cartridge). It was sent to the western front with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (butt stamped CEF over 18).

On the western front the Canadian troops experienced problems with the Ross, its complex bolt mechanism suffered in the mud of the trenches and it was prone to jamming, to such an extent that the soldiers lost confidence in their

rifle and picked up SMLEs at any opportunity. Much of the jamming was later attributed to differences in head space between Canadian and British manufactured ammunition and also poor manufacturing tolerance of the chambers, which lead to the enlarged chambers mentioned above. Another problem of the Ross was that if the bolt was



assembled incorrectly it would not lock and would blow back on firing, causing injury to the shooter. After three months of Canadian combat experience the C in C, Field Marshal Sir John French ordered the Canadians to exchange their Ross Rifles for SMLEs. However it was retained as a sniper rifle, as it was found to be more accurate than the Lee Enfield out to 600 yds.

Having ordered 100,000 Ross rifles from Canada to augment the British rifle production, but only actually receiving 66,590 before cancelling the order, Britain retained a further 95,000 of these rifles in exchange for the SMLEs supplied to the CEF. The Ross rifles were used by the British to arm second line forces and some were supplied to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, (this one marked RM on butt plate).

Rear sight

Cut-off/bolt release

Safety catch

This particular rifle is marked with a number on the left receiver wall and on the bolt with a prefix DA, this stands for "Direccion de Armamentos" (Directory of Armouries) of the Chilean Navy. These rifles formed part of the ships equipment of the Battleship HMS Canada when she was sold to Chile in 1920. One of two battleships under construction for the Chilean Government in Britain, she was purchased by the Admiralty at the outbreak of war serving in the Grand Fleet and seeing action at the Battle of Jutland. From 1920 she served in the Chilean navy as the "Almirante Latorre" and was scrapped in 1959 in Japan. The Chilean sailors also experienced problems with the Ross jamming and they were replaced later with Chilean Models -'95 and '98 Mausers, to standardize equipment.

Having languished in Chilean Naval Stores for a number of years these Ross rifles were sold on the surplus market in 1972, some locally and others purchase by Arms International of Montreal found their way into the hands of Canadian collectors. If anyone knows how the ex-Chilean Ross rifles came to New Zealand I would be pleased to hear.

Acknowledgements and thanks to: John Osborne and Eduardo Rivera

Reference: The Ross Rifle Story by R Phillips, F Dupuis & J Chadwick

CARTRIDGE COLLECTORS AUCTION

To be held on 28 July 2012, in Nelson.

Visit ... <http://www.antique-arms.co.nz/events.html> for catalogue and details.

SHOOTING UNDER WATER by Ivor Howitt © 2012.

When John E. Williamson made the first underwater film version of Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea" he portrayed divers using conventional firearms. The practical reality is quite different. Rifle cartridges (and even crossbows) are poor propellants because their energy is dissipated by the 'shock' resistance of the dense water medium.

Successful 'shooting' underwater probably began with the 'Hawaiian Sling', a rubber powered spear 'fired' when the hunter released his hand grip allowing the tensioned rubber to thrust the spear forward 'in line' with little resistance.

The success of the spear gun resulted from the type of spears and propellants used. Spears generally were about ten mm. in diameter and one or two meters in length. The inertia of these long metal spears was overcome by the relatively slow and prolonged discharge of energy from the propellants such as internal coil compression springs, 'straight pull' rubbers, or bottles of compressed gas.

The dense water medium acted as an extended barrel resisting lateral deviation of the spear for several meters giving extreme accuracy.

Sighting underwater was best done 'in line' as angled shots are complicated by the air to water refraction through the face mask glass which causes the target to appear closer (and larger) so that a 'hip shot' for example would cause the spear to pass above the target located at a distance greater than the image seen.

I formed the first undersea sport diving club in the U.K. in 1948 following some experimentation with home-made equipment.

Also in 1948 I was probably the first civilian to purchase an 'Aqualung' from Siebe Gorman in London. I bought my first spear gun in Paris in 1949 and took my gear to Australia in 1950 where I helped set up the Underwater Spear Fishermen's Association of Victoria. (No such thing as 'Fisher Persons' back then!). In 1999 I was asked to donate a history for the Historical Diving Society – South East Asia Pacific and this was published in 2007 by Mountain, Ocean and Travel in Melbourne under the title 'Fathomeering – An Amphibian's Tale'. Email order: books@motpub.com.au (Lots of photos etc. Cost AUD \$29.95 + Post). See 'Ivor Howitt' on Google.

By the way, my little book won me the U.K. / International Reg Vallintine Award for Historical Diving Achievement in 2010. This is normally granted to the doctors or professors of academia, and navy personnel (including a surgeon vice-admiral!) I just happened to have a first-hand knowledge, photos and records of the underwater sport diving scene 1945 – 1955.

Later in life I took to collecting some 150 bayonets, a few swords, and 18 historical (one antique) long guns for a change! I was hooked by the grip of a good weapon and the lovely aroma of oiled wood and steel as I open my security cabinets. Such are the varied joys to our senses!

NEW BOOK ON NZ KRUPP GUN by Geoff Lawson



Visit <http://www.ourgun.co.nz/> for details.

LITHGOW SMALL ARMS FACTORY MUSEUM (Part 1 Rifles) Photos by Phil Cregeen

My thanks to museum staff for allowing me to take these photographs



A rifle for each year of SMLE production 1913-1946 & 1956



Forged rifle components



Colonial and Boer War Period

Lithgow SAF (1912)

The Commonwealth Government's Small Arms Factory officially opened on 8th June 1912 with facilities to manufacture 15,000 Short Magazine Lee Enfield (SMLE) rifles per year.

In 1913 the Department of Defence ordered capacity be increased to 20,000 per year.



LEC, SMLEs & No 4

World War I (1914 - 1918)

During World War I employment at the Factory peaked at over 1,500 workers placing severe strain on the towns services.

By the wars end over 100,000 SMLE rifles with bayonets and accoutrements had been produced at Lithgow.



No4 (T), No 5, & Experimental Jungle Carbines

World War II (1939 - 1945)

The SMLE remained as the Australian and Commonwealth service rifle throughout both world wars and the Korean War.

Production of the SMLE at Lithgow ceased in 1956 with approximately 640,000 in total produced.

To meet the requirements of the Armed Services feeder factories were established at Bathurst, Orange, Forbes, Wellington, Mudgee, Cowra, Young, Dubbo, Parkes, and Portland.

Nearly 6,000 people were employed at Lithgow, a further 6,000 at the feeder factories.

During World War II the Factory produced around 408,500 SMLE's, 13,000 Vickers machine guns, and 17,000 Bren light support machine guns.

Vickers production commenced in the early 1920's. The first Brens went to store in 1941.



SLRs – FAL and L1A1



AR 15, F 1 and Steyr

Next month: Lithgow Museum Part 2 - Ron Hays Collection of Hand Guns



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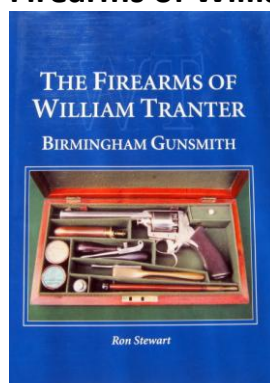
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Catalogue released early August

Firearms of William Tranter Birmingham Gunsmith



This is a valuable reference book and guide for collectors and researchers. This was a life-times work for our own **Ron Stewart** who unfortunately died before the book was published by Maxine. His meticulous research includes correspondence with Douglas Nie and also information on NZ issued 1879 models.

The price is NZ \$85.00 and the book will be available at the Auckland Gun Show on 1 July or from:

Maxine Stewart
P O Box 35 057
Naenae
Lower Hutt

New Zealand

TWELFTH WHANGAREI GUN SHOW Photos by Phil Cregeen

The Twelfth Annual Hunting, Shooting & Fishing Show organised by the Northland Branch of SSANZ, held in Whangarei on Saturday 23 June, was a great success with 700 visitors attending. The show was well supported by NZAHAA members providing both trading tables and displays. Traders reported only modest sales, but most were happy with the outcome, reflecting the current economic climate.



FROM OUR READERS

Thanks for once again a superb effort with the Gazette. It raised my eyebrows when I opened the attachment and saw you had an article on the Martini 577-450. I have one of these rifles in my possession. The rifle belongs to my father in law. He has owned the rifle for over twenty years and has passed it (and some other rifles) on to me to caretaker it. In all the time it has been in my safe I had often wondered where it may have seen service but had never done any research as I am more interested in WW2 firearms. The one gripe my father in law has is in all the years he has had the gun he has never fired it, so I have been trying to find some rounds for him to have a go. Only recently was I successful in winning an auction. When I rang the organiser in Timaru to arrange pickup and told him why I wanted the ammo he seemed upset that I would fire the ammo. But I think to put a smile on an old man's face after all these years is priceless. Hope to get out this weekend to do this. After reading your article I now want to score a bayonet for it.

The rifle itself is a MKIII Rifle, made by BSA & M Co in 1886. It has no NZ markings. I hope this is helpful in your challenge to find where these rifles are in NZ. This rifle will never be sold and will be passed down to my son (14 years old) who is a member of the Antique Arms also.

*Please keep up the good work. Regards, **David Barton**, Invercargill*

In response to my request for a photo of a .455 inch Marea Pistol, Barry O' Sullivan has very kindly provided the photo of this pistol from his book *New Zealand Army Personal Equipment 1910-1945* by M and B O'Sullivan. Barry then went on to ask:

"Why is there no reference book dedicated to 'NZ small arms of the NZ military? While doing our research I came across a lot of information on firearms. There are books on NZ medals, badges (metal and cloth), equipment, uniforms, but nothing, to my knowledge on NZ firearms?"

*Maybe the NZAHA with all its reserves of money can fund, support a project. Maybe applications could be made to the national branch and a finalist picked, with all the members support it would be a great project??? The firearms chapter in our book is only a simple over view and could be expanded to a book in itself". **Barry O'Sullivan***

My reply was as follows:

NZAHAA and NZSG are collaborating on a project to research all the arms used by NZ Forces both at home and overseas. Basically it is co-ordinated by myself and John Osborne (who had the idea) assisted by a number of helpers in each society. We are compiling a register of arms and then an information page for each, describing their origins and NZ service. In fact the Martini Henry article in the last e-Gazette was taken from the information page for that rifle. It is intended that the information will be made freely available via a website initially, but it may well lend itself to a book too. We have been working at it for a couple of years, but the more we learn the more we find there is to research, the Marea pistol is a case in point. (Ed)

INFORMATION REQUEST

In order to further our research the New Zealand Arms Register team would be pleased to hear from any member with NZ marked arms of all types. Information required is:

Type of Arm (rifle, carbine etc)

Model (Snider, MH, SMLE etc)

Maker

Date

Mark

NZ Issue marks (including Home Guard) and numbers

Serial number

Send information to oilyrag@extra.co.nz . Your personal details will not be published.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2012

1 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
7 & 8 July	Wellington Branch Auction
21 July	Mainland Arms Gun Show, Christchurch
28 July	Cartridge Collectors Auction, Nelson
18 & 19 August	Arms & Militaria Show, Tauranga
8 September	Canterbury Branch Auction, Riccarton, Christchurch
8 & 9 September	Hamilton Shooting & Outdoors Expo
22 September	NZAHAA HYGM & Auction, hosted by Wellington Branch, Feilding
29 & 30 September	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
13 & 14 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington

2013

16 & 17 February	Wellington Arms & Militaria Fair
13 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill
22 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting and Fishing Show

If you have dates for events in 2013 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answers please to oilrag@xtra.co.nz



The correct answer for last month (above left) was provided by Jim Barnett: a detonator for a German Stick Grenade as described in the article by Andrew Edgcombe, who adds: Alluminum sprengkapsel Nr 8 manufactured by Gesellschaft zur Verwertung chemischer Erzeugnisse m.b.h., Werk Malchow maker mark "W". The Brass tubes are marked with an "R" but this is not seen in the picture,they were made by Westfalische Anhaltische Sprengstoff A.-G., vorm. Alfred Nobel & Co., Werk Reinsdorf .

WHERE ARE THE GUNS? Please send details of your local gun to oilrag@xtra.co.nz

This German Field Gun is in Otautou, Otago, contributed by Tony Bruce



SOME DETAILS OF THE ABOVE GERMAN FIELD GUN

THIS GUN WAS AN UPDATE OF THE 1896 MODELS AND WAS BUILT IN 1916 BY THE RHINE METAL CO. (RHM) UNTIL 1918. IT IS A 77mm MODEL C96 N/A SERIAL No. 13262 HYDRO PNEUMATIC FIELD GUN. WITH THE RESULT THAT IT COULD FIRE QUITE RAPIDLY WITHOUT LOSING ITS ACCURACY. ITS RANGE WAS 8.4km, WEIGHED JUST OVER 1000kg, USED A SHELL WEIGHING 6.35kg IN A 32 RIFLED BARREL WITH A COPPER SEAL ON THE PROJECTILE. THIS HELPED TO SEAL IT WHILE IN THE BARREL AND GIVE IT A LONGER RANGE WITHOUT EXTRA WEAR ON THE BORE. THERE WAS ABOUT 5000 OF THIS MODEL PRODUCED AS A STANDARD FOR THE GERMAN ARMY WHO USED FOUR HORSES TO PULL IT AND A CREW OF SIX TO MAN THE GUNS IN ACTION. THIS GUN WAS CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES IN FRANCE IN 1918 NEAR THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, STORED IN THE CROYDON WORKS LONDON FOR A TIME BEFORE BEING SENT BACK TO NEW ZEALAND ON THE 13.9.1918 ALONG WITH MANY OTHER WAR TROPHIES TO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPT WHO DISTRIBUTED THEM AROUND THE RSA BRANCHES FOR DISPLAY.

NEXT MONTH



Brennzunder 24 Igniters by Andrew Edgcombe.

SKENNERTON BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE IN NZ

World renowned British Military author **Ian Skennerton** has researched full-time at the Public Records Office and other libraries, worked and catalogued arms at the Tower of London, Imperial War Museum, National Army Museum, Enfield Pattern Room, and travelled farther afield in the pursuit of more research material. He has visited Britain many times for ongoing research, photography and book projects as well as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Timor and Europe. There is certainly no substitute for this first-hand research of source material that he continues to publish about both in written and Documentary format.

Ian is kindly offering his very long list of titles for sale in New Zealand by reading the AUD price listed on his website <http://www.skennerton.com/index.html> as NZD plus 15% GST (and NZ p&p as applicable) thus avoiding exchange rates, exchange fees plus expensive postage costs from Australia.

For all enquiries contact his NZ Agent Graeme Barber (Mainland Arms and Militaria Ltd)
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Bill bk.lang@xtra.co.nz. Ph 0272628137

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Contact: mack12@xtra.co.nz

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Contact: Phil 0274 377 867 or phiona@clear.net.nz

AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW

Sunday 1 July 2012

Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Auckland

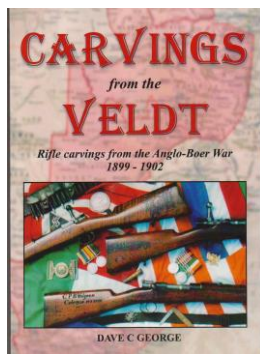
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Carvings from the Veldt by Dave George

Part One: (Published 2004, re-printed 2011):

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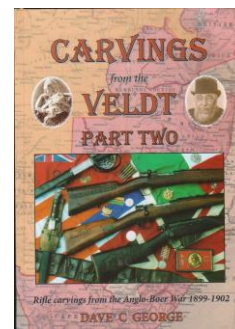
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Carvings from the Veldt Part Two by Dave George

Part Two: (Published 2009):

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Invercargill Workingmen's Club

154 Esk St Invercargill.

Items for sale in the auction are now being sought.

There will be no commission charge for vendors and a 5% buyer's premium.

Sales tables will be available at no charge.

Displays are invited and prizes will be awarded to the best.

Correspondence to:

Southland Branch NZAHAA Inc, P.O.Box 5110, Invercargill.

Email: david.l.k@xtra.co.nz

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8th - 9th September 2012

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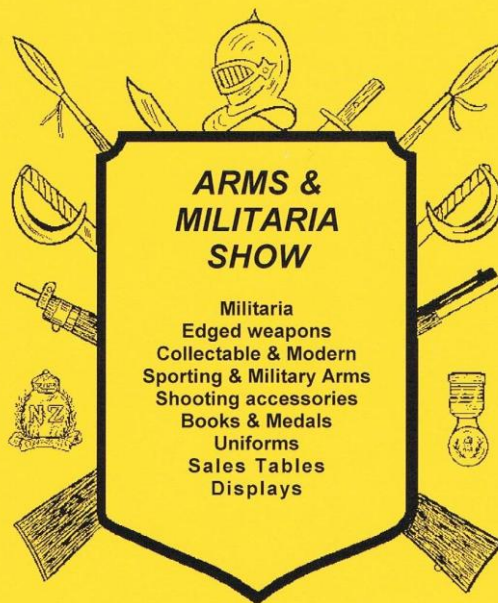
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