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Generals' Orders from the President

We have had a busy start to the year already. We hosted the Arms and Militaria Fair on the 16th--17th Feb. at the Lower Hutt Horticultural hall.

The set up went well on Friday and by 8:00 Saturday morning the last of the display stands were full. Everyone was ready for this opening. A brisk burst of people came through the doors each morning and a steady trickle of people continued coming in over the rest of each day, making this event worth the effort.

The quality of the displays were outstanding, with motorcycles and jeeps in the hall along with a massive array of collectables on display. Some items included family military uniforms, medals and documents, firearms of all sorts from all corners of the world, shotshell reloading gear, helmets and uniforms, crested china, browning sporting firearms, brass trench art, air pistols and rifles, just to name a few.

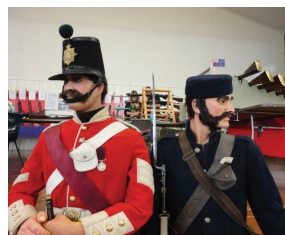
We have had a positive response regarding this event from both traders and associated clubs with many asking for it to be run again. A big thanks to all that have contributed in some way making this event another great success.

Alwyn

"Quote of the month"

Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century.

—*Dame Edna Everage*



FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

It was reported that all of the brass plaques had disappeared regarding the Krupp Gun in Kelburn. Scott had checked this out with the Wellington City Council, and was told they have not been stolen. Some of the plaques had come loose over the years, and the Council is now working with contractors to have them refitted with better adhesives.

And on that note we have heard Geoff Lawson has released the 2nd edition of his book, "Our Gun" A Wanganui Krupp Gun Story. I had only a quick glance and the illustrations and maps certainly compliment the text. The book sells for \$40 each, and if there is enough interest we could place an order for a number of copies. See me at the AGM.

Alwyn

IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado

It happened this month in 1882 at Tombstone, Arizona. Saturday night in Campbell and Hatch's billiard parlor Morgan Earp was playing billiards with Bob Hatch. A group of men including Morgan's brother Wyatt were watching proceedings.

At 10:50pm two shots were fired from the rear of the building with the first hitting Morgan in the right side of his stomach and shattered his spinal column then emerged to inflict a flesh wound to a bystander named George Berry. The second shot narrowly missed Wyatt. With help from Dan Tipton and Sherman Mc Masters all three men laid Morgan out. After three doctors declared nothing could be done to save him he was moved to an adjacent room where he was placed on a sofa surrounded by his brothers Wyatt, Virgil, James, Warren and the Earp wives.

An attempt was made to get him on his feet but the pain was too much and he gasped "Don't, I can't stand it, this is the last game I'll ever play". He died within the hour. It has always been assumed that this was a revenge killing carried out by Clanton sympathizers who suffered heavily at the famous OK coral gunfight a few months previously. Thus began a vendetta of deadly consequences and the departure from Tombstone of the Earp family forever.

But that is another story.

February Displays

The letters U and V had people using a bit of creative thinking. Items included:

- Uncle Vics Various Unique cartridges and other items.
- Various German 7.65 cal pistols, Beholla, Mausers, PP Walther, and a Dreyse
- Unique Various awards, east German armed forces awards and ribbons.
- Various WW2 sun / tropical helmets.
- My Grandmothers WW1 nursing medals, plus a set of injecting needles, and a photo of a grave plaque.
- Depression glass ware, a selection of different vases.
- Vostok, ex Hutt ATC, used for small bore shooting by cadets.
- Under lever, 12 gauge shotgun D.B by Reilly & Co London, with ammo to suit.
- Uberti, a selection including Remington outlaw, Colt Cattleman, and some Very new sporting rifles.
- Victorinox pocket knives, manufacture started in 1854 -- to today. Many different models, and new in their boxes.
- U.S.A. purple heart medal in case with an unusual tie pin.
- East German M56 Vopo helmets plus East German Volksmarine, (peoples navy) hats.
- Venezuelan, 7x57 cal FN SA49 rifle, one of 8.000 grooved to take scope mounts.
- Ultra Violet torch, for checking rocks or other things that fluorese.
- Vicious looks, a selection of machettes with one made from a Martini Henry Bayonet.

Well done to all that put on a display. We love to see your treasures, and it's always a surprise with what comes out of the closet from some of our members.



Various German 7.65 cal. pistols

Any errors, misspellings or mistakes are intentional and for testing members power of focus and comprehension.

Thank you to Ross T. for this update to last months carrier pigeon newsletter article.

UK spies unable to crack coded message from WWII carrier pigeon

Not even the British spy agencies that inspired James Bond can solve the mystery of a secret World War II message recently found on the skeleton of a carrier pigeon in a house chimney.

The meaning of the encoded message apparently died about 70 years ago with the wayward pigeon that David Martin found in his smokestack in Bletchingley, Surrey County, England.

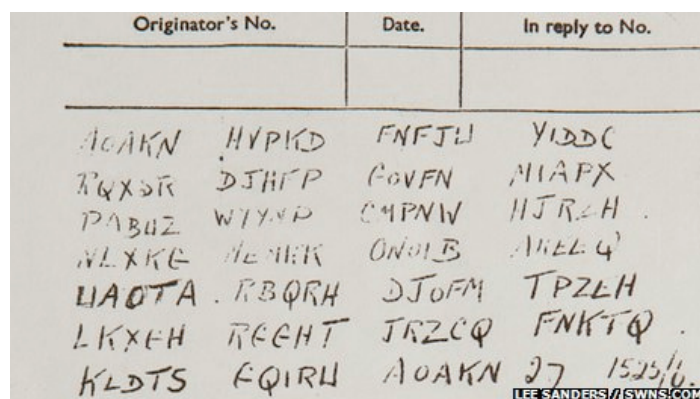
Martin recently discovered the bird's remains with the surprisingly intact message inside a small red canister attached to a leg bone. The only hope appears to be curators at the Pigeon Museum at Bletchley Park, who are now trying to trace the origins of two alphanumeric identifiers for the pigeon that were also written on the message, the UK intelligence agency GCHQ, the English equivalent of New Zealand's GCSB, said this week. "If they are identified and their wartime service established, it could help to decode the message," the agency said about the pigeon's identity numbers.

To the casual reader, the message is indecipherable.

Hand-written on a small piece of paper labeled "Pigeon Service," the note consists of five-letter words. Those words don't make sense: The jumble begins with "AOAKN" and "HVPKD." In all, the message consists of 27 five-letter code groups.

Deciphering the message requires codebooks and possibly a "one-time pad" encryption system, and those materials "will normally have been destroyed once no longer in use," the agency said. There is a small chance that a codebook survived. "Without access to the relevant codebooks and details of any additional encryption used, it will remain impossible to decrypt," the agency said.

The one-time pad encryption gave the note added security. A random key is used to encrypt only one message. "The advantage of this system is that, if used correctly, it is unbreakable as long as the key is kept secret," the agency said. "The disadvantage is that both the sending and receiving parties need to have access to the same key, which usually means producing and sharing a large keypad in advance."



Heightening the mystery are three other issues: The message is undated, the meaning of its destination of "X02" is unknown, and analysts can't identify the sender's signature or his unit.

"Unfortunately, much of the vital information that would indicate the context of the message is missing," the intelligence service said.

The sender's sign-off appears to say "Sjt W Stot," using an abbreviation for "serjeant," an old-fashioned spelling for "sergeant," the agency said. The use of "Sjt" links the message to the army, the spy agency said. "If 'Sjt Stot' and addressee X02 could be identified, it could give us a better idea of where to look for the information," the agency said.

About 250,000 pigeons were used during World War II by all branches of the military and the Special Operations Executive, the UK intelligence agency said.

Flying from mainland Europe to Britain, the birds heroically delivered all sorts of messages through a gauntlet of enemy hawk patrols and potshots from soldiers. "Although it is disappointing that we cannot yet read the message brought back by a brave carrier pigeon, it is a tribute to the skills of the wartime code-makers that, despite working under severe pressure, they devised a code that was undecipherable both then and now," said GCHQ, one of three UK intelligence agencies. "We stand by our statement of 22 November 2012 that without access to the relevant codebooks and details of any additional encryption used, the message will remain impossible to decrypt."



It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

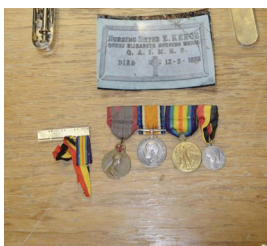
—Aristotle



.44 cal Unfinished Flinklock



Vostok used by cadets for small bore shooting



Grandmothers WWI nursing medals



Various German pistols



Victorinox pocket knives starting in year 1854



12 gauge shotgun D.B. by Reilly & Co. London



Ultra Violet torch



USA Purple Heart medal



Unique Various awards & ribbons



Various WWII Sun/Tropical Helmets

The Editors' Touchhole

I didn't make it to our last club meeting so I decided to have a bit of fun with the letters of the month for February. The letters were U & V.

Unity without Uniformity. As a member of a collectors club I think this line of thought rings true for most of us, but as a member of a shooting club it's as clear as mud.

Collectors clubs cover a wide range of interests. Colt collectors can get along with Japanese katana collectors. Their interests may be diverse but they are unified collectors. Within one of these groups some collect because they like the beauty of the collection, some like the workmanship of the pieces collected, or the historic value of the collection, all may be in the same collection but not all are collected in the same way.

Shooting clubs cover a wide range of interests as well, but many need to get past the issues of uniformity. Let me explain. I love shooting my sawed off pump action shotgun at a sporting clay event, or on occasion at a skeet event. But to a sporting clay shooter or a skeet shooter these two disciplines are not at all the same. To each group I crossed the line because I didn't conform to only their way. Why do these groups demand uniformity? It would be, (yep, here it comes) a great VICTORY if all the shooting groups accommodate each others' differences and present a truly unified image to the outside world.

So until next time, keep your powder dry, your nerve steady and your shot true.

Pam



Wellington Branch Auction 20th and 21st of July 2013

This is shaping up to be another bumper auction. We are cataloging items now, so if you wish to have any items included please contact Steve or Alwyn.

NZA&HAA WN Branch Inc 2013 AGM

Reminder that the AGM is on at the next meeting on the **3rd March @ 12:30pm.**

Finger food will be available. We will NOT be holding a Micky Mouse Auction this year. Feel free to bring along your items for trading and display. We will have our regular meeting after the AGM. See you all there!

Congratulations to Tony Clay

He and Pam have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Here's to the 75th!!!

Fishing Anyone?

Dave C. is organising a fishing trip to the Sounds during Easter weekend, 3 days fishing on a chartered vessel. Cost is approximately \$600

Contact Dave at dcalcinai@gmail.com if you're interested and have permission to attend.

Firearms License Reminder

Have YOU Checked your Firearms License Expiry Date! It has become a lot harder to get a new licence (if it has expired) than to renew...

Remember it can take up to six weeks for the Police to act on a renewal request. So keep yourself updated and don't delay.

Signals & Posts from the Secretary

Anyone interested in a name badge with a NZA&HAAWN Branch logo please give Scott \$20 and a piece of paper with your name written as you want it to appear on the badge.

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

We have Winchester .22 ammo for sale again this year! It was such a hit last year we decided to enjoy the discount again. A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38./box. This discount starts at our March meeting... bring \$\$\$ NO credit!
Steve

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 NZAHAA National Shoot -15th & 16th March
hosted by Nelson Branch

Nelson Pistol Club Range at Golden Downs
Range will be open Friday for practice; Basic Self
Cater accomodation available on site.

For info and entries - please contact Nigel Johnson -
Nelson Branch Secretary: Ph 03 5476263 Evenings
after 7.00pm or email: nigelpamtim@callsouth.net.nz

- 15 & 16 March NZAHAA National Shoot, Nelson
- 23 March South Canterbury Auction, Timaru
- 23 & 24 March Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier
- 6 & 7 April Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
- 13 April NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill
- 25 May Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Feilding
- 22 June Whangarei Hunting, Shooting and Fishing Show
- 7 July Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
- 20 & 21 July Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
- 27 July Mainland Arms & Militaria Gun Show, Christchurch
- 17 & 18 August Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show
- 28 & 29 September Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
- 3rd November Xmas Luncheon
- 10th Nov Club Xmas Shoot

2013 Trip

We are planning another trip this year around September some time.

Suggestions are:

1. Waiouru museum again but visit the vehicle sheds this time (they were closed for renovations last year)
2. Sika Show in Taupo
3. Cambridge Armistice day Show
4. Hawkes Bay Hunting museum

Please let a committee member know if you prefer one of these or possibly another option. We are always open for suggestions.

SUBS ARE DUE REMINDER

Thank you to those who have been on the ball. For those of you who have not paid time is running out, deadline is the last day of February 2013.

If depositing subs into the Bank directly, make sure and TAG the direct deposit with your last name and please be patient. If there's any issue with your invoice, details or payment please see me or send an email to: secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

RANGE CALENDAR

Eye and Ear protection is mandatory. (Don't forget)
See you at the Kaitoke Deerstalkers range.

Range Calendar is available at: <http://www.hvnzda.org.nz/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/ClubRange/HomePage>
Or currently booked for :

- 24th March
- 28th April
- 15th September
- 13th October
- 10th November XMAS Shoot & BBQ
- 15th December



March Letters are W, X, Y and Z

All displays are welcome.
Don't forget there is the chance to win petrol vouchers in our monthly random display draw.

Venue is Petone Working Mens Club
@1.00pm First Sunday of the month.
See you there.