



Flint & Cap

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you want to put some quality items in our club auction, please see Steve.

At this stage, we are looking at a trip away once again. Ideas include the vehicles at Waiorou, Cambridge for Armistice day, or the Taranaki gun show just to name a few suggestions.

During the year, we lost Mike G. and Terry A. from the committee, and Margaret B. stood down as Treasurer. I thank these people for their efforts and for their time on the committee. Pam N. has been working with Margaret over the last several months, and has taken over the Treasurers' role, and Paul C. was elected as a committee member.

As I have said many times, we must thank the people on the committee that give us so much of their time to create the activities that we enjoy.

Our monthly meetings are always well attended, and the display items that come out are always well received and admired by many.

During the year we have gained a few new members, and we welcome these people along. We may see a few new faces as a result of our recent show.

The team at Colfo are always working with police with our interests in mind, and we thank Mike D. for his professional efforts in dealing with political and police requirements.

I believe our hobby and interest is alive and well, as there doesn't seem to be two weeks that go by there isn't a gun show, an auction, or some form of exhibition that would be of interest to many of us.

On that note, I wish you all an enjoyable year ahead.

Alwyn

Generals' Orders from the President

The year ahead, as I see it.

As we are all aware, we have just hosted the Arms and Militaria fair in Lower Hutt. We have had a lot of positive comments since the show, proving they are worth holding. On behalf of the committee, I thank all that were involved in some way to help make this event the success that it was.

We are well into collecting and cataloging items for our annual auction, there are some lovely items already. If

The Editors' Touchhole

It's the end of March already! Not long before we have our next big Auction. If you have time to give a hand to the guys cataloguing please give them a call. If you have never done this before it's really worth the time spent with a lot of laughter and good fun.

We are getting ready to launch our new website. It should be done before Easter. Check out the new site at: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/nzahaawn> We will have items for the Auction to view and as we go along more photos will become available.

Once our new website up this newsletter not only can be viewed in colour, it will be downloaded and printed much easier than before. I will be directly involved in making sure it's presented as simply as possible so for those of you that want to take the next step in discovering the internet please see me at our next meeting.

I'm looking forward to these new changes so see you at our April meeting. Cheers, Pam

"Quote of the month"

*Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.*

—Lao-Tze

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.

March Displays

The letters were W, X, Y and Z.

- Why would you relic snider and sword?
- Webleys - 6 different Mk VI - .22 conversion plus .22 Target etc.
- Winchesters, Model 1873 in 44-40, made in 1892. Marked the Daisy rifle (made for sale in Australia) Winchester model 1886 in 45-90, fitted with ladder and express sights.
- Wooden reloading tool. seaters, powder loaders etc. 50 shell loading block.
- X Bolt Browning in .308
- Walking Stick collection of Ivory, swords, cartridge and carved. One fitted with shoulder stock, also includes 5 glass sticks.
- Japanese and Belgium medals
- Winchester Model 88 rifle in .308
- Winchesters, models 1894 in 32-40, model 1897 12 g pump, model 9422 1 of 500, last year of production was 2005, model 1893 in 12 g, model 70 in .308, model 1894 in 30-30, model 1895 in 30-06
- Wrenches for use on the L1A1, all of various types
- British paratrooper weapon sleeve used with the British L1A1
- No4 T Sniper rifle in case with the scope and accessories
- A What Is It? canvas bag approx. 1meter long 150 wide with lid.
- Webley Air pistols and rifles. 1926-1966, MK 1 in .22, Senior in .22, Webley Premier with two barrels and Webley service air rifle MK 2, .177, .22 and .25 with interchangeable barrel circa 1929-46.
- Winchesters - Model 95 in .303, 94 Centenials in rifle and carbine, Mod 92 in 44-40, Mod 92 carbine in 32-20
- Webley Green rookrifle .300 by R. Ramsbottom pre 1925 Manchester, Webley Target in 450/455



A very special walking stick

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

FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

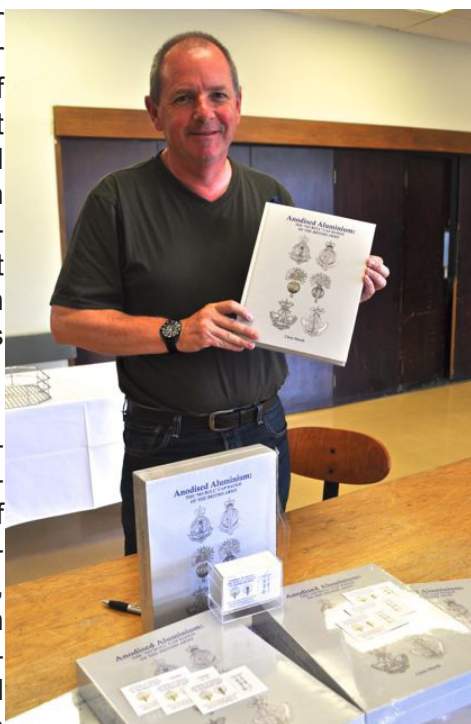
Anodised Aluminium: The 'No Bull' Cap Badge of the British Army.

So, how did this massive 665 page undertaking spread over 24 chapters, 14 appendices with 1140 colour and three black and white images come about?

The scope was initially set to identify those badges that were believed to have been officially authorised for issue by the War Office, and later the Ministry of Defence, so that collectors could attempt to obtain a rounded collection of the most ignored of British Army headdress insignia.

While some information was available in books of the day such detail, unfortunately, never came with proper photographs or official references to the cap badges themselves. In effect what books existed never 'proved' their contents and publications such as Kipling and King, John Gaylor, Wilkinson and others were deemed, by the author, in regard to A/A items at least, to be at best of no use whatsoever or at worst to be totally wrong.

To find correct details of these badges the author literally had to go to the other side of the world to find the relevant official documentation which included the List of Changes (LoC) (only two known sets in the world - Royal Armouries at Leeds and Firepower Museum at Woolwich), Catalogue of Clothing and Necessaries (CCN) and Catalogues of Stores and Ammunition (COSA). The other major sources of information were the War Office and Army Dress Committee minutes where the only known source of these minutes is held under the streets of Whitehall, London in the Ministry of Defence's strongroom.



The author also spent time in the Imperial War Museum's 'back rooms' at Lambeth, in the National Army Museum's repository in Milton Keynes and a full three weeks spend going through all relevant files at the National Archives in Kew, London. The files, in some instances, had probably not been opened for up to 60 years.

Therefore, with such such rare and irrefutable proof the book has become a definitive authority on the subject of 'staybrite' cap badges.

The full contents of this book, taking five years and an estimated 7000 hours to write, cannot be fully listed here but may instead be found at:

www.aacapbadges.com

If you are interested in British Army cap badges then you really need a copy.

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IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado

Texan Seaborn Barnes won notoriety as chief lieutenant in the Sam Bass gang who in the spring of 1878 had pulled off four train holdups which yielded them almost as much lead as gold.

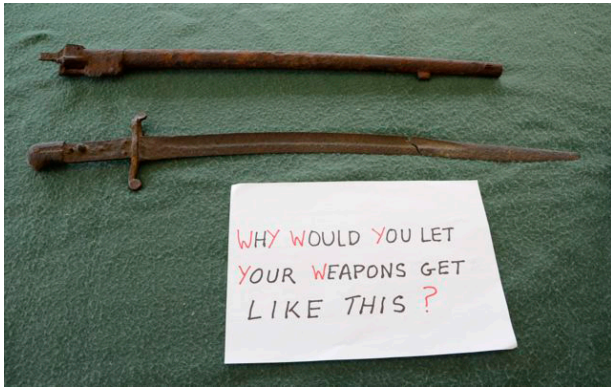
On April the 10th in Mesquite, Texas, Bass, Barnes and other gang members stopped the train but a gun fight immediately developed with passengers, convict guards and railroad employees opening up a furious volley that put the gang to flight. Several gang members were wounded with Barnes taking four slugs to his legs as he frantically followed his cohorts as they galloped away.

The next time Barnes took a slug was in September 1878 but this time his wound was a little more serious but that's another story.



You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

—Wayne Gretzky



Need I say more?



No4 T Sniper rifle with case with scope and accessories



Obvious X Bolt Browning



Winchesters, Winchester, Winchester



Webley Air Pistols & Rifle



Many Interesting Walking Sticks



More great Winchester... Mod 1873, Mod 1886 etc.



Wooden reloading tools & shell Loading block

Nazi shipwreck salvager at odds with Berlin

The Admiral Graf Spee, the German “pocket battleship” scuttled off Uruguay in 1939, is caught in the middle of a struggle between the businessman salvaging it and the German government, which wants to prevent its commercialization. “We always proposed a serious historical and cultural destiny” for the remains of the Graf Spee while “contemplating fair compensation” for the work and investment made to recover its remains, Alfredo Etchegaray, the businessman, told AFP.



During a visit to Montevideo recently, German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said his desire was “to prevent the remains of the symbols of the Nazi regime from becoming commercialized.” “What we want really is to reach a constructive deal,” he said, adding that Germany was prepared to support the presentation of the remains “in a historical context, like a museum.”

In 2006, divers hired by Etchegaray recovered an imposing Nazi bronze eagle measuring 2.8 meters (nine feet) wide by two meters high and weighing 350 kilograms (770 pounds) from the stern of the Graf Spee. Two years earlier, they had come up with a 27-tonne rangefinder used to direct the ship’s cannons. And in 1998, a 155 millimeter (six-inch) gun from the ship’s secondary armament was salvaged. The underwater salvage group planned to bring up more cannons and other pieces of the Graf Spee, but were barred from doing so by a Uruguayan government decree.

After the recovery of the Nazi eagle, with its outspread wings and swastika, Germany sent a note to the Uruguayan foreign ministry claiming ownership of the Graf Spee and opposing continuation of the salvage work.

Etchegaray, who had received permission from the Uruguayan government to undertake the salvage work,

has spent \$2.5 million over the past 25 years scouring the Rio de la Plata estuary for sunken ships. The Graf Spee was scuttled by its captain just outside Montevideo harbor where it had gone for repairs after the first major naval battle of World War II.

The Nazi warship was used to raid commercial shipping in the Atlantic until it was intercepted by two British cruisers and one from the New Zealand navy off Montevideo. Etchegaray claims the wreck was sold in 1940 by the then German ambassador Otto Langmann to Uruguayan Julio Vega Helguera, who concluded the deal as an undercover agent for the British government for the sum of 14,000 pounds. The sale is recorded in the diplomatic dispatches preserved in the Public Record Office in London,

“The British took only eight items from Graf Spee” to examine their technology and design, he said. Etchegaray said that in 1973 Uruguay issued a decree claiming ownership of all shipwrecks in its waters. “For the past four years I have been proposing a museum... or an auction with a prequalification of interested parties and a guarantee of a historic-cultural destination for the (eagle),” he said. “We all want a deal that is constructive and sensitive for the remains of the Graf Spee,” he said.

The Graf Spee, halfway between a battleship and a heavy cruiser, was designed to outrun larger ships that might have sunk it, and outgun smaller but faster vessels. But after capturing and sinking nine British cargo ships without loss of life following the outbreak of war, Captain Hans Langsdorff allowed himself to be trapped by the British force on December 13, 1939.

In the Battle of the River Plate, Graf Spee’s 11-inch guns crippled the British heavy cruiser Exeter but the German ship suffered irreparable damage from the other two cruisers, the Ajax and Achilles. Taking refuge in Montevideo, the Graf Spee was ordered to leave within 24 hours by the Uruguayan authorities. Facing destruction by the British ships waiting off the mouth of the Plate, Langsdorff blew up his vessel in the middle of the estuary on December 17.

Langsdorff, praised as a considerate gentleman by the crews of the British ships he had captured, shot himself two days later in a hotel room in Buenos Aires, after laying the flag of the old imperial German navy on the floor.

Ross T.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

- 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

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. Bring \$\$\$ NO credit!
Steve

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 NOW PAST DUE

Thank you to everyone that renewed and paid for this year. For those of you who have not paid time is up. This will be your last newsletter or any other reminders. We now have Membership cards so if you haven't received one please see me at our next meeting.

If there's any issue with your invoice, details or payment please see me or send an email to: secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

Scott

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 :

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



April Letters are A and B

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.