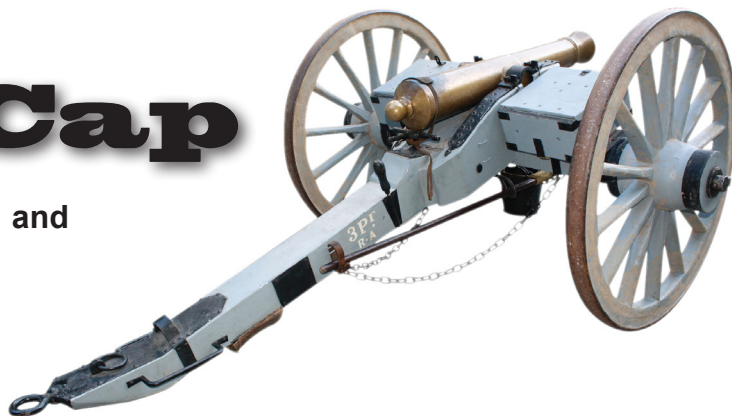


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Generals' Orders from the President

AUCTION 2013.

July 19th - 22nd will be an exciting time and the biggest event of the year for our club. We are only a few short weeks away from our clubs annual auction.

We are now asking for your support during this busy weekend. There is the set up and security on the Friday, the processing of lots and security on both Saturday and Sunday. A general clean up on the Sunday at the conclusion of the auction, and the processing of the postal parcels on the Monday, followed by a good clean up of the hall.

This is a mammoth task, and we need your help as there is a lot of work to be done. We will have a list available at our next meeting for you to list your name, and the time you will be available, or else contact me, and advise me on what time you will be available.

I appreciate everyone's help and I look forward to working with you all.

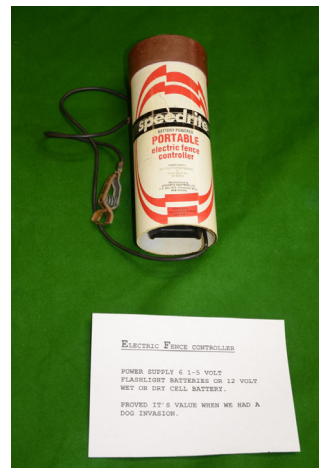
Many Thanks,
Alwyn. Ph 5288190

"Quote of the Month"

"It is not the self respect and pride that you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind to your children that matters. A strongly marked personality can influence descendants for generations. Those blessed with a patriotic genetic legacy should run to the top of the mountain and roar with all fervency, "If they can overcome, so will I!" When you know the ghosts that stand in support of you, you can begin to see life as they did—a life of joy, possibilities and freedom."

— Shannon L. Alder

A vintage electric fence controller.



June Displays

A mounted display of German and British WW1 letter openers made with shrapnel pieces for handles. This display certainly illustrated the sharp pieces of shrapnel that proved to be so deadly in warfare.

An American Erskine loading machine for reloading 100 cases of 20gauge shotgun shells. This unusual item was largely if not completely made of hardwood and was patented in 1886.

Two English made L1A1 Semi Auto Military Rifles complete with bayonets. One made by BSA and the other by Enfield. These had interesting histories with details of their acquisition by the NZ Govt.

A very nice display of FN manufactured rifles and pistols. This included 3 rifles, a Model 1900 self loader in .35Remington Cal. , a Model SAFN 49 military semi auto in 7mm X 57mm (made for Venezuela) and a bolt action sporting rifle in 9.3mm x 62mm. Plus six auto loading pistols, a Model 1900 32 ACP, a Model 1906 in .25ACP cal, a Model 1907 in 9mm Long , a Model 1910 in 9mm Short, a Model 10/22 in .22LR calibre and a Model 28 in .25ACP cal.

A good example of a WW1 Luger semi auto pistol. This was made by Erfurt, dated 1918 and was complete with its leather holster that included the stripping tool. Interestingly the information with the gun stated it was captured in France in 1918 by one John Alex Orr.

A display of four Webley pistols illustrating the evolution of Webley .32/7.65cal semi auto pistols

A vintage electric fence controller. Apparently put to good use by our member for deterring uncontrolled dogs from defacing his property.

An original Brown Bess musket. This example was of the "India Pattern" issued between 1793 and 1815 and was of the type issued to British troops and used in the Napoleonic Wars. They were also the regulation musket for Line Regiments stationed in the Colonies until the advent of the Pattern 1839 and 1842 percussion muskets.

A 16 bore Flintlock fowling piece by H.W. Mortimer, circa 1815 together with two early pistols, one a .44cal Double action Army Model Starr percussion revolver, circa 1856 and a 26 bore 1796 Pattern Sea Service flintlock pistol with typical bibulous brass capped butt plus a Hawksley rifle/gun powder flask and a Dixon and Son pistol flask.

A large collection of flying boat documentation and photos illustrating the advent and history of flying boats for both civilian and military use.

A small Fabrique National auto loading pistol in .25 ACP plus a large wide bladed axe of a type used for finishing timber.

A pair of machine guns on bipods, one a Bren .303 MK1 plus another very similar looking machine gun, a Czech Lehky-kalomet ZGB VZ33 in .303 cal which I understand was the forerunner of the Bren.

A display of Frontiersman Badges in two groups 1907 – 1927 and from 1927 – 1953.

A .22cal training rifle which was originally an 1896 Enfield Mk1 .303 then converted in 1904 to a Mk1 SMLE designated Sht LE Cond 11, then later converted again to a .22cal trainer and marked Sht .22

!V Efd. The rifle retains a lot of its original Mk1 SMLE features and was fitted with a Parker Hiscock 5 shot magazine.

A display of working replicas of five famous firearms. A 44cal Henry lever action repeating rifle by Uberti, a Winchester yellow boy .44cal lever action repeating rifle by Uberti, a 44cal Colt Walker percussion revolver by Armi San Marco, a 44cal 3rd Model Colt Dragoon Model 1851 percussion revolver by Uberti and a 44cal Remington 1875 model Single action cartridge revolver by Uberti. All in pristine condition which illustrated how well detailed and finished modern replicas really are.

An early brass Model 1885 French Fireman's Helmet with information stating these were the standard French Fire Service helmet issued between 1885 and about 1915.

A mounted display of Glider Pilot badges from 1942 – 1950 and 1950 – 1957.

A diorama of a Wellington city residence with figures representing the welcoming home of two sons returning from North Africa in WW2 together with a script of the story of their service. These men were uncles of our member Tim who went on to address the meeting and outline the experiences of these men. One of his Uncles was in a group of 3 New Zealanders and one Greek soldier who were captured by the Germans in Crete but managed to escape and remained in hiding
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Any errors, misspellings or mistakes are intentional and for testing members power of focus and comprehension.

FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

On the 25th March I attended the Ruahine gunshow. On arrival, I was greeted by an enthusiastic crew that helped me with getting display items and cabinets into the venue.

The displays were very interesting covering N.Z. land wars, military fighting knives, Military firearms, Russian firearms, flintlock firearms, pistols and revolvers, to a number of displays that had a sporting theme. The themes ranged from Ruger sporting firearms to clay target shooting covering many decades of shooting.

There were a wide array of items offered for sale, with many dealers happy with their sales and trading that went on during the show.

A good number of Wellington branch people showed up, and we all look forward to seeing some of the newly aquired treasures out on display at one of our upcoming meetings.

The Ruahine team always put on a great day, and their shows are always worth a visit.

Alwyn

IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado

It Happened This Month in 1878.

Robert W Beckwith and his brother John were running a ranch in Lincoln County and teamed up with the Dolan-Murphy faction in the historic Lincoln County War and both brothers were dead by the age of twenty.

On the evening of the final day of the four day siege of the McSween house Beckwith stepped into the open shouting that he was Deputy Sheriff and would protect the Mc Sween men inside but as he approached the door he was opened up on, his gun jammed and he was hit in the wrist and left eye.

The McSween men came out shooting and McSween was killed falling almost on top of Beckwith who was already dead. Brother John was killed in 1879 by John Jones who probably fired the fatal shot that killed Bob one year earlier.

But that's another story.

Signals & Posts from the Secretary

Web Site Photos

Has anyone have a few interesting photos regarding collecting for our web site? Possibly a few articles with interesting stories?

Please see Scott or send the details to him for posting on our web site. For security reasons we will not post photos of anyone or any personal details.

Also, if any of our members have a smart phone you can take a picture of this bar code and it will take you directly to our website.

Scott



If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

Theodore Roosevelt

Postal Shoot

There is the National Association postal shoot for 2013 being run by the Hawkes Bay Branch.

Does anyone want to shoot at it and/or is willing to help organise it? If you are interested see Alwyn or Scott

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...

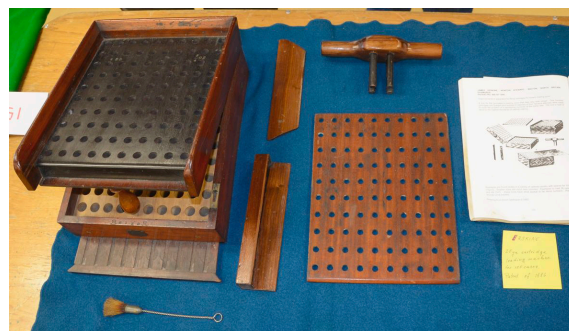
Remember it can take up to six weeks for the Police to act on a renewal request. So keep yourself updated and don't delay.

June Displays continued

on the island for some months. Evidently the Kiwis were rather suspicious of the Greek but soon overcame their fears as he proved invaluable because he could speak the local language. After one aborted attempt to get off the island they finally managed to leave in a stolen fishing boat and were rescued at sea by a British submarine. The sub was on its way to raid enemy shipping in Tripoli where they torpedoed two Italian ships and then themselves were attacked and depth charged but managed to escape and sail to Alexandria. Quite an experience for the soldiers to be thrown into submarine life but no doubt better than hiding in caves from enemy troops. They were apparently the first New Zealanders to successfully escape from Crete and on return were interviewed by General Freyberg, granted two days leave then ordered to the front where every able bodied man was desperately needed. Tim's other Uncle was in an artillery section and was severely wounded in North Africa and repatriated home at the same time as his brother who was granted furlough leave home.



A Flintlock fowling piece, a percussion revolver & a flintlock pistol.



An American Erskine loading machine.



A display of 4 Webley pistols.



Two English LIAI Semi Auto Military Rifles



Working replicas of 5 famous firearms.



German & British WWI letter openers.



A good example of a WWI Luger

MUZZEL THIS

The Modern Passport of Today.

The origin of today's modern passport as we know it today were medieval documents that allowed the holder to pass the "porte", or gate, of a city without having to pay any local taxes. Cities often had reciprocal arrangements to waive such fees for travelling freemen and issued them with a 'pass porte' to allow them unrestricted movement.

A ruler would issue a pass to his officials allowing them to enter any city in his realm free of charge. The first ruler to issue such a pass that requested foreign cities to allow a person to travel without paying fees was King Henry V of England. Most cities were happy to allow his diplomats free passage as a sign of friendship. Rulers continued to issue these passes in small numbers over the centuries.



At the outbreak of the First World War, countries imposed border controls to stem the entry of unwanted refugees and more importantly, to stop the exit of the men that were required for their armed forces. Passports were issued to allow genuine travellers freedom of movement. In 1918, after the war ended, most countries continued with border controls and the issuing of passports.

The League of Nations, the for-runner of today's United Nations standardised passport design and function in 1920. These standards still remain in force today with minor adjustments being made as and when required.

Ross T.

A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy And his hair was falling fast,
As he sat around the Bowling Club, Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many, Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing, 'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing, And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate, To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier, Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out, With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier, Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier, And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict, We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wellington Branch Auction 20th and 21st of July 2013

The catalogue is now done and you can view it on our web site. We encourage helpers to come forward at our next meeting and sign up to help set up for the Auction.

- 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



Use your Smart phone and this QR code will take you directly to our website @ <http://www.nzaaawgtm.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 :

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

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

We still have plenty of Winchester .22 ammo for sale. A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38./box. Bring \$\$\$ NO credit!

Steve

2013 Branch Trip

The committee recommended that we visit Omaka again. This trip will be some time in September. We would fly to Omaka, stay 5 to 6 hours onsite at the Excellent Museum then fly home.

Indicative costs will be \$180 per person for flights plus \$25.00 entry fee for the Museum. There will be a \$100 non refundable deposit required.

See the web site for details:
<http://www.omaka.org.nz/index.htm>

Please let Scott know if you are interested in going as we will be requiring a deposit for the Air fares around early August in order to confirm seats. There will be a spread sheet at the meeting to fill in if interested.



July Letters are G and H

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.