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Generals' Orders from the President

Christmas luncheon. This is being held at the Porirua RSA, on Sunday 10th November. The Porirua RSA is situated in McKillop Street, Porirua.

We will be setting up from 11:00am, with displays and fellowship. Lunch will probably be served about 12:30, and we have organised to have the venue for the afternoon. If you intend to come to this event, you need to book with either Alwyn or Vic, giving your name, and what space you may need for a display.

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A MEETING AT PWMC ON SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

Alwyn

Ken Scadden Medal Collection

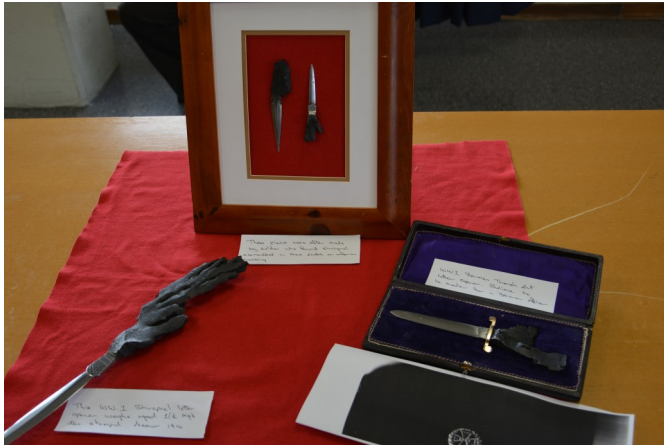
On Thursday 7 November at 5 pm at Dunbar Sloanes, Ken Scadden's military medal collection will be sold at auction. Ken has the Big C and it is terminal and he states that obviously had circumstances been different he would have sold the collection through the Club. As it is he does not know how long he will last as he has bone cancer and leukaemia and he just doesn't know when the grim reaper will call, though at present he is in quite good health. He would like to see his medals go to new homes and hopes that Club members will come along and score something for their collections. If you don't have a catalogue it is on Dunbar's website: www.dunbarsloane.com. I hope to see you all there.

Best regards, Ken Scadden

Interesting Fact

The shortest war was that between the United Kingdom and Zanzibar, from 9:02 am to 9:40 am on 27 August 1896, after only 38 minutes of bombardment. The UK ships of war under Rear-Admiral Harry Rawson (1843 - 1910) delivered a final statement to the self-appointed Sultan Said Khalid to evacuate his palace and surrender.

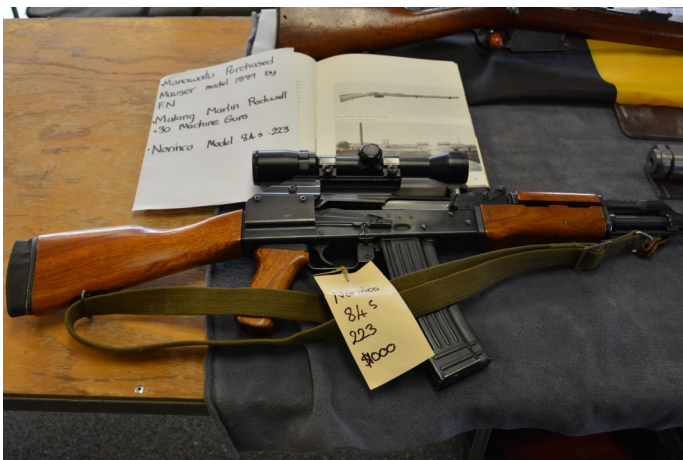
October Displays



WW1 Shrapnel made into knives (3 examples)



Nicolas – French Crimping Tools



Model 1876 Winchester 3rd Model Cal 45-70; Manufactured 1888. Mod 1903 Win in .22 auto, manufactured 1991; Model 1903 Winchester 12 .22 auto manufactured 1925 deluxe model.



Manawatu purchased Mauser model 1889 by FN. Norinco Model 845 .223. Marlin Rockwell .30 Machine Gun plans and parts.



8mm Mannlicher- Schoenauer with telescopic sight. Purchased Vienna July 1920 for £21.10

Belted Magnums- Assortment of Weatherby – British and other magnums. Plus Martini Actions



Magazines 7.62x51, approx. 10, 20, 50 and 60 rounds from around the world, Includes sectioned and chromed examples.



Norma Packets, various packets, powder tins and bullet board



Mystery Mark 1 Webley, Broad Arrow and Birmingham proof. Anomalies include 7.5" Target Barrel, Target Foresight, Gripe shape. Included in case is Wilkinson DAT Kit for .22RF



New Zealand Machine Gun Badges and Cloth patches





Military mod 97 Trench shot gun with bayonet. Winchester Mod 12 Riot Gun



303 Martini Enfield with Bayonet. Marlin .22 with Silencer. Mauser Schneifeur Pistol by Oberndorf with wooden holster



Melior Pistol, Nambo Pistol and Mauser Pistol



Rifle Cal .30 M1, NM plus muzzle cover, bayonets, leather sling, grenade launcher sights, combination tools, cleaning kit and oiler.



Martini by Westley Richards, made especially for ZAR in 1897. This is a Boer war sat rifle No 193

??? Tang Sight on Vberti Mod 73

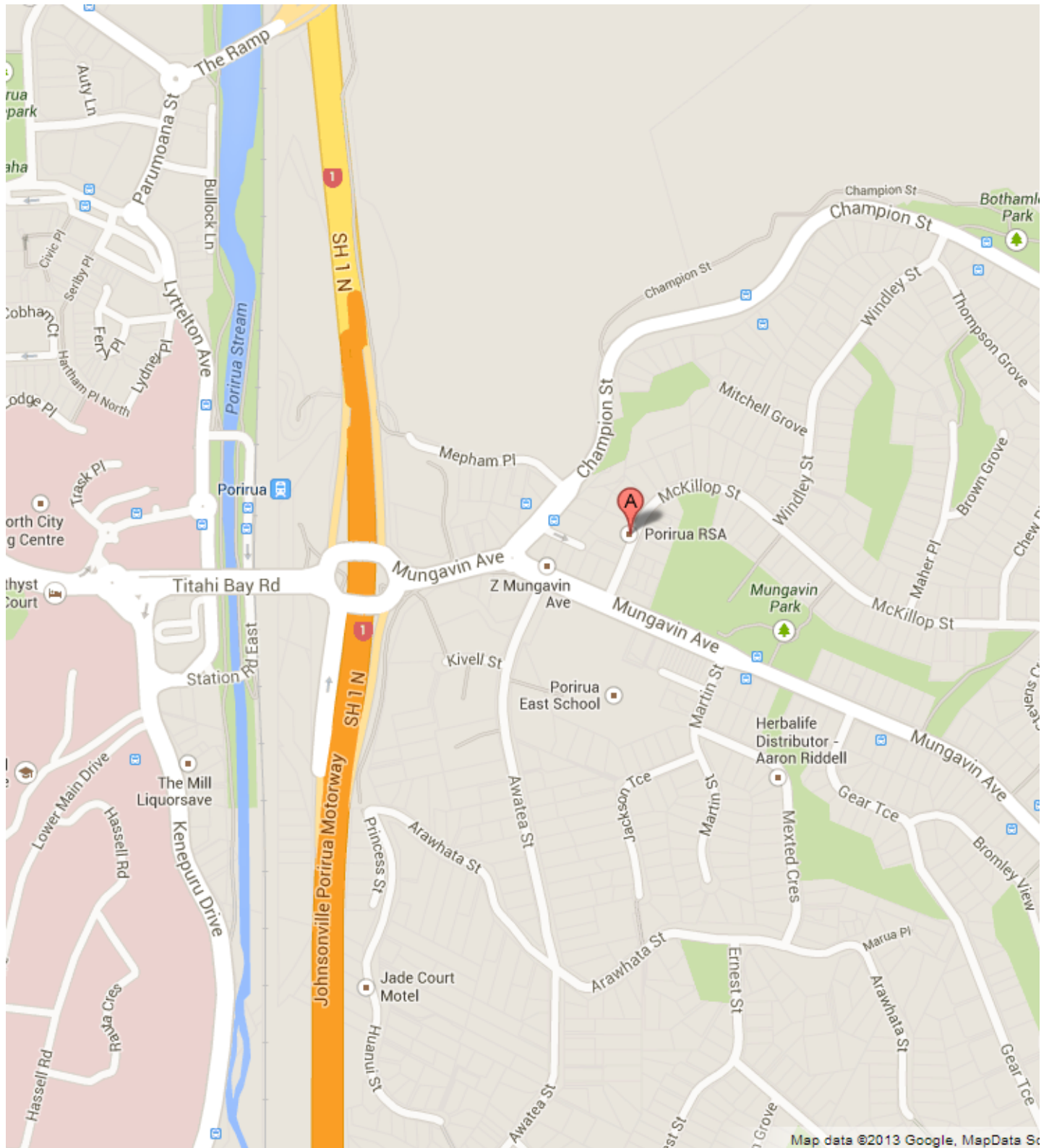
US Mitchel helmets, Paratrooper, camo covers and Norwegian reissue German M40 helmet

Recent acquisition; Colt 1851 navy second model, square back trigger guard, second generation; early 1970 production, plus 3 German bayonets for sale. .

Christmas Lunch Location and directions

[Porirua RSA](#) , 5-7 McKillop St, Porirua East 5024

1. Head north on SH 1
2. Take the exit toward Porirua
3. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Mungavin Ave
4. Turn left onto McKillop St
5. Destination will be on the left



**Travis, Richard Charles Travis,
1884–1918, Horse-breaker, Soldier**

Aaron P. Fox



Dickson Cornelius Savage was born at Opotiki, New Zealand, on 6 April 1884, the fifth child in a family of nine. His parents, James Savage from Ireland, a farmer and constable in the New Zealand Armed Constabulary, and Frances Theresa O'Keefe, from Sydney, Australia, married at Opotiki in 1875.

Savage attended the Opotiki and Otara schools, leaving after Standard Four to work on the family farm. He became a capable shepherd, drover and farmhand, and excelled at horse-breaking, which appealed to the fearless, independent and quick-witted youth. After quarrelling with his father he went to the Gisborne district in 1905, where he found work as a farmhand and driver. His reputation as a horse-breaker grew. After further strife in Gisborne, 'where he is thought to have got a young woman into trouble', Savage travelled south, broke off all communication with his family, and changed his name to Richard Charles Travis.

He arrived in Winton, Southland, in 1910, claiming to come from Poverty Bay and even the United States. After working on Southland farms and threshing mills, 'Dick' Travis found employment as a general farmhand with Tom Murray of Ryal Bush. He continued to break horses, and joined an Oddfellows lodge.

On 20 August 1914 Travis enlisted with the 7th (Southland) Squad-

ron of the Otago Mounted Rifles Regiment in Invercargill. When attested he was five feet six inches tall, weighed 133 pounds, had a fresh complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. His stated next of kin was his fiancée, Lettie Murray, Tom Murray's daughter.

Travis sailed with the main body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, arriving in Egypt in December 1914. Impatient to see action, he unofficially accompanied his regiment to Gallipoli in May 1915. He was returned to Egypt and received 14 days' detention. However, he participated in the final weeks of the Gallipoli campaign, moving with impunity between the New Zealand and Turkish trenches on scouting patrols.

A knee injury led Travis to transfer to the 8th (Southland) Company, 2nd Battalion, Otago Infantry Regiment, on 27 March 1916. He arrived in France in April 1916 and began nocturnal scouting activities in no man's land between the New Zealand and German trenches, mapping the German defences for the first New Zealand trench raids. In July 1916 he received special mention in brigade routine orders for a daylight search for wounded New Zealand raiders and the recovery of equipment, and for night-patrol duty over a six-week period.

Travis displayed 'conspicuous gallantry' on 15 September 1916, eliminating several German snipers during the 2nd Otago Battalion's advance in the Somme offensive, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He was rapidly promoted to sergeant and given command of the battalion's new sniper and observation section. 'Travis's Gang' became proficient in scouting enemy defences and capturing enemy troops for interrogation. His casual attitude towards rank and dress regulations contrasted with the careful planning, daring and resourcefulness of his anti-sniper work and lone patrols. It was said that, 'His judgement of what the enemy would do under given circumstances sometimes seemed more than human.' Travis was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre on 15 February 1918, and the Military Medal in May 1918.

On 24 July 1918 the 2nd Otago Battalion attacked the German salient at Rossignol Wood north of Hébuterne. In daylight, Travis destroyed an impassable wire block in front of the enemy lines prior to the attack. He then captured two enemy machine-guns, shooting down 11 Germans. He was killed by shellfire the following day, and was buried at Couin on 26 July.

The entire New Zealand Division mourned the loss of the 'King of No Man's Land'. For his 'most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty' on 24 July, Travis was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on 27 September 1918.

Lest We Forget.

The Dick Travis VC Trophy

A Competition for Classic .303 Target Rifles

Hosted by Karori Rifle Club

A competition for .303 Range Rifles will be held on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March 2014 on Historic Trentham Rifle Range at distances of 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Signing-in and scrutineering will be from 9.45 a.m. Saturday 22 March at Karori Rifle Club.

Competition will commence at 12.45 p.m. on Saturday 22 March. It will continue in the morning of Sunday 23rd. Prize-giving will be about 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

An evening meal on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning will be served in the Karori Rifle Club.

Some accommodation will be available at the range on a first come, first served basis. There is space to pitch tents. There are shower and toilet facilities in the Provincial Club rooms. Firearms can be locked up in the Karori Rifle Club rooms.

Conditions of Entry

All competitors intending to shoot must ensure that their rifles comply with Range Standing Orders 62(c)(1)-(3).

As part of the rules of entry competitors will be required to have their rifles inspected and certified to the appropriate standard by a local registered gunsmith.

Proof of this inspection will be provided to the Match Director in writing at scrutineering. However, for entries on the day, there will be an inspection by a match official.

The rifles must be in sound condition. They should be accurised and have wind and elevation adjustable rear sights. A suitable sling must be fitted and used. The rifles must be zeroed for the distances to be shot prior to entry in accordance with Range Standing Order 62(c)(5).

PROGRAMME

Saturday 22 March, 09:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Sign In and Scrutineering

Course of Fire

Saturday 22 March, 12:45 p.m.

300 yards

2 matches of 10 shots with 2 convertible sighters.

Sunday 23 March, 8:30 a.m.

500 yards

2 matches of 10 shots with 2 convertible sighters.

600 yards

2 matches of 10 shots with 2 convertible sighters.

RULES OF COMPETITION

- The current shooting rules and regulations of the National Rifle Association of New Zealand Inc and Trentham Camp, Seddon Range Standing Orders will apply during this meeting. Copies of these documents will be available in the Karori Rifle Club rooms. They can be forwarded upon request.

- The competition is open to .303in Target Rifles only. A .303in Target Rifle is defined as a service rifle regulated and modified to increase the rifles accuracy potential to meet target rifle performance.

- The rifle must be improved by the owner or a professional Gunsmith or Armourer to increase its accuracy potential.

- The rifle must have vernier calibrated aperture target sights. The original "Battle Sights" are not permitted.

- Magazines are to be used as a loading platform only.

- Obsolete .303in Service Ammunition is not recommended for use on Seddon Range. The use of match ammunition is encouraged.

- Any rifle presented on the range must be "pre-zeroed" for 300, 500 and 600 yards prior to use.

- The position will be prone and slung.

- Bolts must only be closed when the rifle is on the shoulder.

- Bolts must be removed at all times except when on the mound.

- NRA black bull targets will be used in accordance with Standing Order 67. The mid range target will be used at 300 yards with long range target used at 500 and 600 yards.

- Each match will consist of two convertible sighting shots with ten scoring shots in total. All shots will be indicated.

- Each distance will be shot twice.

- A time limit for each match may be imposed depending on the number of entrants and will be decided on the day.

- In the advent of a tie for total score the count back rules will apply.

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This information along with the full rules and an application form can be downloaded from <http://goo.gl/aiD1os>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas family fun day. This will be run on Sunday **15th December, 2013**, with a set up from 9:00am. Events will be in line with previous years with a children's event, ladies event, Iron chickens, cadet rifles, a teams event, and a shot-gun event.

Children's event. 6 chickens, 6 shots. any .22, any sights. Shot in the prone position, with a licenced helper, at a distance off 30 yds.

Ladies event. 6 chickens, 6 shots. Any .22rifle, any sights. Shot in the prone position with a licenced helper if this applies.

Iron chickens trophy. 6 shots, 6 chickens, any .22 rifle, iron sights only. No scopes or target aperture sights. The winner gets the Iron chickens trophy.

Cadet training rifle trophy. 5 shots standing, 5shots sitting or kneeling, and 5 shots prone. 1 minute per position, all fired at a 50 meter distance.

Teams event. .22 rifles only, any sights. Balloons and pine cones. Pop the balloons, and push the pinecone up the range. Timed to 30 seconds. 4 to a team. The furthest distance the pinecone is moved will determine the winning team.

Shotgun trophy. Knock over the disc. the distance keeps increasing, until only one shooter is left. Usual rules for this event safety glasses and ear protection will be compulsory. timed to 3 seconds per shot.

The club will put on a BBQ lunch, and we will have an unusual guns session over the lunch break

Dunbar Sloane will be having an auction off the Ken Scadden medals and badges collection. Ken is one of our members, and certainly has some lovely items up for sale. The auction will take place at their Wellington location on **Thursday 7th November from 4:00pm**. There will be viewing on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th November. For further details or a catalogue, contact Dunbar Sloane, ph (04) 4721367

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An Interesting book.

Peter Cooke and Ian Maxwell have released a new book titled Artillery Heritage. This book focuses on the artillery guns that are in N.Z. The book has approx. 450 pages, is very well illustrated, and is selling at around \$45. We may possibly be able to get Peter to come to a meeting and sell these books if there is interest

Colt Books available. Steve has managed to source a small quantity off the new colt book by the late Mr Raply. I believe these books are once again, a wealth of information to the Colt collector. These will be available at the October Meeting.

Firearms License Reminder

Check your Firearms License Expiry Date Now!
It has become a lot harder to get a new license (if it has expired) than 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.

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

We still have some Winchester .22 ammo for sale.
A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38.00.
Bring \$\$\$, no credit given

Christmas Displays

No letters this month,
instead bring along something special from your collection.

Next month (December 1st)
will be O & P