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Generals' Orders from the President

Hello to you all. Once again, another year is under way, and I hope we have had an enjoyable time over the Christmas break. Towards the end of last year, I had a chat with one of our friends from the Waikato Military Museum, with the intention of doing another trip and going through the vehicle storage barns again. At this stage, no date is set, however we will ask if people are interested in going up again for a day

Alwyn

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Membership fees

Just a reminder to those of you that haven't paid that membership fees are due. \$25.00 plus \$65.00 for the National Association. If its nt paid by the end of February it will increases to \$70.00

THE VETERAN'S SONG

(Adapted Somewhat.)

You must have heard of the Battle, boys
Of Eighteen Sixty Ten;
I was one of the Royal Poneke Guard,
We were only a handful of men.
We were crossing the sandy jungle,
And the burning snowflakes fell;
The Maoris had captured our Scooters,
And our issue of rum as well.

The Major said: "Who'll take a message?
Who will dash through the treacherous foe?"
And the Captain yelled: "Bill, will you take it?"
And they cheered, as I answered "NO!"
That night, as the shades of morning
Were turning into day,
Like a man who is dodging his garden,
From the ranks I crept away.

And I said to my horse: "Dogsbody,
We must fly—like a streak of light!"
And the faithful steed smiled and kissed me,
And answered: "O.K. All right!"
Across Porirua we scampered,
For a thousand miles—or less;
And, was I the least afraid, Boys?
Did I tremble or falter? YES!

I traversed the hills and the mountains,
I climbed up a rugged plain,
I swam the beds of the dried up creeks
Over and over again.
I rode on a flea-bitten chestnut colt
With a patent high-pressure tyre;
And the sparks from the feet of my charger set
Petone beach on fire.

All at once, out sprang Mussolini,
With a turban on his head,
And he flourished some macaroni junk,
And in Japanese lingo said:
"Hoots awa, Poneke Guardsman! Scat!"
But I let out a British cheer,
And I kicked him hard on the contract,
And shouted: "Mine's a beer!"

Did I save my pals? I didn't;
Did I get the Victoria Cross?
No! I lost my way in the Taita Gorge,
And that's why I pawned the horse.
Of course, it was long years ago, Boys,
Yet, should I live ninety-six more,
I will swear to the truth of the story, and
Be true to the swear that I swore.

And now I'm discharged from the Service, Boys,
Unfit and unwanted, it's said.
The entry on my discharge papers there
Is written quite plainly—in red.
The entry reads: "DREADFULLY TIRED,"
But, for brevity's sake they have writ
Just my name, and my old Army number,
And the letters "D.T." after it!

It Happened This Month in 1876

by Des Perado.

Clay Allison and his brother John were raucously creating havoc at the Olympic Dance Hall in Los Animas, Colorado, when deputy sheriff Charles Faber carrying a borrowed shotgun and supported by two special deputies entered the Olympic. Clay had his back to the entrance and John was performing on the dance floor and as he turned when someone shouted "Look Out" he took a load of buckshot in the chest and shoulder. Clay fired four quick shots with his six-gun the first of which hit the deputy in the chest the other three went wild. Faber died almost immediately.

When Faber fell the other barrel of the shotgun discharged striking John in the leg knocking him down. The two special deputies took off and Clay fired his remaining shots at them from the steps of the Olympic. After assuring his brother, "who eventually recovered" that Faber was dead and vengeance had been achieved, Clay surrendered to the County Sheriff and was released from custody shortly after going on to create more mayhem in the future. But that's another story.

Photos, Pictures and Printing. Wellington City Rifle Shooting team, Copper Printing blocks etc.



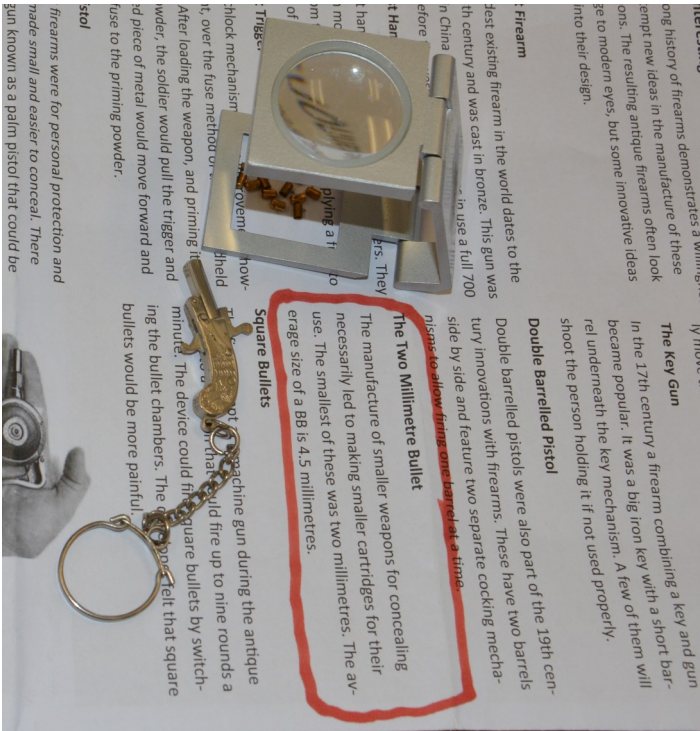
Police Badges, London Metropolitan Police, City of London and various American badges



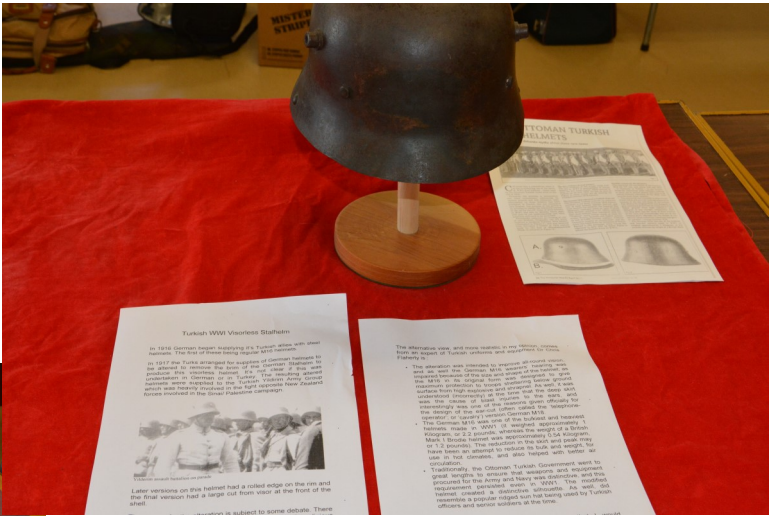
Pocket Knives with Shogun Cartridge extractors, 17 different models.



Pistols. .30 Volcanic New Haven Arms Co 1857-60. National Arms Co Teat fire 1864-70. Eagle Arms Co Cup fire 1860. .31 Cap Percussion Warner Paten Springfield Arms Co c1851. .28 Percussion Rev James



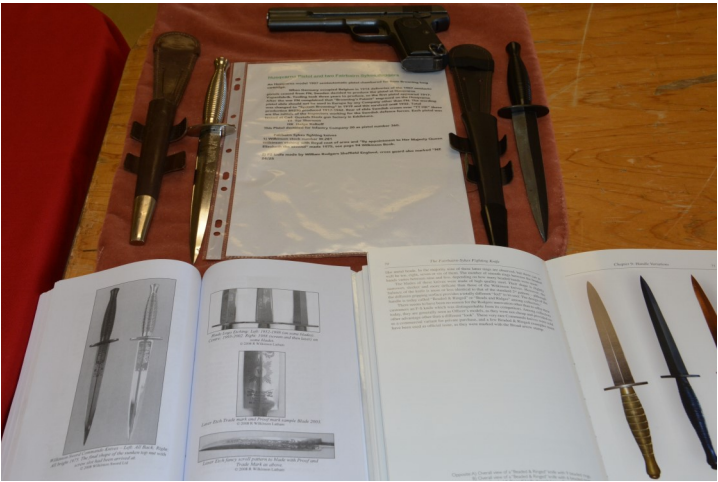
Pieper 20 Gauge Shotgun in its original case and a 2mm Pinfire Pistol and Ammo.



Turkish WW1 Visorless Stahlhelm Helet. In 1916 Germany began supplying Turkey with steel helmets – For more information visit <http://www.ottoman-uniforms.com/>



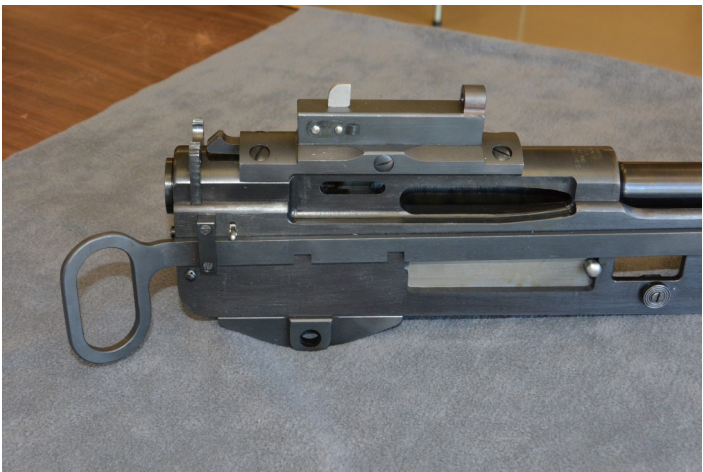
Photos, Memories, Fragmented Pieces depicting the many facets of WW1



Husqvarna Pistol and two Fairbairn Sykes Daggers (with related books).



Parker Hale recreate the 1861 Enfield Artillery Carbine with all its bits and pieces.



Order Complete. 2 Marlin Rockwell Model 1917 .30 cal Aircraft Machine Guns



Prototypes and Limited Production Rifles. Original Oberndorf Sporting Rifle in 30-06. Model B Mauser.

Warner Patt c1857-60. .28 CAC Massachusetts Arms Co Maynard primed pocket Rev 1851-60 Plus some rare Maynard Tap.

Pull through's, British, Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, Austria, Belgium, Germany and South Africa

Old Pistols. .45 Colt, 12mm Percussion, 9mm Pin Fire

It happened this month

The Battle of Battle of Stoczek, February 14, 1831, the first major battle of the November Uprising (1830–31) or Polish–Russian War 1830–31.

The seeds of this conflict can be traced back to the Partitions of Poland, an event that split Poland up over a period of 23 years from 1772 to 1795. Russia received the most political and territorial gain from this process.

The uprising started on 29 November 1830, by a group of young Polish officers in an attempt to reverse the Partition of Poland. This was quickly supported by large sections of the Polish community, along with an insurrection in Lithuania, Western Belarus and the right bank of the Ukraine.

A Russian army was quickly dispatched to deal with this up rising and was led by Russian Field Marshal Hans Karl von Diebitsch. Field Marshal von Diebitsch and his army entered Poland on February 4 and started a fast advance towards Warsaw, the seat of the uprising. The Polish army unit in this area was lead by General Józef Dwernicki who was able to gather 14 cavalry squadrons, 3 infantry battalions and 6 guns (approximately 1000 men). On February 10 they crossed the Vistula River in search of the Russians.

The Russian army had formed itself into two units to attack Warsaw and in the process had managed to lose contact with each other. To complicate matters further, one of the Russian army groups had become split into two columns without any cover or contact with the other. The Russians at this point have a numerical advantage of 3:1 over the Poles.

On the morning of 14 February 1831, the Poles engaged the first of the advancing Russian columns with their cavalry and quickly followed it up with flanking fire from the Polish artillery. The Poles had exploited the split between the Russian armies and the cavalry penetrated deeply into the rear of the columns. The Russians tried to regroup their units but under the mix of artillery fire, Russian confusion and Russian units al-

ready in retreat, this quickly failed and Russian Field Marshal ordered a general retreat.

The Poles lost 27 men and the Russians about 400 which was important because Poland had drawn first blood in the war and disrupted the Russian attack on Warsaw. This action helped secure the Polish left flank of the upcoming battle of Battle of Olszynka Grochowska (February 25, 1831).

Bruce Murdoch

One of the strangest Wars

The Emu War, also known as The Great Emu War, was a week-long military operation undertaken in Australia in November 1932 to address public concern over the number of emus said to be running amuck in the Campion district of Western Australia. The emus were responding to a long, hot summer, which caused shortages of food and water. The "war" was conducted under the command of Major Meredith of the Royal Australian Artillery, commanding a force of soldiers armed with two Lewis machine guns and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. But shooting blindly into a group of birds which can run up to 50 km/h (30 mph) did not brought the expected results. The birds simply ran away even after being hit by a machine gun round.

Over the course of a week or so, only a handful of the estimated 20,000 birds were actually killed. Major Meredith - the Australian commander in the "Emu war" - was astonished and famously compared the emus to Zulus. After a few days the Defence Minister ordered a withdrawal. And thus the "Emu War" ended in a military defeat for Australia.

CHRISTMAS RANGE DAY

Christmas Family range day, Once again, we had good weather for the day, and a good turn out off people to try their skill. The catering crew, once again put on a great BBQ lunch with plenty off food and drink for every one.

Results for the day are:

Children's iron Chickens.

1st equal: Kieran 4, Ariel 4

Ladies iron Chickens

1st equal: Christina C 6, Janet A 6, Lisa W 6
2nd: Saioa 4

Iron Chicken trophy

1st: George S 5
2nd equal: Henry F 4, Reg M 4,
3rd: Brian J 3

Cadet rifle trophy

1st Henry 119 points
2nd equal: Stu W 108 points, Brian J 108 points
3rd: Alwyn 107 points

Shotgun trophy

1st: James S
2nd equal: Brian J, Vic C
3rd many others

Teams event.

1st Team 3 - 8 meters
2nd Team 2 - 3.5 meters
3rd Team 1 - 3 meters.

A big thanks must go to Maxine, who organised our food supplies, and the people that spent the afternoon behind the BBQ cooking our lovely lunch.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th Feb— Range Day

9Th March—Range Day

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

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

SHARKHUNTERS

I don't know if any of the members are aware of an organisation called Sharkhunters that specialise in stories associated with the activities of German U-Boats during WWII.

By chance I have been sent an electronic copy of their latest magazine and some of the stories are fascinating and the writing most 'colourful' for a magazine. I am sure that there are a number of members who have an interest in this aspect of WWII. If you would like me to send you the email with the attachment please contact me on warbirds@clear.net.nz. I would love to reproduce it in Flint & Cap but it runs to 34 pages (that I have identified). This may also be a subscription that some may be interested in taking out.

Margaret Brown

Letters this month are Q, R & S

Some ideas are: Queen, Revolver, Replica, Rimfire, Rocket, Russian, Savage, Service, Snider, Swiss, Spain, Springfield and Sword

We're looking forward to these displays, be creative and have fun!

Venue is Petone Working Mens Club @ 1:00pm First Sunday of the month.