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## It Happened This Month in 1871

Hugh Anderson's bloody demise has been mentioned in a previous article but a gunfight two years earlier is worth recording. A friend of Anderson's one William Bailey was killed by a tough railroad foreman named Mike McCluskie. Anderson vowed revenge and within days killed Mc Cluskie igniting one of the bloodiest gun battles in western history. On August 20th at Perry Tuttle's dance hall Anderson shot Mc Cluskie in the neck and he tried to return fire but his gun misfired and he took two more shots which put an end to his violent ways. Several other cowboys joined in the fight. An eighteen year old friend of Mc Cluskies , Jim Riley opened up and when the smoke cleared three other men lay mortally wounded. Patrick Lee was shot in the belly and Henry Kearnes and Billy Garrett both died of chest wounds. Two other cowboys were wounded and Anderson took two slugs in the leg. His end came two years later which was recorded in the June 2012 Newsletter.

By Des Perado



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## London 2014

We are still enjoying London and getting ourselves around on the underground and busses at a great rate. Lined up outside Buckingham Palace yesterday with tens of thousands of others to see changing of the guard. Robin looked it up on line and found it is only performed on alternate days this month so off we went and stood shoulder to shoulder on the road front. We could only see the Band go marching past plus the horse guards in all their livery and then the guards themselves. We couldn't see the performance inside the gates of the Palace as the fence was packed with countless numbers deep. Moving away when it all finished was quite a mission as the crowd was about twenty wide and we were pushed from the rear. Can't say we were too enthusiastic about crowds like that. There were quite a few police in attendance some on horse back and others on foot controlling the crowds, most were packing pistols. One standing inside the Palace gates was carrying a sub machine gun. After the bombing in Boston a couple of years ago we could see how vulnerable a big crowd like this could be in the event of terrorism.

Monday we got ourselves out to Hampton Court Palace and were quite surprised. It remains very much as it was 300 + years ago and must be a huge money spinner.. There was a large queue waiting to pay and Robin said they had about five or six windows issuing tickets and all flat out. The Palace certainly was something worth seeing with huge tapestries, original furniture, paintings and you name it and even included the arms in the Guard Room. I was quite amazed at these and the young fellow in charge there was delighted to find someone interested and on whom he could impart his knowledge. There were in excess of 2500 items including he said 600 flintlock muskets about 1000 pistols and hundreds of bayonets and pikes etc. All were displayed in huge rosettes high up on the walls. Very difficult to photograph as the room was quite dark but photography was permitted and I got a few reasonable shots.

The gardens and grounds were huge and all looked pristine so Robin was delighted to see them. They also had a grape vine that was planted in 1768 and is now 120ft long with a trunk 12ft in circumference, originally the grapes were grown only for Royalty.

Got ourselves on the train out to Windsor today to see the Castle but that started on a sour note for me as I had a small pocket knife on me which was confiscated. They wouldn't let me recover it when we left either as the guy claimed it being a lock knife was illegal. I protested long and loud but to no avail, even offered to pay the postage to send it home. Really brassed me off as it was an American Coleman in new condition with a blade only about 40mm long.

Windsor Castle was crowded and in the main part they were only letting in groups of about 50 at a time so it was a case of queuing however the place was very interesting with lots of magnificent items, paintings, furniture ceramics

etc collected by the various inhabitants, for me the Guard room alone was worth the visit. There were swords and Halberds galore muskets and all sorts of battleaxes swords and armour etc plus a lot of early continental firearms some of which were displayed in glass cases that you get close to. One impressed me was set comprising of an early German made flintlock musket, double barreled together with a large curved sword with it's decorative sheath and with a gold inlayed basket type hilt plus a pair of flintlock pistols all inlayed with gold and all set in a fitted blue velvet case. No photos were allowed so I couldn't do much especially as the place was crowded and they had armies of watchers but my camera must have got knocked in the crowd once or twice so there are a couple of snaps which just happen to be in the Guard room.

When we came out there was a policewoman and policeman standing at the exit, both were packing a pistols and she was rigged out in body armour with all sorts of attachments and carrying a sub machine gun. Chatted to them and checked out whether what I was told about lock knives being illegal was correct, although the guy seemed to agree I was a bit unlucky if it was as small as I said.

Weather turned a bit cooler today and we notice the leaves are dropping around the area where we are staying.

Only one more day here then off to Vancouver on Friday,  
Rex & Robin





## Letters this Month

I.A.N R.A.S.M.U.S.S.N Bayonets – Infantry, Artillery, Navel, Royal, Australian, Sword 1888, Martini, Ugly, Solingen, Enfield Socket and No 4 Rifle

Approx. 40 FN & L1A1 Commonwealth used with FNZ8EI, FN EX1, FN.CI, L1A1

German Bayonets – 5 Ersatz Bayonets and Book on the Subject

1796 Light Cavalry Sabre

Enfield British Service Rev No 2 MK 1 .38, 1858 Navel Sword bayonet, 1882 Remington Lee Bayonet

Indian 7.65\*51 ZAI Rifle with bayonet, Polish 7.62\*54 Mosin Nagant M44

Third Reich Fire service dress bayonets 1934 – 45 plus Medal and Helmet

Extra Fine NZ Expeditionary Force captured German WW2 bayonets and helmets

Bayonets, Enfield 1859 Cutlass, Vetterli 1869 saw back, German saw back, Enfield 1879 Engineers bayonet, Lancaster 1855 and 1887 Martini Bayonet

James Erskine Shot Shell reloading tray and accessories

French and British bayonets 1822, 1847, 1849 mini, Gras and Lebel

Fairbairn Sykes 3<sup>rd</sup> Pattern Commando Dagger plus gold plated commemorative dagger

Webley Fosbery Pistol designed by George Vincent Fosbery V.C 1837-1907

Eley, Fiocchi and Federal .22 packets plus NZ Snider saw back bayonet marked NZ 80

French M67 Nato Helmet plus German Helmets

Bayonets – Just a start, in memory of Ian Rasmusen

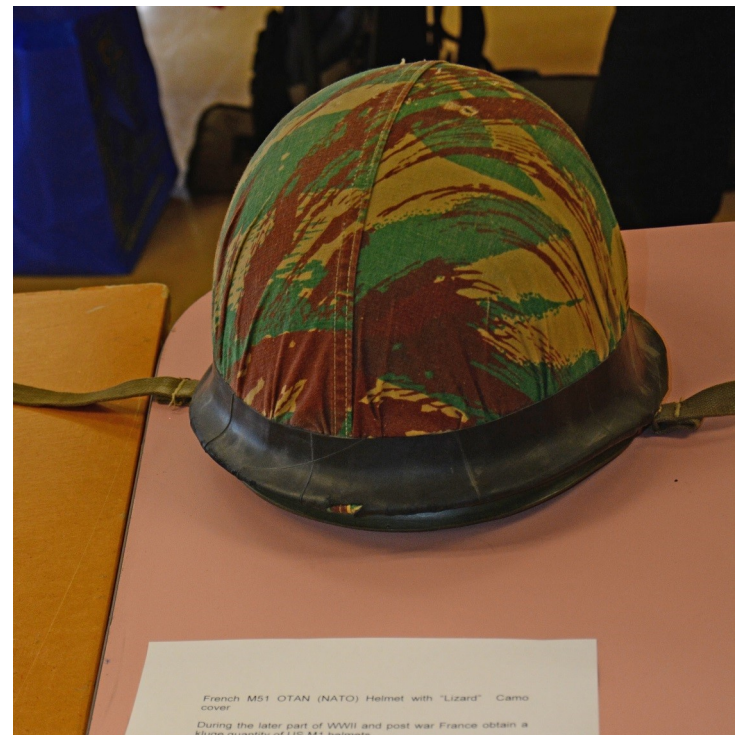
First Military Rifle FN Made 1897 7.65x54, FN FAL 7.62x51 Commercial, FN Gold Medallion 30-06 and Bayonets 1891, 1896 Swedish, SAFN 49 and M1

German Dress Bayonets and Scabbard with note – Miss you already mate thanks for the memories

Elektron Bomb B-1.3E, German WW2 incendiary bomb used during the blitz. The name Elektron comes from the German alloy of Magnesium used in the bomb

Russian Pistol, FN Pistol and German bayonet

Eddy Stone, Remington Arms Pat 14 Rifle set up for target shooting. FN SA 49 Rifle and Bayonet Cal 7x57 Sport Stock scope mount made by G Collings



French M51 OTAN (NATO) Helmet with "Lizard" Camo cover.  
During the later part of WWII and post war France obtain a huge quantity of US M1 helmets.







## Tauranga Gun Show

On the 16th and 17th of August, I attended the gun show in Tauranga. I drove up on the Friday, and as the desert road was closed, I had to divert around via national park. I arrived there around 3pm and helped some of the guys set up their sales tables. The benefit of this is that you get the chance to see or buy any choose items or bargains that may be put out before they get picked over, this brings us to a cautionary tale...Geoff Oldham was late, he had been selecting some Nazi SA daggers to bring, and while returning one to its scabbard, he missed the slot and drove it into his hand between the thumb and index finger, hence a trip to the hospital, these things may be 75 years old but they are still sharp.. At 6pm Wayne, Andrew, Graeme and myself plus a group of collectors retired to the RSA next door for a beer

Saturday dawned bright and clear, and after a healthy breakfast of bacon eggs etc. it was back to the show, there were great displays of firearms, edge weapons etc. plus a good selection of items to purchase, public response was good and for most of Saturday the hall was packed, sales were brisk and I noticed a lot of long plastic wrapped parcels leaving the hall.

Saturday evening was the usual meeting and post-mortem at the RSA, then a very lacklustre NZ / OZ rugby game.

Sunday Lunch time I left for home, having had a very enjoyable weekend away, Tauranga is a great show, well supported by the community, and there is always something there to add to your collection.

Steve



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**5th Sept**— Ruahine auction

**13th Sept**— Half yearly meeting

**1st Nov**—Taranaki Gun Show

### Kumeu Militaria Show Update

It time to start thinking about the next Kumeu Militaria Show. The last show was well received for a first event; we had excellent feedback from exhibitors and the general public. This has helped us by confirming the aim of our show:

**“Supporting those that serve our country and promoting an interest in our Military History”**

2015 is a very big year, with many events occurring to commemorate the start of World War One. Our show is positioned four weeks prior to Anzac Day. It is a great opportunity to participate in the Lead up to one to the biggest commemorative events in New Zealand History.

It is always hard to pick a weekend that suits everybody, especially at that time of the year. I hope that everyone can help to make this the success we want it to be.

Clayton and I are now accepting tentative bookings for Stall holders and Display areas. We will be getting in contact with everyone over the up coming months to drum up support for this event. It is you people that make this a great day out, the looks on the faces of all the kids last April was amazing, whether they were hanging out with the re-enactors, Dry firing the artillery piece or climbing over some of the awesome examples of military vehicles.

**So please start spreading the word, March the 28th 2015, Kumeu Showground's**

Danny Paton

Kumeu Militaria Show

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## CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

There is still a couple of boxes of Winchester .22 ammo for sale.

A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38.00.

Bring \$\$\$, no credit given

### 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.

### Letters this month are G and H

Some ideas are: Garand, Gatling, Gold, German, Gas, Greener, Holland, Holster, Highland, Helmets, Hunt, Harding, Hollis, Hamilton

Remember the letters are just a guide and you are welcome to bring anything along from your collection.

Venue is Petone Working Mens Club @ 1:00pm First Sunday of the month. We look forward to seeing you there.