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General Orders from the President

AGM 2014 Our AGM was held in the Petone working mans club, with a buy, sell and trade theme for those that were interested in the offerings.

Our Committee was all re elected, and we look forward to the skills of James in the treasurer role.

We had a few words from John B and Mike D on the changes to the laws on the stocks that are on some semi auto fire arms. We have been given information on what is now classed "A" cat and what is now classed "E" cat.

We will look at going up to the Waiorou Military museum, possibly in August or September, and go back through the barns that house a massive selection of military tanks and four wheel drive vehicles.

I noted a few items changing hands and a few happy faces leaving with newly found treasure.

Alwyn

M1 Carbine

David M. Williams invented the M-1 Carbine while serving a prison sentence for Second Degree Murder. Upon his release he applied for and was granted a patent (#11.879). The weapon was named the "Carbine" because that was Bill's nickname in prison

Wellington AGM

I would like to touch base on a few highlights from our AGM held earlier this month at the Petone Working-men's club which was well attend.

The past year we have had another enjoyable year. However I just don't know where we would be if it wasn't for the likes of Rex, Steve, Vic, Max-ine, Margate and the likes. These people put in a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work that most of us simply do not see.

Membership we have seen several drop off and a number or new faces come along. We welcome those new people.

Once again Steve Privett in his role as auction conven-er has travelled the length and width of the country collecting gear for our club auction that is being held in July. I do note that the majority of the catalogue work is done by a core of approx 6 people and it would be great to have more people helping with this task. We need people with the computer data entry skills and a good knowledge of various firearms.

It gave me great pleasure during the AGM to award a life membership to Maxine Stewart in recognition of the tireless work she has undertaken on behalf of the club and National association for a number of years.

At our AGM Steve Privett stood down as the Club's representative to the National body. A role he has held for a number of years and in which he has skillfully represented the club in the National arena. With Steve

stepping down I will be taking on the role as club representative to the National Association.

However, following our AGM Steve was elected as the National President at the Association AGM. This is the first time that a member of the Wellington Branch has been elected to the position of National President. A great honour and one which we congratulate Steve on achieving.

Alwyn



Prices Past

I recently unearthed the April 1930 Catalogue No72 of W.H. Tisdall Ltd. Listing Guns, Rifles, Ammunition & Winter Sports goods and a perusal of this turned out to be quite interesting.

For a start their first grade shotguns were all in 12gauge and made by Westley Richards and cost up to £60/0/0 for their top Under and Over ejector model. Other double barrelled hammerless shotguns from a trap gun at £50/0/0 ranged down to £7/10/0. Belgium made double barrel hammer guns were priced from £9/10/0 to £4/15/0. I was interested to note there was no sign of any single trigger double barrel guns, perhaps the single trigger mechanism hadn't been perfected at that time.

I was not at all surprised that Belgium double barrel guns were cheaper than English made guns because as a young person I was given a supposedly high grade Belgium made gun by a great uncle and although it was a hammerless model and looked quite reasonable it was the most frustrating gun I have ever owned. It wasn't until pattern testing that I discovered that no two shots would pattern anywhere near the same so it soon got the flick after that.

A Mannlicher Schonauer bolt action carbine in 6.5mm cal with double set triggers was £17/10/0 and a sporterised .303 was listed as £8/10/0. A.303 BSA Short Lee Enfield rifles regulated by Fulton cost £13/10/0

A Savage lever action takedown model in 250-3000 cal cost £12/10/0 and a Winchester Model 1892 in .44cal was £8/10/0 with either a full or half magazine. A Mauser bolt action sporting rifle with double set triggers in 7mm, 8mm or 30-06 ranged from £17/10/0 to £15/0/0 and a high grade telescopic sight to fit with detachable mounts cost up to £27/10/0 (surprisingly almost twice the price of the rifle)

A Browning .22cal autoloader was £4/10/0 with a

Winchester Model 90 .22cal pump action at £6/0/0 and a Winchester Model 06 .22cal pump action £5/0/0

A Browning "Trombone" .22 hammerless cost £4/10/0 with a Remington .22cal Heavy Pattern slide action repeating rifle at £6/10/0

A Stevens Favourite single shot rifle in various low powered rim fire calibres ranged from £2/5/0 to £2/12/6 and a Winchester Model 04 .22cal single shot rifle was £2/7/6 with an FN .22cal single shot rifle down to £1/10/0

A BSA Martini .22cal single shot Target rifle was £7/12/6 with the Vickers .22 Target rifle the same price.

Bullet and shotshell prices were apparently listed on a separate sheet which had become detached but various other accessories were illustrated which are in some cases now rare curiosities.

As much as we might like to buy these items at such prices, this catalogue is now 84 years old and times, prices and technology have all come a long way since 1930. All are now long out of production but there are still numerous examples around and values have increased significantly. All I can say is if you have one look after it as it could be a good investment.

Rex
Hill



APRIL 1930 CATALOGUE NO. 72



**GUNS
RIFLES
AMMUNITION
WINTER SPORTS**

W. H. TISDALL LTD
AUCKLAND WELLINGTON CHRISTCHURCH HAMILTON
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Hammer Guns.

TISDALL'S "POPULAR"
12 Gauge.
No. 8.12.—\$9 10s.
Post free.



Made by the well known Belgian manufacturers, Messrs. Henry Pieper, and bearing the famous "Barvard" trade mark, our "Popular" model has much to commend it. The workmanship is of a very high grade, and the shooting qualities are excellent. Made on the semi-bloc system, with 29 inch steel barrel; chambered for 2 1/2 inch cases; left full choke, right modified; matted rib; treble grip, with cross bolt; top lever; rebounding locks; push fore-end fastener; neatly engraved; walnut stock; half pistol grip; horn head plate. Weight about 7 1/2 lbs.

TISDALL'S "UNIVERSAL"
12 Gauge.
No. 8.13.—\$5 17s. 6d.
Post free.



Machine made Belgian double barrel hammer gun. Really good value and will be found suitable for all general shooting requirements. Steel barrels, bearing the Belgian Government proof marks; left full choke, right modified; top lever action; half scroll fence; case hardened mountings; rebounding bar action locks; polished walnut stock; checkered; half pistol grip; walnut fore-end with snap fastener; weight about 7 lbs.

TISDALL'S "CLIPPER"
12 Gauge.
No. 8.13a.—16 10s.
Post free.

Designed on the lines of our "Universal" gun, but fitted with cross bolt. A strong, reliable weapon.

TISDALL'S "HANDYMAN"
12 Gauge.
No. 8.14.—\$4 15s.
Post free.




Double barrel Belgian hammer gun; light and serviceable. Our sales show a large increase every year, proving that this gun is unusually good value. Fitted with 29 inch steel barrels; left full choke, right modified; bearing Belgian Government proof marks; top lever action; rebounding bar action locks; spring strikers; polished and checkered walnut stock; snap fore-end; weight about 7 lbs.

Gun Repairs our Specialty—see page 7.

W. H. TISDALL LTD.

**THE FOX
"STERLINGWORTH"
HAMMERLESS.**

American manufacture.
No. 8.6.—£14 Post free.



12 Gauge.

The Fox "Sterlingworth" is a plain, staunch, trustworthy gun, at a reasonable price. It has all the exclusive "Fox" features, including—

- The "Fox" rotary tapered locking bolt. "Fox" guns never shoot loose.
- The "Fox" unbreakable coil springs. Made of the finest steel wire: eliminate all spring troubles: never miss fire.
- The "Fox" hammers. Nickel steel forgings. You can cock a "Fox" gun and pull the triggers ten thousand times without doing the slightest harm to the hammers or firing pins.

Barrels—(29 inches) are genuine "Sterlingworth" fluid compressed steel; chambered for 2 1/2 inch cases, and both bored full choke. Stock is best quality, thoroughly seasoned American walnut, with half capped pistol grip, nicely checkered. Engraving consists of line work bordering body and guard. Fore-end is a new "Fox" spiral spring design. Weight is approximately 7 1/2 lbs.

W. H. TISDALL LTD.

Single Barrel Shotguns
12 Gauge.



No. 8.21 and 8.22.

Machine-made single barrel guns. These models are immensely popular, and are used very extensively by beginners.

Specification:
Barrel.—Compressed forged electro steel; 29 inch; hollow tapered, bored for nitro powder; full choke.
Action.—Top snap; low rebounding hammer.
Frame.—Case hardened.
No. 8.21. Plain extractor model—£3.
No. 8.22. With automatic ejector—£3 5s.
Post free.

KEA GUNS .410 bore.

Invaluable on back country stations, and for overhounds and farmers generally. Also very popular with ladies and boys, because of the absence of recoil.

DOUBLE BARREL.

Double Barrel Belgian .410 gun; light and serviceable. Has steel barrels bearing the Belgian Government proof marks; top lever action; half scroll fence; case hardened mountings; rebounding bar action locks; spring strikers; checkered and polished walnut stock, with half pistol grip; walnut fore-end with snap fastener. Particularly good value.
No. 8.23.—£4 15s.
Post free.



SINGLE BARREL.

The "Reliance" single barrel shotgun; .410 gauge. This has been our standard pattern for many years. Made by one of the leading American manufacturers, it will be found a sturdy and reliable pattern. We can recommend it.
No. 8.24.—Plain extractor—£3.
No. 8.25.—Automatic ejector—£3 5s.
Post free.



No. 8.26. Showing ejector.

SINGLE BARREL FOLDING TYPE.
No. 8.27.—£3.
Post free.



Single Barrel Folding .410 Gun.—A pattern which is very popular on back country stations. This gun can be opened in the usual manner, by depressing a lever at the side of the action, whilst a simple additional movement of a stud allows the barrel to be folded right back, underneath the stock, thus making the gun extremely handy to carry on horseback. Regularly supplied with twenty-six inch barrel, but barrel can be shortened if desired. Sling swivels, for carrying, fitted at slight extra cost. Please note that this model has solid type breech—not the "falling block" system, which we have found very prone to blow back.

For gun cases and cleaning equipment, refer to index.

AUCKLAND WELLINGTON CHRISTCHURCH HAMILTON.

Rifles.

Police Permits and Registration of Firearms. (Arms Act, 1926).
Before purchasing any of the following rifles, the customer must obtain a Police Permit from the Constable in charge of his district. This permit must be forwarded to us with the order.
The rifle must be registered within six days at the District Police Station—a very simple procedure.
No charge is made for a permit, but a nominal fee of 1/- is charged for registration.

HIGH POWER RIFLES FOR DEERSTALKING.
Also suitable for Pig, Goat and Cattle shooting.




Showing telescopic sight and hair triggers.

No. 8.45.—Calibre 5 m.m. (.215 in.), £17/10/0. Carriage paid.—This is a rifle of particularly high grade, with ballistic performance well above the average. It is beautifully balanced, handles like a shotgun, and the workmanship throughout is magnificent. Overall length is 45 inches; barrel, 25 inches; weight, 7 lbs. Has flatted bolt knob; hair triggers, and check rest on stock. A flat, shotgun type rib is fitted, matted to prevent glare, and a long matted ramp leads up to a silver tipped head fore-sight. The five-shot magazine consists of a fixed leaf for 100 yards, and folding leaves for 200 and 300 yards. The five-shot magazine has a quick release catch, permitting rapid disassembling and cleaning. Sling swivels are fitted. With our new spitzer pointed boat-tailed bullets weighing 186 grains, this rifle gives a muzzle velocity of 2775 ft. seconds, and muzzle energy of 2285 ft. lbs.

We can also supply this rifle fitted with high grade telescopic sight, with quick detachable mounts. Fully adjustable for windage and elevation. £27/10/0. Carriage paid.

MAUSER RIFLES (Genuine "Oberndorf").



No. 8.51.—Genuine Mauser sporting rifle, calibre 7 m.m. (.276 in.), £12/10/0. Carriage paid.—Twenty-four inch round barrel; best walnut stock with cheek piece; full checkered and steel capped pistol grip; sling swivels; pear shaped bolt knob magazine fitted with lever release, permitting quick disassembling and cleaning; silver bead fore-sight; standard and two leaf back-sight for 100, 200 and 300 yards; vulcanite heel plate; weight about 7 1/2 lbs. With modern spitzer-point cartridges, and bullet weighing 140 grains, this rifle will give a muzzle velocity of between 2,500 and 2,600 feet per second.

No. 8.52.—Genuine Mauser sporting rifle, calibre 20.—£11. Carriage paid.—This model handles the popular 20% American cartridges, which can be had in various types, these most generally favoured in New Zealand having bullet weights of respectively 150 grains (muzzle velocity, 2,000 ft. seconds) and 180 grains (2,700 ft. seconds). Specification of rifle exactly as for No. 8.51.

Note.—High grade telescopic sights with quick detachable mounts, fully adjustable for elevation and windage, can be fitted to Nos. 8.51, 8.52, and 8.53, at an additional cost of £8.

Mail Orders receive prompt and careful attention.

National AGM

National AGM and Auction hosted by Hawkes Bay branch 11th and 12th April 2014

On the 10th of April Alwyn and I travelled to Hawkes Bay for the National AGM, the Management Committee meeting was held at the Blue Water Hotel in Napier on the Friday, this is attended representatives of the 12 branches, plus the national Secretary and President, items on the agenda were Finance, Colfo, Publications, reports from editor, president and general business and generally deciding the direction the the NZAHAA.

On Saturday the 12th we then attended the AGM and auction in Hastings, once again we had reports from finance, president and editor, then Joe Green from the police firearms policy team, spoke on the latest round of changes to the act and answered any questions. This was followed by the presentation of shooting trophies and literary prizes and the election of officers, Andrew Edgecomb was elected as the new vice President and myself as national President. The meeting was followed by a 505 lot auction. Congratulations to Hawkes Bay on a very well run event.

Steve Privet

AGM Displays

Webley Ammo 2 packets .455 Auto, 1 packet .450 Pistol Remade 1911 and .22 Webley Target launcher Blanks.

Webley Pistols .455 / .22 insert and .22 Target Walker Bulldog M41 Tank (Model) plus photos Long Tom .303 with its 1888 Bayonet

Webley Service Air rifle Mk II

Wilkinson Bayonet, Vickers Bayonet, and a whistle

Webley Mk II Target 1925/6, West German Zenit maker .177 cal

WWI Bugles, WWI trophy Belt, Boer War Wattle Bottle and Westley Richards Carbine

Webley Pistol .455 Auto, .22, Vzor Pistol and 2 Presentation Winchester Knives in cases

Heckler 7 Koch Gmbh semi auto in .222

Harpoon Gun – GC Brand 1865-1876 Norwich Company USA, .30 Volcanic New Haven Arms Co No 563 1857 – 1860

USN MK 2 Knife made by KA-BAR, NZ SAS, Liai Chinese Type 56 Auto Rifle and Kit under the banner of Vietnam Veterans.

10 ANZAC Facts

1. ANZAC is an abbreviation of The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.
2. April 25, 1915, was the day the ANZACs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, now known as ANZAC Cove.
3. More than 11,000 ANZACs died on the Gallipoli Peninsula, despite only being there for 8 months.
4. The original ANZAC biscuit was known as an ANZAC wafer or tile and was part of the rations given to ANZAC soldiers during World War I. They were included instead of bread because they had a much longer shelf life.
5. ANZAC was originally named the Australasian Army Corps. However protests from New Zealand led to the adoption of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Administration clerks found the title too long and adopted the abbreviation of ANZAC.
6. Despite being affiliated with Australia and New Zealand, ANZAC included officers from Britain, Ireland, India, Zion, Ceylon and the Pacific islands.
7. "Lest We Forget" is a phrase popularised in 1897 by Rudyard Kipling, which was adopted as the final line of The Recitation along with the "Ode of Remembrance", taken from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen".
8. The last surviving ANZAC, Alec Campbell, died on May 16, 2002.
9. The ANZAC Bridge was given its name on Remembrance Day in 1998 to honour the memory of the ANZACS. An Australian Flag flies atop the eastern pylon and a New Zealand Flag flies atop the western pylon.
10. Today, the ANZAC Battle Group is an active battle group of Australian and New Zealand units.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12th and 13th July 2014

30th Annual Auction.

We are still looking for helpers so if anyone is free to help over the weekend or on Monday 15th with the Postal bids please contact Steve on 04 934 2756 or 0274 411785 .

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.

ANZAC Biscuits—past and present

(<http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/food-wine/food-news/9974515/Diet-doomed-Gallipoli-campaign>)

There was an interesting article on the Stuff website last week showing the difference between the biscuits we enjoy today and the ones eaten at Gallipoli

Past

From Arnott's Biscuits Ltd, through Frank Townsend, chief chemist.

1 cup flour
3 cups wholemeal flour
40g sugar
20g milk powder
A good pinch salt
220ml water

Present

(From Australia's Country Women's Association Cookbook, 1914:)

2 cups rolled oats
cup sugar
1 cup plain flour
cup melted butter
1 tbsp golden syrup
2 tbsp boiling water
1 tsp bicarbonate soda (add more water if mixture is too dry)

These biscuits along with Bully Beef were soldiers staple rations.

Use your Smart phone and this QR code will take you directly to our website @ <http://nzaaaawgtn.org.nz>



Letters this month are X, Y and Z

Some ideas are: Yankee, Yugoslavian, Vzor, Zulu, Zastava, Zbroyar, Zeiss, Zoli, Zel, Zulu.

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.