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## EDITORIAL

I had expected that the 2nd Arms Amendment Bill would have been published by now, however from what has been leaked to the media we can expect to face the battle of a lifetime if firearm ownership in New Zealand is to survive for much longer. The Labour lead government and Police senior management seem determined to do all they can to make the lawful ownership of firearms as hard as possible for licensed firearm owners, yet do nothing to address the issue of guns in the hands of criminals.

Registration of all firearms, long recognised as a costly exercise that serves no real purpose, will be a major inconvenience to us as collectors, and no doubt require a fee every time we buy a new gun.

Registration and certification of all gun clubs and ranges, together with territorial authority approval will kill off many small club ranges, as many private land owners will object to the added hassle and responsibilities together with compliance costs that are forced upon them. Where is the justification for such measures?

While stricter criteria for being a “fit and proper” person may be a sensible move, it will only work if Police do their job efficiently in vetting applicants. But what justification is there for a 5 year licence?

Now is the time for all firearm owners to be united and stand up and fight for our right to own firearms for lawful purposes. Support the COLFO Fair and Reasonable Campaign.

Best regards,

Phil

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## A LEGACY OF JOHN OSBORNE 1941 - 2018

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

## A British No. 7 Bayonet Prototype by Derek Complin

One of the oddest bayonet configurations to emerge from Great Britain during the latter part of World War II was the No.7 knife bayonet, a marriage of the No.5 Jungle Carbine bayonet blade and the No.4 socket locking system. In the words of Graham Priest *"The No.7 was a complex item of engineering compared with earlier edged weapons."* (i) An understatement, if ever there was one.

The design was a collaboration between the Ministry of Supply and the Wilkinson Sword Co. Ltd. A number of concepts were developed and rejected, culminating in a final design, with Wilkinson producing 1,000 prototypes in early 1944. Just where these prototypes ended up is unclear, but it appears most were scrapped in the 1950s.

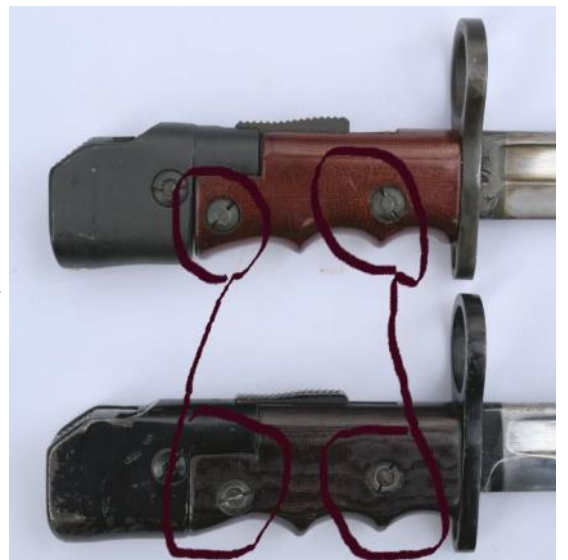
Designated the No.7 Mk.1/L on 4th April 1944, general production commenced, with a number of suppliers delivering some 330,000 units. Wilkinson was not one of these, their focus no longer on government contracts. The full story of how this bayonet came about can be found in both 'The Spirit of the Pike', and 'British & Commonwealth Bayonets'. (ii)

The identification of these 1,000 Wilkinson bayonets has been hampered by not having an identifiable example. But in recent years at least three No.7 bayonets have been found with sufficient differences from the production bayonets to draw the reasonable conclusion they were made by Wilkinson. The following illustrates these differences.



At first glance, nothing jumps out. Don't be misled by the grip colour, which varied considerably throughout regular production, although the Wilkinson appears to be Bakelite, rather than the Tufnell composite more usually found on production No. 7 bayonets.

The most obvious difference is the location of the grip bolts, set further into the hilt on the Wilkinson.





Elkington (M/78) No 7 Mk 1/L

Wilkinson No 7 prototype,  
no blade markings

With one small exception, the Wilkinson is totally unmarked. The right side of the No.7 Mk 1/L is stamped with the wartime dispersal code M78 for maker Elkington, and a War Department broad arrow. The Wilkinson is blank.



The left side of the No.7 Mk 1/L bears the pattern designation, the Wilkinson is blank.

Other differences are more subtle. Nevertheless, they set the Wilkinson apart from regular production bayonets



The socket locking pin is a bolt, not a slot head screw.



Perhaps the most subtle difference is a comparison of how the muzzle rings are finished. The production bayonet has a chamfered finish on the inside of the ring, like all No.5 bayonets I've examined. Indeed, this would lead one to suppose that, although the No.7 muzzle ring did not actually function as such, they were simply drawn from existing supplies, and assembled accordingly.



The Wilkinson muzzle ring is not finished, but simply a stamping. Note the lack of a chamfered edge. All three known examples of a Wilkinson have the same cross-guard finish.

The only marking to be found is a small number 4 stamped inside the front of the socket. It is only visible when the socket is swivelled in the 'fix bayonets' position. The two other known examples are numbered in the same location.



Finally, the casting of the socket on the Wilkinson is smooth, compared with production bayonets, which display a distinct ridge.

With three identical examples extant, it's reasonable to draw the conclusion that they are part of the 1,000 prototype No.7 bayonets produced by Wilkinson in 1944.

Derek Complin © July 2019

Acknowledgements: Grateful thanks to fellow enthusiasts Lee Cousens and John Humphries.

(i) *The Spirit of the Pike*, Uppem Publications, 2003

(ii) Ian Skennerton and Robert Richardson, Skennerton, 1984

### Sir Humphrey & Nelson by Maurice Taylor

It is of Chillingham and the ever so slightly eccentric Sir Humphrey that I write a short piece. As pointed out last month the Wakefield family did found the Colonies of Petone/Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, New Plymouth and perhaps others. The grand plan was to buy land in NZ sell portions to Gentlemen/ capitalists who saw any merit in the plan to bring to NZ and make it an Albion of the South Seas. In fact to bring from the old country every thing but the soil. That is the Gentry who would fund the free passage of artisans and labourers (read Farmers in this last), carpenters, brick makers, shipwrights, blacksmiths etc. provided they were married or servant of some Gentleman. A bold scheme in which no doubt the Wakefield's guided by Edward Gibbon Wakefield Bart, who had estates in Ireland and Chillingham near Alwick played an active part.

Of the other settlements I cant say but on Nelson I can elaborate more. The three ships *Whitby*, *Will Watch* & *supply vessel* duly reached Petone then sailed across to the then to be Nelson, having bought land from war lord Te Rapahera who never went there but his warriors did some time before so no doubt he claimed his right by conquest. There was one slight glitch in the plan they had NO idea what the region was like; so sailed south while whale boats explore the shores for a suitable site. After Brunner & Heaphy had explored the Motueka /Golden Bay district they continued to seek a possible better site and rowing or perhaps by sail reached the Bolder Bank of present day Nelson, scramble over, get the glass out and decide to check it out. Finding it "Well enough" and in due course the three ships eased there way past Arrow/ Fifeshire Rock to find Wakatu with a small Maori settlement.

The year was 1841. The Colonists delighting in the surveying and construction of company buildings, roads, rude wharves and generally well pleased at the prospects, plus no doubt well pleased to be of the rolling ships!

The following year the families arrive after a long and troubled passage. No doubt equally pleased to be on dry land. By 1843 company Surveyor Cotterell had explored over into today's Marlborough believing it to be part of the purchase and seeking large pastoral blocks per agreement. His party go south toward Kiakura then return by way of today's St Arnold. Later send a group of surveyor's to mark out the land. However, Te Raparah had not considered the resident chiefs and they not benefiting from the deal objected. And to their credit ushered the surveyors to the beach along with all their kit but burning sticks and any wharves as they considered them there own property.

Well it gets ugly. A ship load of what is a virtual "posse" sails to confront the locals. Captain Arthur Wakefield being head but deferred to the Magistrate Thompson, a rather hot headed fellow, and the quarrel erupts neither side entirely blameless but in hindsight the locals had a good case. The resulted massacre / incident, call it what you will, brought about such a shock to the now leaderless and deprived of many notables Nelson reeling at the news. Fortified the now Cathedral Hill adding six Carronades or more likely the Gunnades many private ships carried. One survives today a 9 pounder which I have on ceremonial occasions fired first divesting its anti chamber of gravel, toys pen tops, and a six pound ball.

Here enters Sir Humphrey Wakefield Bart who came to take part in the 1992 150th Anniversary ably guided by 'Sir' Gregory Olsen. We the Nelson Black Powder Club aided by Reefton BP Club formed the Militia (before there was one). Having learned the Gunners arts in the US at re-enactments at Fort Niagara and the turning round of the Frigate *Constitution* in Boston harbour I fired the cannon with three rounds of 2,500 grains powder & 3 pounds of garden sifted loam to salute the ships *Spirit of Adventure* and *Breeze*, plus a Waka paddled its said by PD rowers. The Council left the gun where muzzle blasts might affect the crowds. Sir Humphrey suggested "A few fellows with poles" could move the cannon forward towards the sea but I considered a RV winch was less hazardous, We needed all the men we had I thought. All on a suitable near by beech with houses the Nelson Examiner first paper and numerous Historical Society & Gardening clubs to recreate a picture of the original town. We drilled the Militia, few used to flintlock drill, even had a roast sheep or pig I forget. Then Sir Humphrey gave a speech, he invited any Nelsonian to visit him. He wanted me to appraise some of his guns. So I later stayed at Chillingham Castle with its motley gathering of mostly props. His Staff fittingly where from NZ so his links are still strong. They even used to re run the cannon firing to start a promo piece at the Nelson Airport and to advertise grocery's though I never got so much as a sixpence in royalties.

**TUARANGA GUN SHOW Photos by Andrew Edcombe and John Carter**



**Above Kath's display, Below Collin & John's displays**

**Our President Andrew with Kath**



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## Those Evil Guns

Deputy Commissioner Mike Clements in a recent TV interview ascribed spiritual meaning to our now Prohibited Firearms, quote " *I can tell you that there are far too many guns that are evil in their nature*" and he knows this because he is a " *very senior police officer with an awful lot of experience*".

We ask are these the same evil guns that are now openly displayed on the streets of New Zealand by his own Police Officers. When Police introduced the M4 Bushmaster (AR15) MSSA rifle in to service they had this to say about them:

*"The Remington 7 was introduced in 1993 and is a bolt action styled rifle, so each time a shot is fired, the operator has to take one hand off the rifle to action the bolt. Once the bolt is actioned, the operator has to reposition their hand as well as re-sight the weapon and this could be dangerous in certain situations. This is not the case with the new Bushmaster," says Assistant Commissioner Marshall.*

*"Another reason for the replacement is the stock length of the Remington Rifle - some smaller-built staff have experienced trouble comfortably holding, aiming and firing.*

*"It was identified as the most suitable weapon for frontline use for the New Zealand Police because of its reliability, serviceability, operator maintenance, capability and compatibility," says Mr Marshall. (NZ Police website)*

Sadly we licensed firearm owners can no longer share in these advantages of a modern firearm, which are ideal for those of small stature, left handed or suffering from some physical impairment. However, take heart you will no longer have evil spirits in your gun safe.

## Burglaries

Mr Clements goes on to affirm that "The vast majority of firearms in the hands of criminals are diverted from the legitimate fleet - in other words, they are stolen in burglaries. I'm not blaming gun owners for that - they have security, we have more determined criminals who are prepared to break in... and steal those guns. That's the vast majority of guns that we find in the hands of criminals."

If this is the case, where is the proof, since we know only 8% of stolen firearm are recovered and result in a conviction? In addition police are generally unable to match seized guns to those reported stolen. Why is so much of police resource devoted to taking guns from law abiding citizens in this so called "buyback" when we all know the real problem is criminals with guns. Have the Government and Police got their priorities wrong? The answer to that has to be yes. In fact, Mr Clements statement it is an admission that Police are unable to protect us from criminals.

## Misleading the General Public

Following the terrible event in Christchurch on 15 March our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told the nation that she would remove MSSAs and Assault rifles from public hands to make New Zealand safer and followed that with the draconian amendment to the Arms Act that we now face. What she, her ministers and police have failed to do is point out to the general public that they have banned many more types of firearm including antiques and valuable historic guns as well classic sporting guns, simply because she would not allow time for consultation. She has also failed to reveal that the total cost of the buyback will be doubled as a result.

Australian authorities advised the New Zealand government to pay top dollar in compensation to encourage compliance with the buyback, but our government has chosen to mark down the values they were given by their expert advisors, but still claim they are being fair and reasonable in their compensation to affected kiwis. We are now hearing from licensed firearms owners who have been through the surrender process and they are very unhappy with the way they have been treated and even more unhappy at how they have been “beaten down” in the compensation paid.

### **The Amnesty Clock is Ticking**

Here we are, at the time of writing, 3 months after the law change and one month gone already of the 6 month amnesty and still many firearm owners do not fully understand how they are affected. Added to that Police still have to decide how and by whom guns may be modified in order to comply, which dealers will be contracted to collect banned firearms and are still updating their list of compensation values. Many pest control operators are still waiting for endorsements to use semi automatics in order to efficiently undertake their work. It begs the question has the government proceeded in too much haste and can the Police cope with all this additional administrative work and still efficiently carry out their normal duties.

Having banned the use and sale of semi automatics with their Order in Council any sensible government would have taken the time to carefully consider the necessary legislation, and given police time to prepare all aspects of collecting banned firearms. As it is they rushed through poorly considered legislation and lumbered an ill prepared police with making up the rules as they went along. No wonder there is so much resentment and confusion in the firearms community, and every likely hood of poor compliance and strong opposition to the buyback.

It is not hard to understand the governments’ haste. It was all about seizing the moment of public shock and emotion following the attack and allowing Jacinda to make a name for herself on the world stage as a decisive leader, unfortunately for her it has convinced many kiwis that her coalition are not fit to govern.

### **Second Amendment**

The government has now announced its intentions for the second tranche of law changes which it expects to become law by the end of the year. The Bill will include, Registration of ALL firearms, tougher criteria for being granted a licence, a 5 year licence period, ability for police to inspect security, tougher criteria for a dealers licence, licensing of all clubs and all ranges, increased offences and increased fees, and finally it dashes all hope for competition shooters to be granted an exemption to use semi autos.

Further prohibitions have already been placed on certain types of ammunition, such as armour piercing and tracer an amnesty for these expires on 30 September.

As we should all know by now Registration is the first step in the process of confiscation, it has been shown to provide no practical use in solving crime, is generally corrupted with errors, and is costly to implement (in Canada it cost over 2 billion before being scrapped as worthless bureaucracy), it does not prevent crime and does not make the public safer. The Police know where all the legally owned guns are – in the homes of licensed firearm owners; so why implement a system of registration that is of no practical use. If a register is leaked or hacked then it provides a shopping list for criminals.

You need to be ready to react to this new Bill, when it is published. Meanwhile talk to your MPs, let them know you are not happy with what the government has done so far to your sport and pastime in reacting to the Christchurch terror attack.



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## FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

A nice Browning Model 35 Hi-Power came to visit me. These are an absolute classic and were quite an innovation in their day with a double stack magazine giving them more cartridge capacity (hence the Hi-Power designation). Thirteen rounds of 9mm when many pistols of the day were seven or eight round capacity.

The Hi-Power was one of the most widely used military side arms in history having an 82 year production run with Browning which finally ceased in 2017 (The pistol is still produced by other manufacturers under licence).

The pistol depicted here is ex Austrian Police manufactured in the 1950's. The magazine is serial numbered to the gun and the condition is pristine. A fine example of a superbly made firearm. The fit and finish is superb and field stripping is easy. The gun was supplied by Paul and Audrey at Aoraki Ammunition.



## LARGEST RIFLE IN THE WORLD by Lex Serverinsen

I bought this .75 cal Chinese Jingal rifle in Italy for 2000 euros auction bid price. It was \$NZ 7000 landed. It took 5 months to ship here as it got stuck in an official office, in Dubai, called "Middle East and Pakistan Arms Control". ....Because it was over .50 cal it became classed as a 'Destructive device' like an artillery piece. I had to show it was an obsolete calibre, and coming to a museum.

Made in the 1880s. Some call it a Wall or Fortress rifle, 2-man portable small artillery piece. Bolt action with an interrupted thread. 7ft long and weighs 40 lbs. Big blunt cartridge, like a huge Snider. Two person rifle. Impractical, as it would be far better to replace the wobbly, deaf, fellow in front with a tripod and swivel! And by 1880, most of the world's armies had modernised, and their soldiers had smaller, better rifles.



Left: captured Chinese Jingals, and coalition Japanese troops.

Right: Notice the front right fellow getting bowled over backwards with the recoil

I've read that they were used as Anti-tank weapons, (against the Japanese) but Id rather be in the tank.



This specimen of a .75 caliber Jingal Gun Cartridge is a center fire brass cased cartridge loaded with a flat nosed lead bullet. Measuring 3.25" long and weighing almost four ounces, it is an impressive looking cartridge, particularly when compared to a .56-50 Spencer Cartridge as shown below.

A rare offering, this would be an impressive piece to display with any grouping from the late 19<sup>TH</sup> Century Imperial conflicts that raged throughout China and India. **SOLD**



A photo of .75 cal Jingal cartridge. The cartridge collectors will like that. Wish I could buy one.

The word "Jingal" means "Elephant gun", in an Indian language, and in the 1800s, the name came to refer to all big rifles and swivel guns in the Indo-Chinese region's armies.

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**FROM OUR ROVING CORRESPONDENT Simon West**

**Combined Military Services Museum, Mildon, Essex, CM9 4LQ.**

We only became aware of it when my darling wife Susanne Googled 'What's on in Essex' and what a find it was. It is probably the best privately owned museum of its type in the World that is open to the public.



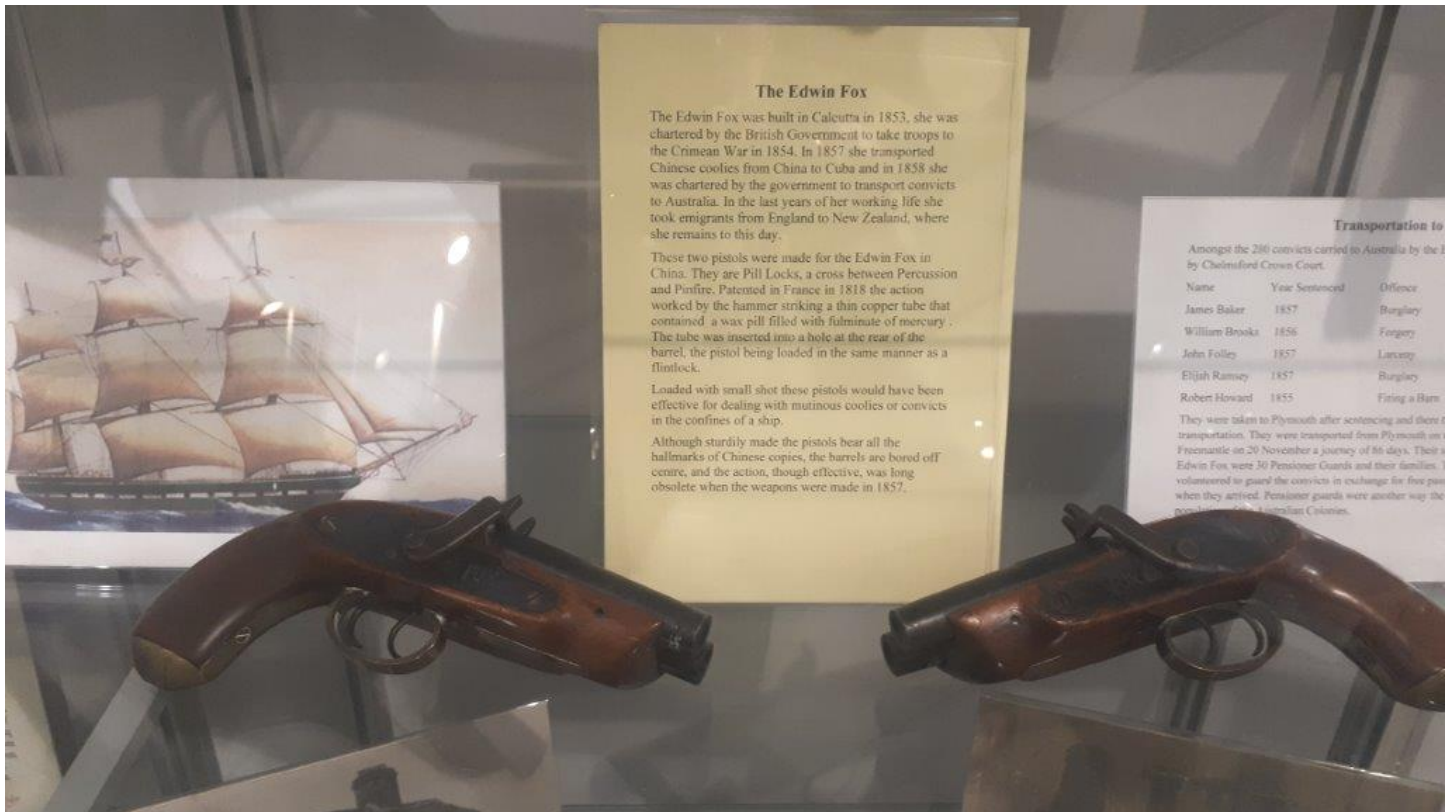
The ground floor is mainly ancient weapons including equipment from the English Civil War and a fine display of swords.

Upstairs is the best collection of S.O.E and Special Forces weapons and equipment in the World. It really is amazing and I was informed it is ALL real, no reproduction or facsimiles which I have no reason to doubt. Also on this floor are numerous mannequins clad in kit from various theatres of war.

In an adjoining room is the Donnington Firearms Collection. M O D Donnington is Britain's main armaments storage and distribution facility and over many years developed a museum, closed to the public. In 2010 this fabulous collection including many experimental, rare and captured firearms was gifted to the Combined Military Services Museum so that it could be appreciated by all.







**The Edwin Fox**

The Edwin Fox was built in Calcutta in 1853, she was chartered by the British Government to take troops to the Crimean War in 1854. In 1857 she transported Chinese coolies from China to Cuba and in 1858 she was chartered by the government to transport convicts to Australia. In the last years of her working life she took emigrants from England to New Zealand, where she remains to this day.

These two pistols were made for the Edwin Fox in China. They are Pill Locks, a cross between Percussion and Pinfire. Patented in France in 1818 the action worked by the hammer striking a thin copper tube that contained a wax pill filled with fulminate of mercury. The tube was inserted into a hole at the rear of the barrel, the pistol being loaded in the same manner as a flintlock.

Loaded with small shot these pistols would have been effective for dealing with mutinous coolies or convicts in the confines of a ship.

Although sturdily made the pistols bear all the hallmarks of Chinese copies, the barrels are bored off centre, and the action, though effective, was long obsolete when the weapons were made in 1857.

**Transportation to**

Amongst the 280 convicts carried to Australia by the Edwin Fox by Chalmersford Crown Court.

Name	Year Sentenced	Offence
James Baker	1857	Burglary
William Brooks	1856	Forgery
John Folley	1857	Larceny
Elijah Ramsey	1857	Burglary
Robert Howard	1855	Firing a Gun

They were taken to Plymouth after sentencing and then transported. They were transported from Plymouth on the Fremantle on 20 November a journey of 86 days. Their Edwin Fox, were 50 Penitentiary Guards and their families volunteered to guard the convicts in exchange for free passage when they arrived. Penitentiary guards were another way the British transported convicts to the Australian Colonies.

There are all sorts of interesting gems dotted about, like a chunk of bronze cannon from which V. C. medals are struck and a pair of ( bloody ugly) pistols made in China for the captain of the Edwin Fox which brought some of the early settlers to New Zealand. It's impossible to take it all in so if you ever get there allow at least 3 hours and dont forget your camera.

It is only open Wednesday to Sunday and costs £5.75



**Luger P08**  
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*Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan* is a 2019 Australian [war film](#) about the [Battle of Long Tan](#) during the [Vietnam War](#). It is directed by [Kriv Stenders](#) and stars [Travis Fimmel](#).

**Then two different trailers:**

<https://www.artshub.com.au/news-article/reviews/film/anthony-morris/film-review-danger-close-the-battle-of-long-tan-258548>

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<https://www.forgottenweapons.com/book-review-carvings-from-the-veldt-3-volumes/>

Cheers,

**Dave C. George.**

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## COLT DRAGOON by Ian McCollum

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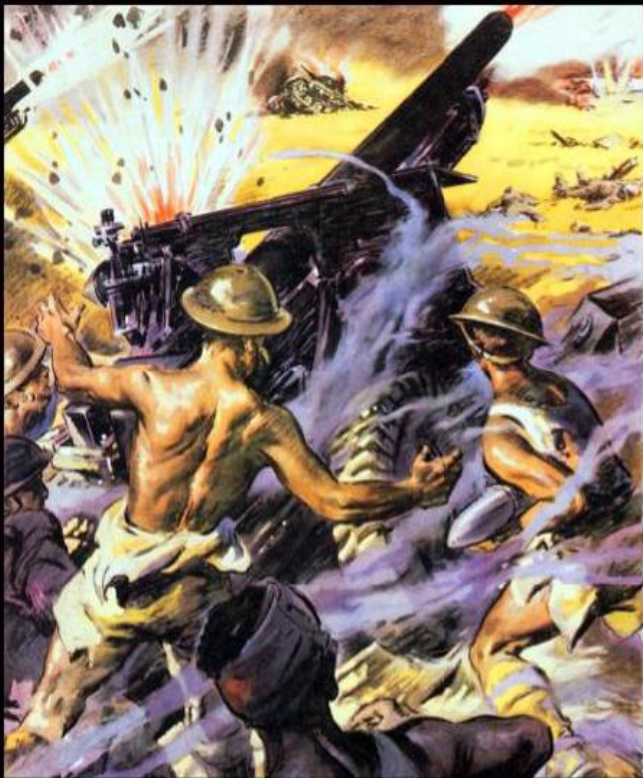
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## OBITUARY

**Norman Leslie Rackstraw**  
**12 January 1930 - 17 August 2019**

Norman was an early member of the Antique Arms Association and a member of the South Canterbury Branch, until illness left him unable to continue to attend events.

He served on the committee for South Canterbury for many years finally being in the position of Treasurer. He also served on the National executive as National President for 2 terms January 93 December 95 .

Although not being a member he was always keen to keep up with the progress and events of the Association. Norm will be remembered as an upright, honest man of the utmost integrity. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I feel honoured to have known him and to be regarded as his friend.

Ken Inwood  
Secretary  
South Canterbury Branch.

### CAN YOU HELP?

I am writing a book on the Wilson carbine purchased by Tasmania in 1864. It is rumoured although unconfirmed that some were sent to New Zealand after the Light Cavalry were disbanded and there was no further use for them here. I'm wondering if you might have come across any information regarding this? Also have you ever heard of any Wilson rifles or carbines being in NZ either for military or private use?

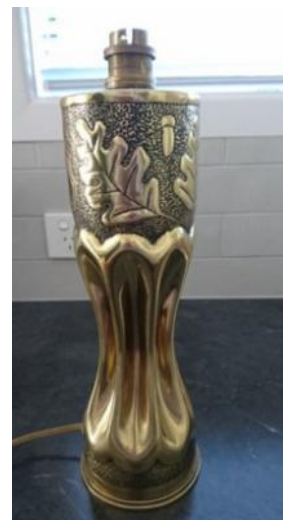
Regards, Mark Wright [jo.markwright@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jo.markwright@yahoo.com.au)

I recently got this 1917 shell lamp off trade me as 1917 is my 'year of focus' and it appealed to me.

The woman selling it said it came in a box of stuff left to her by her grandmother in Liverpool whose husband was in the Royal Navy.

This base is 4" diameter. Do you know if the markings give anything more to tell about it other than it's a 4" shell?

Thanks, Martin James [kzzz2018@hotmail.com](mailto:kzzz2018@hotmail.com)



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WWII Australian V44 fighting knife, bowie blade 9.25" overall 13.875, brass guard, loose with markings of W> along the guard, with usual ebony handle with 3 brass rivets and "BEVERLY" scratched on to one of the grips. The blade is unmarked, and the quality very similar to "Case" but has fullers!  
Refer R.Fook's book, page 168, plate 394, with a brown leather sheath, well stitched. @\$750



WWI Belgian Trench Knife 8-1/4" double edge blade, overall 14". I suspect blade and metal scabbard have been excavated, blade has some pitting, has been sharpened, wooden handle and rivet in v/g shape, has a hole for a wrist thong, scabbard badly pitted, with 1 minor whole and is loose on the knife. An egg shaped hand guard. It took me a long time to get one on e.bay years ago.



Refer F J Stephen's book "Fighting Knives" page 30, No 111. These knives were originally produced in Belgium and then after they were overrun by the Germans, were produced under contract for the Belg. Gov't in exile by manufacturers in Sheffield England. @ \$495

WWI French Boot/Trench Knife, with a fold out blade 5-3/4", overall 13" on blade stamped 23 or 25 Couvreur, wooden handle with a circular clip to release the blade. @ \$450



WWI/WWII American Fighting Knife, converted from a WWI MK I, 1918 Trench Knuckle Knife. Double edge Blade 6-3/8", overall 11-1/4" with no guard, with a Perspex and lead pommel with compressed leather washer grips. Original sheath minus its restraining strap plus a leg tie down hole. A well balanced knife for CQB in great condition. @ \$495



Contact: Brent Mackrell [b.mackrell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.mackrell@xtra.co.nz)

**\*WANTED:** Ammo, or empty brass, for the Kropatschek rifle. Ph. Tom. at 06 8796314

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Contact Graham Brimble.0274759246 [grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz)

**WANTED:** French MAS and Berthier spares, stripper clips, slings, cleaning gear, tools, any spares to do with either firearm.

Contact Tony Allnutt [tonyallnutt@gmail.com](mailto:tonyallnutt@gmail.com)

**MYSTERY OBJECT** (below right), answer please to [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

Last months (below left ), correct answer was provided by No one. It is the hilt of a Honourable Artillery Company Officers sword c 1800.



**UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2019/20 please advise [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)**

### 2019

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| 7 September     | Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North |
| 14 September    | Canterbury Branch Auction                |
| 19 October      | NZAHAA HYGM and Auction, Napier          |
| 19 October      | Carvell's Auction, Auckland              |
| 2 & 3 November  | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth   |
| 9 & 10 November | Armistice in Cambridge                   |

### 2020

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| 11 & 12 January | Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe             |
| 21 March        | NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Marlborough                       |
| 5 April         | South Canterbury Branch Auction, Washdyke               |
| 23 May          | Ruahine Arms Fair, Palmerston North                     |
| 17 & 18 July    | Mainland Arms Gun Show, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch |



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