



# E-GAZETTE MK II\*

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## EDITORIAL

I hope you are all safe at home in your family “bubble” and adhering to your personal isolation as required by the Covid -19 level 4 lock down.

If you are one of the essential workers, who are taking care of our needs, thank you for your dedication.

We can all play our part to “flatten the curve” by obeying the rules and hopefully get through this pandemic with minimum heart ache.

From the perspective of arms collectors we face a second year of disruption and disappointment as more of our gun shows and auctions are cancelled or postponed due to the requirements of personal isolation to stop the spread of the virus.

Meanwhile the Arms Legislation Bill languishes at the committee stage of the whole house while parliament is in recess. The big question is will it now pass into law before our general election?

Look after yourself and your immediate family, keep in touch with your mates and wider family and stay safe.

My thanks to members who have contributed material to this edition.


All the best,

Phil


**UP COMING EVENTS**

**2020                    DUE TO COVID - 19 ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- 5 April                    South Canterbury Branch Auction, Washdyke **POSTPONED**
- 18 & 19 April            Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Paraparaumu **POSTPONED**
- 26 April                    Carvell’s Auction, Auckland. **POSTPONED**
- 23 May                    Ruahine Arms Fair, Palmerston North **POSTPONED to 31 July**
- 6 June                    Northland Branch Gun Show, Barge Park, Whangarei **CANCELLED**
- 5 July                    Auckland Branch Gun Show ??????????
- 11 & 12 July            Wellington Branch Auction ??????????
- 17 & 18 July            Mainland Arms Gun Show, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch ??????????
- 15 & 16 August        Tauranga Militaria Show ??????????
- 3 October                HYGM & Hawkes Bay Branch Auction ??????????



**Half Year General Meeting  
and Auction - October 3rd**



HAWKES BAY Branch proudly announces that the NZAHAA | HYGM and Auction will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

The Venue will be:    The Taradale Club,  
                                  55 Wharerangi Rd,  
                                  Taradale,  
                                  Napier.

If you have any queries about this event, please contact:  
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Please note that this auction includes the late Alan Walkers entire collection of militaria including: firearms, ammunition, bayonets, badges, books and many other military items. Alan was a discerning collector and his collection was comprehensive!  
Alan was a strong pro-gun advocate, and his Will stated that he wanted his collection proceeds go to the NZAHAA, COLFO & SSANZ.  
The sales from this auction will help us all to “fight” the anti-gun legislation currently before Government, and also to try to protect our firearm rights going forward.  
This is your chance as members of our association to support all shooters and collectors by partaking in our auction.

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## FROM THE GUN ROOM By Andrew Edgcombe

Here is a little gem that was found at the recent Otorohanga Gun Show, this is a First World War German other ranks “Pork Pie” hat or “Kratzchen”.

Cockades indicate this to be a Bavarian cap, these were a fairly standard issue cap and can be seen worn in many period images. They were also a reasonably popular souvenir with many finding their way back to New Zealand with returning soldiers.



Image 1 above: Kratzchen, front view, note the stitching on the Bavarian cockade to keep it proudly in place.



The grey/green band that is covering the red (Infantry) band on the cap is a “camouflage band” these were issued to make these caps a little less conspicuous in the field and surviving examples are not often found today. This Camo band has been stitched in place and the Bavarian cockade stitched over the band after the original prongs broke off (probably in the field when fitting the camo band or soon after).

Image 2 above: Red Infantry band exposed, the camo band was stitched in place and has a buckle arrangement to ensure a neat fit on the cap.

These caps have a fairly low survival rate as moths and poor storage take a heavy toll on them. As plain as they look they are a very interesting and collectable item of militaria.

## NZAHAA AGM & NELSON BRANCH AUCTION - notes from Tony Bruce

Our AGM and auction went ahead on Saturday 21 March with numbers limited in the venue to 100 in order to meet the Covid -19 requirements.

Our President Andrew Edgcombe received a well deserved Life Membership in recognition of the sterling work he has done on behalf of our members throughout the past year dealing with issues around the Arms legislation and keeping members informed.

Canterbury Branch won the overall postal shoot trophy.



Maurice Taylor provided a comprehensive display of muzzle loaders of his own manufacture. From Matchlock to Flintlock.



## A display of Antique Sporting Firearms by Gordon Hill



A few items in the Auction that took Tony's fancy.



Does any one know the history of this propeller trophy?



## HOW TO OCCUPY YOUR ISOLATION By John Carter

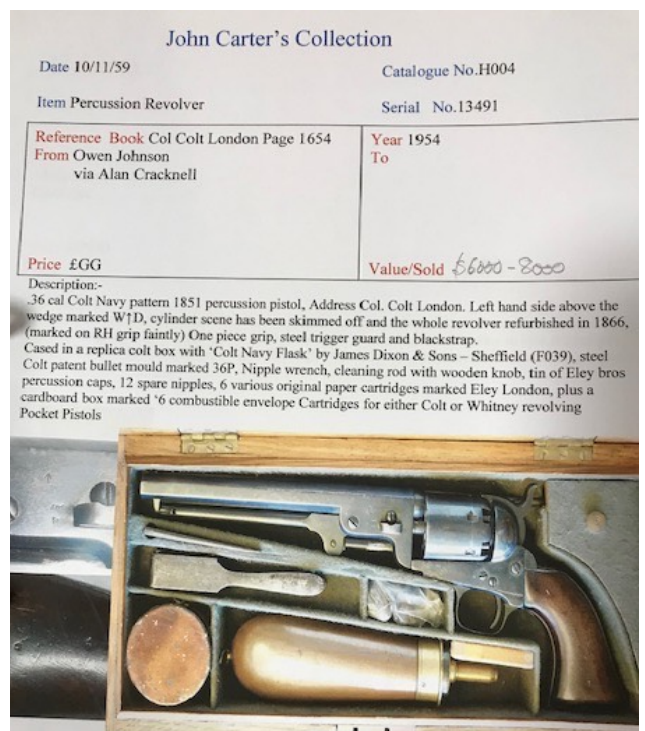
Since returning to New Zealand I've caught up with a lot of friends and admired their collections, some have got very large amounts of militaria and weapons. When I've asked questions about particular items, it normally requires a bit of fossicking around to locate and dare I say it, the old memory fails to remember all the details. I have asked some of the more advanced collectors if they've catalogued their collection. The answer is invariably NO! Have you?

This isolation period is the ideal time to catalogue your treasures either written in a note book or on the computer. The price you paid is known only to yourself but if your loved ones have to sell, a pencilled in value will give them some idea of what to expect, and of course it can be kept up to date according to world prices.

I started writing descriptions of my weapons in columns, into a large note book back in the 70s  
 Date - Description – Price (in Code) – From – Licence No – Sold To – Date – Price (\$)  
 I notice in 1977 I bought a Stevens Favourite for \$10 and sold it for \$15 in 1982!  
 For a code all you need to do is select a 10 letter word representing 1 to 10 (keep it to yourself) or even a section from the alphabet.

Later in 1996 when I was working at the RNZN Museum I learnt a new cataloguing system. By then we had our first computer and as a one finger 'typer' I catalogued the museum's weapon collection during the quiet times on the weekends. Mistakes were many but were corrected by my off-sider on the Monday. ie AAA 0001- AAA 0002 if you run out of AAA then AAB0001  
 I adopted a similar system when I purchased my own computer. But much more simple

- A001- A999     Accoutrements/ Accessories
- B001- B999     Bayonets
- C001- C999     Cutlasses
- D001- D999     Dirks/Daggers
- E001 - C999     Edge Weapons/swords
- F001 - F999     Flasks
- G001 - G999     Guns- Shotguns/Rifles/Muskets
- H001- H999     Handguns- Pistols/Revolvers
- I001 - I999     Insignia - Badges/Buttons
- J001 - J999     Uniforms – Hats/Belts
- K001- K999     Tools- Reloading/Moulds/Sights
- L001- L999     Library – Books/Printed matter
- M001- M999     Medals
- N001- N999     Naval Documentation/News cuttings
- O001- O999     Other related items- Odds & Sods
- P001 - P999     Pictures/Paintings
- S001 – S999     Sold



I had to get someone to set up a template page, otherwise when you type on the left side things move off to the right. Each section, ie **Date – Catalogue No** has to be in its own box, but some of you will be more advanced than I. Each page is printed and placed in a loose leaf folder. I used to

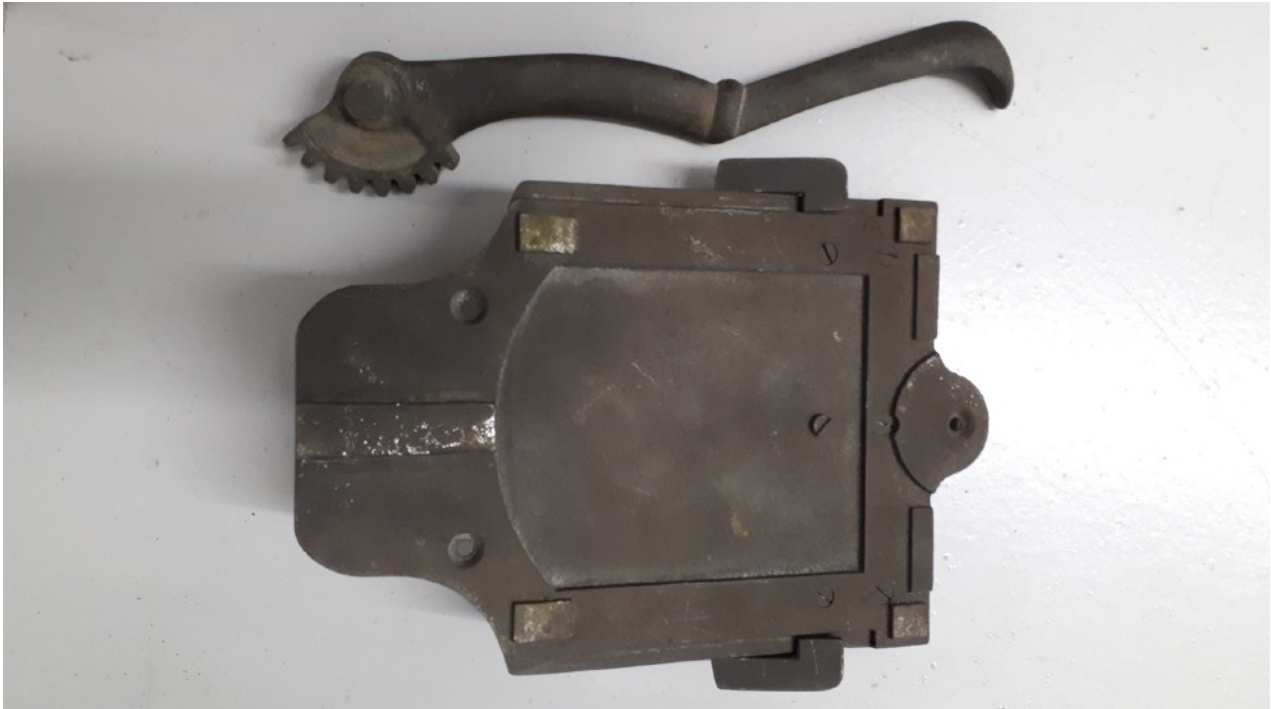
stick actual photos on the page but have learnt how to download from my phone which makes it easier. I then use white nail varnish and a fine marker pen to mark the item **Plug Bayonet B032**



This system proved a god-send when I transported everything to the Gold Coast in 2006 and even more when I brought it all back home in 2018. Customs were most pleased.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Simon West would like to know if any one can identify this MG belt loader.



## AN INTERESTING SOURCE OF READING MATERIAL

Contributed by Noel Taylor

<http://www.researchpress.co.uk> and

<https://www.militarytrader.com/?>

## RARE “OFFICER MODEL” SWEDISH MAUSER M96 by Graeme Champion



Some years ago, a Swedish friend contacted me and asked if I wanted 10 Swedish M96 rifles that he had picked up from various gun shops and private people. A deal was done and in due course they turned up.

All were in very good condition with one standing out above the rest. This particular one came in a nicely made leather slip cover, in near new condition and appearing to be unfired. When I examined this rifle, it soon became apparent it was indeed special.

The first M96 Swedish Mausers were manufactured in Germany and then in 1898, production began in Sweden at the Carl Gustaf factory. At this time, military “Weapons Officers” (Those specializing in weapons) had to go to the factory as part of their training and follow the manufacturing process of one particular rifle, carrying out the assembly and





finishing. Once the rifle was complete and had passed inspection, the officer was allowed to put his name on it (instead of a serial number) and take the rifle home as his own. There were no serial numbers stamped on these rifles at all, instead the officers initials appear on all parts.



The rifle shown here was manufactured in 1924 and assembled by Weapons Officer, E. Pettersson, with his name being stamped on the left hand side of the action and E.P. on all small parts. (left and below)

I guess the leather slip that it came in is probably not military but rather a private commission to store this rifle in. Considerable effort has been made to shape the slip to suit the rifle as well as adding a hood for the bolt handle.(below)



Very few of these rifles exist with most being held in the Carl Gustaf Museum. Those in private hands are sort after by collectors which is understandable as they represent a scarce variation to the already popular Swedish Mauser.

## THE SHIPS BISCUIT By John Carter

Food on board H.M. Ships before 1800 was very basic, the seaman survived on salt beef and pork, dried peas, oatmeal and sometimes cheese. The salted meat had to be soaked for days to try and remove some of the salt, before it could be boiled up. Dried peas and oatmeal were the favourites. Bread was sometimes available when the ship was in harbour, but generally ships biscuits were issued daily. Drink was water, or beer (8 pints each per day) but after months at sea both were green and slimy and spirits were issued instead, normally rum. Half a pint at midday, and if you were ill in the sick bay another half pint at 4pm.!

When I was in the UK in 2004 visiting HMS Victory and the Navy Museum, I purchased a souvenir Ships Biscuit I thought you might be interested in what was written on the packet :-

In a letter home a 10 year old boy who served in HMS Victory at Trafalgar 1805 writes:

“We live on beef which has been 10-11 years in the cask and on biscuits which makes your throat cold in eating it owing to the maggots which are very cold when you eat them, like calves foot jelly”

In the Navy, it was left to Samuel Pepys in 1667 to regularise the generally adopted biscuit ration of one pound daily and we defined the issue thus “one pound of good, clean, sweet, sound, well baked wheaten biscuits” these hard-baked biscuits were thick, brown in colour and stamped with perforations in the centre so that this area became even more compressed and only softened slightly after long keeping. Then, it attracted a type of maggot which was eventually transformed into an insect called a weevil, a small type of beetle, despite such imperfections such biscuits were still consumed, usually at night, when” the eye saw not, nor did the heart grieve”

In the early 1800's naval bakeries were established as the Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport and the Royal Williams Yard, Plymouth. Biscuits manufactured from the two Yards were impressed with the letters RC (Royal Clarence) or RW (Royal Williams) together with the universal trade mark of any Government product – the broad arrow.



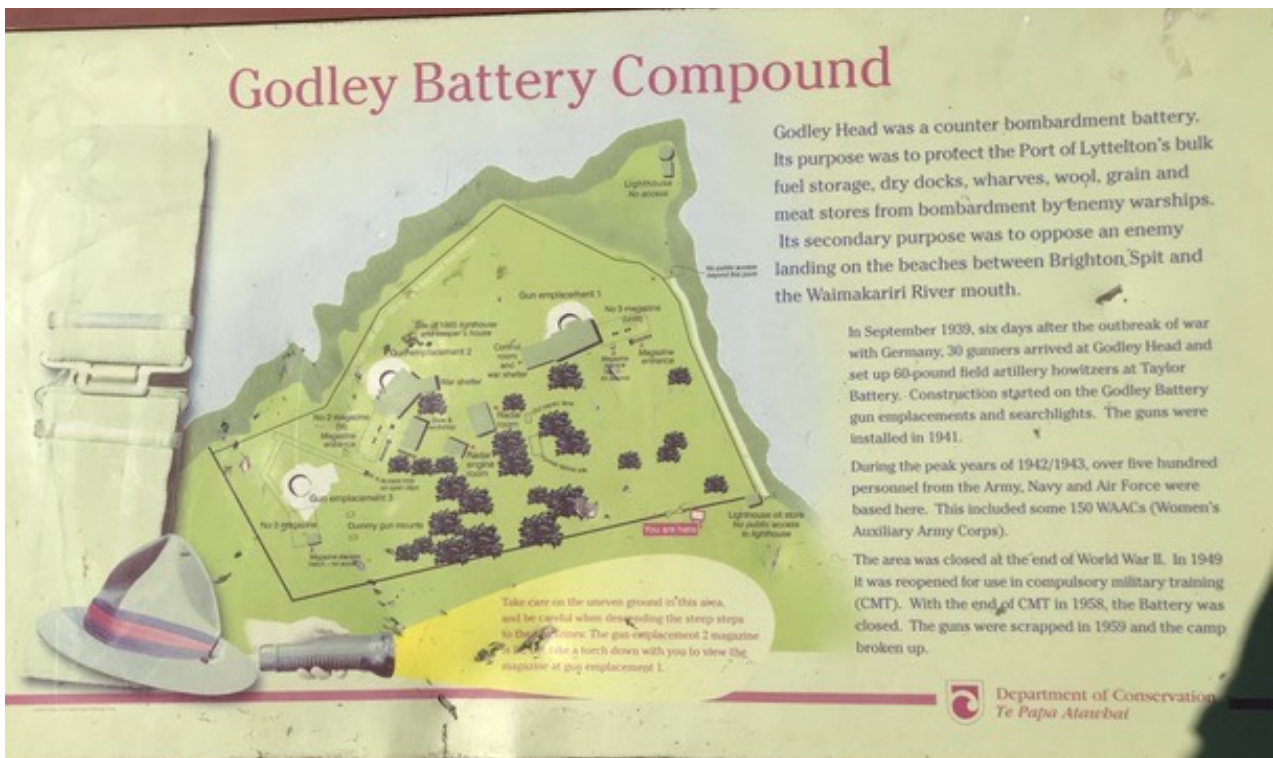
### 3 Pdr GUN AT MAUNGATOROTO RSA Contributed By Noel Taylor



# GODLEY HEAD By Phil Cregeen

While on holiday in the South Island I took the opportunity to visit the WW II gun emplacements at Godley Head which protected the entrance to Christchurch’s Lyttelton Harbour. Administered by DOC the site provides a good place to camp, coastal walks and scenery as well as some interesting history.

Here are a few images:



Above and below No 1 Gun Emplacement



No 1 Gun Underground Magazine



No 2 Gun Emplacement





No 3 Gun Emplacement.



Camp Mess

The camp is situated about 200 metres to the rear of the battery

On an adjacent headland to Godley Head a short distance along the coastal walk is Taylor Battery with two gun emplacements:

**First response to war—Taylor Battery**

Look around and try to imagine this windswept area during World War II. The circular concrete remnants are the visible remains of Taylor Battery where soldiers operated large guns and drove trucks up and down the hill delivering ammunition.

When war broke out in September 1939, two 60-pound field guns of World War I vintage were hastily brought here from Trentham for the defence of Lyttelton Harbour. They were mounted on the concrete pads still located in front of the main Taylor Battery gun pits.

But the World War I guns were never designed for the task so in July 1941 the British Admiralty lent New Zealand several ex-naval 6-inch MK VII guns, two of which came here. These were mounted in the specially constructed circular gun pits.

Can you see the remains of the lockers where shells were stored at the rear of the 6-inch guns?

Thirty gunners were stationed here, initially living in windswept tents, until their barracks were completed in mid-1941. This battery served until the completion of nearby Godley Battery with its longer-range guns, which gave more effective cover for Lyttelton Port.



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### **Fair and Reasonable Campaign - Update on Court Challenge**

COLFO's application for judicial review of Stuart Nash's regulations preventing fair compensation for now prohibited ammunition had been allocated a hearing date in the Wellington High Court of 4 & 5 May. However with the Covid19 lock down there is likely to be a change either in the date of the Hearing and/or the way it is conducted eg. Via video link. Once there is an update we will advise through our Fair and Reasonable campaign e-mail blasts. Meanwhile we continue to work at assembling expert witnesses evidence.

Our lawyers are currently investigating a second claim which has wider implications than just ammo. Should this be deemed viable we will let you know. You can follow the progress of the legal action on our website:

[www.fairandreasonable.co.nz](http://www.fairandreasonable.co.nz)

### **Arms Legislation Bill 2019 and SOP 408 The Final Cut**

At the second reading of the Bill National and Act voted to oppose it. Although NZ First voted to support the Bill through its second reading, they had some serious reservation about it. During the committee stage of the whole house that followed NZF went into negotiation with Labour to make some changes, the outcome of which has yet to be seen. Meanwhile with parliament in recess due to Covid 19 the whole process is on hold for the foreseeable future.

### **Proposed Increase in licence and other fees announced**

The next piece of work for the lawmakers is the update to Regulations. We expect this to include an introduction to some new fees. User pays no doubt. Our expectation is that fees for applications for permits will be introduced. There will also be a raise in the licensing and renewal of licence fees. These have yet to be announced. We are keeping an eye out though and will keep in touch on any changes we see on the horizon.

### **Royal Commission Inquiry Report**

The Royal Commission Inquiry report is due on 30 April 2020. Again with the lockdown we can expect there may be a delay in the presentation of this report. What will be of interest to all though is that now Tarrant has plead guilty to all charges laid against him, there will be no need to keep the findings of the RCI secret. There was some thought that if he plead not guilty, the findings of the RCI would be held back from the public while the trial took place. We expect that outcomes relating to matters of national security will be redacted but see no reason why any other findings should be kept from public scrutiny. We await the Commission's report with interest.

### **Auditor-General audit of the firearm buy-back scheme**

Originally the Auditor General's report into the running of the firearms "buy-back" scheme was due in February 2020. It was delayed to March 2020. As COLFO writes our newsletter we are at the end of March so expect the report to be delayed a further month,

at least. With the lockdown in place, we would not be surprised if the delay is extended past April 2020.

### **Another data breach and cover up exposed**

National MP Shane Reti has exposed another data breach that was covered up by the Prime Ministers Office. He revealed that firearm licence details were among the personal data breached in the massive Tuia250 digital security failure and the Government kept it secret.

It appears that the Government deliberately withheld publicly advising that firearms licences were also part of the data leaked. COLFO believes the explanation for the cover up was that it occurred just before the government announced their plan for a full firearm register.

### **Firearm Prohibition Orders**

In addition to the Police's call for comment on the governments proposed FPOs, National Party Brett Hudson has had his Private Members Bill drawn from the ballot to be included in this terms parliamentary business. While COLFO agrees in principal with FPOs we do have concerns that some of the content will be prohibitive against law abiding licenced owners. We have reached out to the National Party offering assistance to formulate a robust FPO that does not impede too greatly on the law abiding.

### **Police Raids**

Leading up to the Covid 19 lockdown Police have continued to raid unsuspecting and innocent LFOs. In the most recent incident a family with a small baby were raided by four armed police searching for 4 firearms that their own records should have told them had been handed in. This highlights our already raised concerns about the Police's ability to manage firearm records. Please get in touch with us if you have been the subject of a raid where armed Police are trying to locate firearms you have already handed in, or armed Police are in your opinion getting heavy handed. Remember to take names and details of officers who come to your home and don't forget we have some advice on what to do if you are raided on our [www.fairandreasonable.co.nz](http://www.fairandreasonable.co.nz) website under the "Resources" heading.

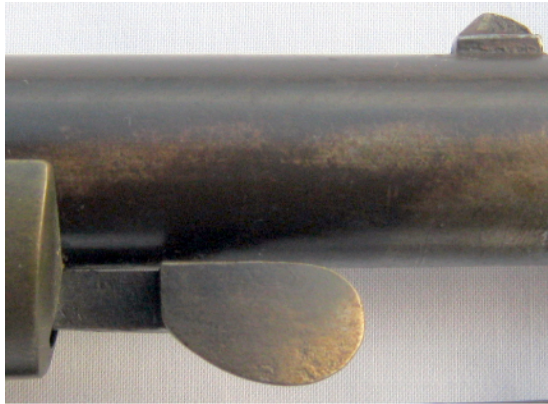
### **COLFO Exposes more Police Lies**

In justifying new harsher restriction on shooting clubs and ranges police claimed that they had evidence of numerous examples of range safety and noise issues reported by local authorities. Following Official Information Act requests to all Councils it has been shown that of the 75 councils that responded only two had received noise complaints and one of those was when the range was in use by police out of authorised hours.

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Last months (below left ), first correct answer was provided by Maurice Taylor who said it was a Lovell's bayonet catch.



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**\*WANTED:** – Voere .22 semi-auto rifle cocking handle, also any magazines.  
The cocking handle part looks like this.



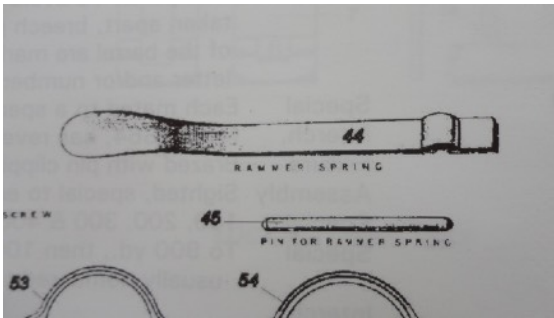
Contact Tony [tony\\_the\\_bruce@outlook.com](mailto:tony_the_bruce@outlook.com). 021 289 8831

**WANTED:** Japanese Arisaka type 38 6.5 cal Carbine in good condition, preferably with cleaning rod & bolt dust cover".

Contact: Ross, E-Mail: [rosstantrum@gmail.com](mailto:rosstantrum@gmail.com) , Mob: 0211472549.



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