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EDITORIAL

As we start the second year of e-Gazette Mk II, I would like to thank all those readers who have offered words of encouragement and material for publication. Several readers tell me that they forward the e-Gazette to friends overseas, good on you, the more we can publicise the activities of the NZAHAA on the world stage the better. So feel free to share this newsletter with your collector friends. The December issue resulted in several contributions from our readers, see below. Keep them coming guys this is your newsletter.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilrag@xtra.co.nz
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Phil Cregeen, Editor oilrag@xtra.co.nz

LETTER FROM CANADA

Dear Phil,

I really enjoy your e-Gazette. I know how much time and effort it takes to compose and set, so you're to be commended on regular production.

My wife and I spent a month touring in New Zealand a couple of years ago, a trip we'd wanted to take for some time. We weren't disappointed, and had a memorable time in all the places we visited, from Coromandel to Doubtful Sound. The only military exposure was to the museum in Waiouru, an excellent and well presented collection. Unfortunately, no collector visits . . so will have to come back.

Was impressed by your pix of the Taranaki Gun Show. Kind of puts our events to shame. We seem to do very little 'show and tell' these days, and there are rarely displays. In fact, the one major show organizer in Ontario makes no attempt to encourage displays, so nothing of real interest to attract, educate and enthuse new collectors. Instead, all you get are grumbles from old geezers worrying about what they're ultimately going to do with their collections before they pop their clogs

Thought you might be interested in the attached. It's in BCB (N5), and Ian refers to it as issued to Home Guard and Police during WWII. If that is the case, is there any further information, research or contemporary photos that you know of? I'd really like to learn more.

I was over in Paris last month for the French bayonet club annual meeting, which coincides with a Militaria show on the Sunday. I found the bayonet there, on a dealers table. . . . a lonely British Commonwealth gem amongst piles of European continental stuff . . . you just never know!! I was really pleased.

If you can use it in e-Gazette, please feel free to do so.

all the best for the Season!

Derek

Which leads us nicely into this months Interesting Bayonet, contributed by Derek. (Ed.)
AN INTERESTING BAYONET Photo by Derek Complin



This is a New Zealand marked US M1903 bayonet for the Springfield M 1903 rifle. (BCB N 5). It has a Length OA of 521 mm, blade length of 406 mm and MRD of 16.1 mm. A quantity of M 1903 Rifles and bayonets were supplied to New Zealand Home Guard and Police between 1942 and 1944. It is understood that these rifles were handed in by US Marines when they were re-issued with Garands, on returning to New Zealand after fighting in the Pacific. How this bayonet ended up in France is anybody's guess.

Do you have a modified or unusual bayonet that you would care to share with our readers? Send details and a photo to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

MORE ON FENCING MUSKETS contributed by Big Al



Top: described as "Musket with Spring Bayonet" was introduced in LOC # 807 on 16 July 1863. With an OA length of 72 1/2" (1.84m), it has all brass fittings and authentic hammer screwed direct to stock with further nose screw into breech. It is stamped with various Inspectors marks and initials. Note slot in "barrel" to allow the traditional style "bayonet" to slide back on contact. The original design was submitted by Messrs Wilkinson & Son.

Bottom: Fencing Musket Short Mk I introduced in 1905. O A L 54 3/4", stamped with Broad Arrow and inspection marks, 2 piece hand guard, and butt plate as per Martini Henry.
Under stock stamped - 1905 .W.W. Greener. Birmingham. 1905.

ANOTHER M1 CARBINE Contributed by Barry I. who wonders how it came to New Zealand.



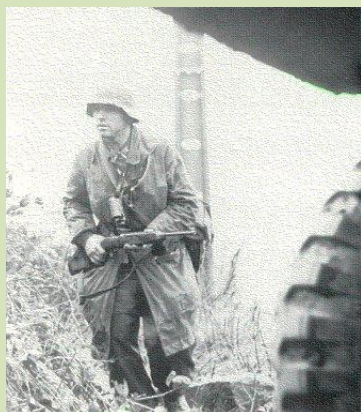
My carbine (pictured above) is also an Inland. Made June 1945. I have it as an A cat. As a result I have had to remove the original front barrel band with bayonet lug. I was interested in your question re the carbines service with the N.Z. Military. I am puzzled as to how my carbine came to be in New Zealand. I feel it was made too late and has all the latest upgrades to have been left behind by WWII G.I.s. The receiver is stamped M2 and over stamped M1. Apart from the pot belly stock that has the M2 selector lever cut out it is all M1. This indicates that it is unlikely that my carbine was imported by civilians as in the U.S.the carbine would be treated as a machine gun. American collectors tell me that regardless of all the parts being changed to M1 as the receiver was stamped M2 it will always be classed as a machine gun in America. Hence I doubt that it was privately imported from the States.

So how did it get here? Could it have come back with Kiwi troops from Korea or Vietnam? Was it issued to them or liberated? It is in such good condition that I doubt it has seen much if any action.

Do you have any theories? (Ed)



German Soldiers with M1



British soldier with M1(Arnham)

GUN REVIEW, from Pat Glynn Collection, Photos by Phil Cregeen.

This month we have another Carbine, in this case a Pattern 1844 Yeomanry Carbine (DW Bailey No 38). These 1842 style carbines were used to arm the various Yeomanry Cavalry and are a smaller version of the Second Model Victoria carbine.



The 20 in. smooth bore barrel of .66 in. calibre is held in the stock by two wedges and breech tang screw and marked with military proof and inspection marks. The captive button headed steel ram rod is secured in one brass pipe. The standard 5.25 in. side lock is marked crown/VR and 1852/Enfield. On the left hand side is a long saddle ring bar. Nose cap, trigger guard and butt plate are brass. There is a small foresight and fixed rear sight. The large screw seen on the RHS of the stock is to secure the front end of the saddle ring bar.



Captive ram rod and pipe



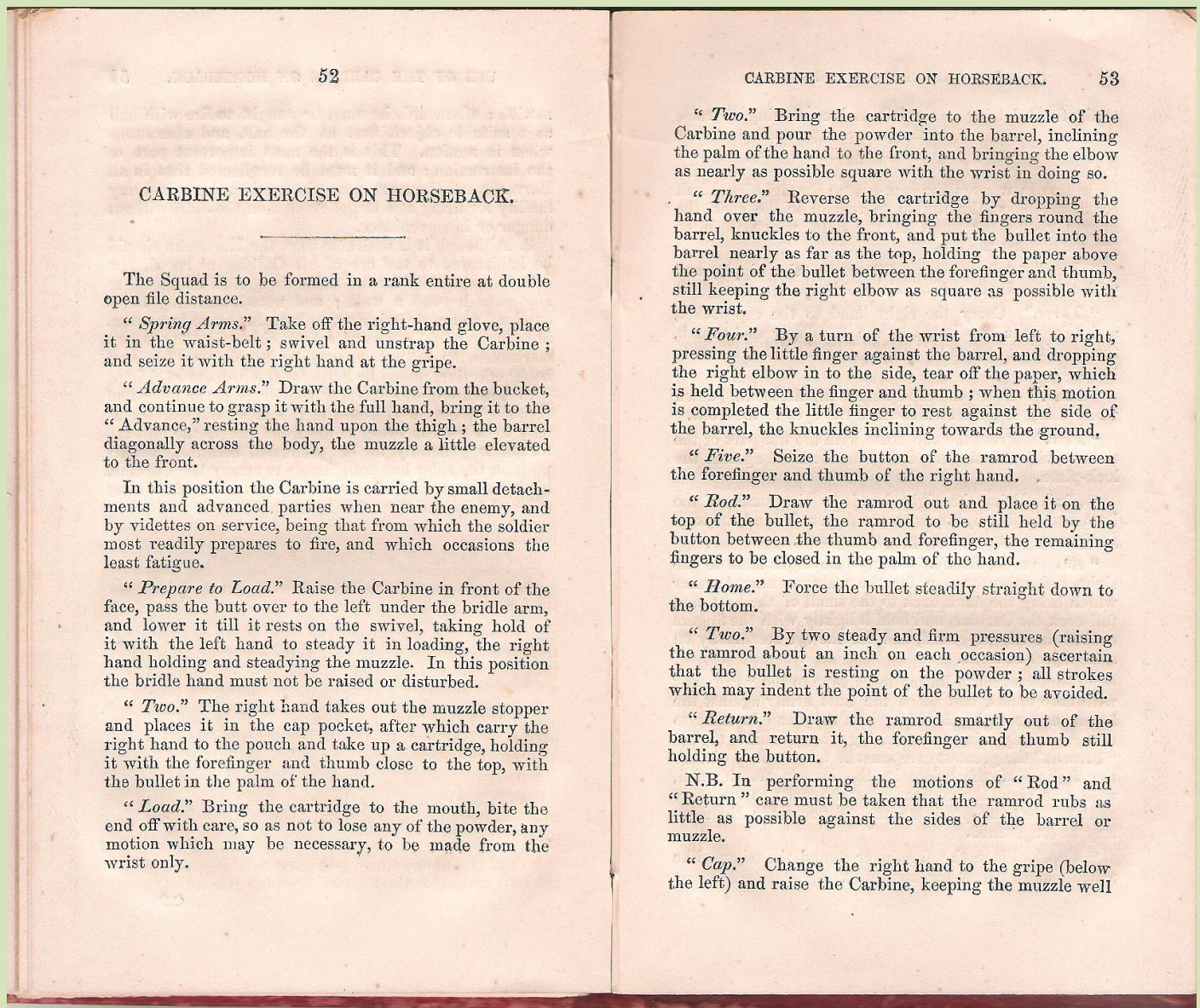
Saddle ring bar



Enfield Lock dated 1852

Reference: *British Military Longarms 1715-1865* by D W Bailey

Here are the 1865 instructions on how to load the cavalry carbine:



CARBINE EXERCISE ON HORSEBACK.

The Squad is to be formed in a rank entire at double open file distance.

"Spring Arms." Take off the right-hand glove, place it in the waist-belt; swivel and unstrap the Carbine; and seize it with the right hand at the gripe.

"Advance Arms." Draw the Carbine from the bucket, and continue to grasp it with the full hand, bring it to the "Advance," resting the hand upon the thigh; the barrel diagonally across the body, the muzzle a little elevated to the front.

In this position the Carbine is carried by small detachments and advanced parties when near the enemy, and by videttes on service, being that from which the soldier most readily prepares to fire, and which occasions the least fatigue.

"Prepare to Load." Raise the Carbine in front of the face, pass the butt over to the left under the bridle arm, and lower it till it rests on the swivel, taking hold of it with the left hand to steady it in loading, the right hand holding and steadying the muzzle. In this position the bridle hand must not be raised or disturbed.

"Two." The right hand takes out the muzzle stopper and places it in the cap pocket, after which carry the right hand to the pouch and take up a cartridge, holding it with the forefinger and thumb close to the top, with the bullet in the palm of the hand.

"Load." Bring the cartridge to the mouth, bite the end off with care, so as not to lose any of the powder, any motion which may be necessary, to be made from the wrist only.

CARBINE EXERCISE ON HORSEBACK. 53

"Two." Bring the cartridge to the muzzle of the Carbine and pour the powder into the barrel, inclining the palm of the hand to the front, and bringing the elbow as nearly as possible square with the wrist in doing so.

"Three." Reverse the cartridge by dropping the hand over the muzzle, bringing the fingers round the barrel, knuckles to the front, and put the bullet into the barrel nearly as far as the top, holding the paper above the point of the bullet between the forefinger and thumb, still keeping the right elbow as square as possible with the wrist.

"Four." By a turn of the wrist from left to right, pressing the little finger against the barrel, and dropping the right elbow in to the side, tear off the paper, which is held between the finger and thumb; when this motion is completed the little finger to rest against the side of the barrel, the knuckles inclining towards the ground.

"Five." Seize the button of the ramrod between the forefinger and thumb of the right hand.

"Rod." Draw the ramrod out and place it on the top of the bullet, the ramrod to be still held by the button between the thumb and forefinger, the remaining fingers to be closed in the palm of the hand.

"Home." Force the bullet steadily straight down to the bottom.

"Two." By two steady and firm pressures (raising the ramrod about an inch on each occasion) ascertain that the bullet is resting on the powder; all strokes which may indent the point of the bullet to be avoided.

"Return." Draw the ramrod smartly out of the barrel, and return it, the forefinger and thumb still holding the button.

N.B. In performing the motions of "Rod" and "Return" care must be taken that the ramrod rubs as little as possible against the sides of the barrel or muzzle.

"Cap." Change the right hand to the gripe (below the left) and raise the Carbine, keeping the muzzle well

to the front, letting go the left, and continuing to raise the piece with the right till you can pass the butt over to the off side; lay the Carbine in the left hand, which is to grasp it firmly, but not nearer the nipple than the projection in front of the lock-plate; the right hand half cocks the piece, the thumb to remain on the cock, the fingers round the small of the butt, which is to be pressed against the hip.

"Two." Advance the fingers to the nipple, and with the forefinger throw off the old cap.

"Three." Carry the right hand to the cap pocket, and take up a cap between the forefinger and thumb, the remaining fingers to be closed in the hand, elbow to the rear.

"Four." Place the cap upon the nipple, looking down while doing so; afterwards raise the eyes to the front.

"Five." Press the cap home with the flat part of the thumb, with the fingers closed in the hand against the lock-plate.

"Six." Bring the right hand to the small of the butt, and hold it lightly with the fingers behind the trigger-guard, thumb pointing to the muzzle.

"At yards, Ready." Carry the right hand to the sight, and raise the flap for the distance named; after which bring the hand back to the small of the butt, and full-cock the Carbine, and hold it lightly with the fingers behind the trigger-guard, and fix the eye steadfastly on some object in front.

"Front Present." Raise the Carbine to the "Present" with both hands, and place the butt firmly against the hollow of the right shoulder; lean the head in order to take a steady aim. In raising the Carbine to the "Present" the greatest care must be taken not to disturb the feeling of the bridle in the horse's mouth; and, with this view, the motions must be made as smoothly and as quietly as possible; and, if necessary, the reins may be lengthened.

"Two." Place the forefinger round the trigger like a hook, and restrain the breathing.

"Three." Raise the muzzle steadily, until the top of the foresight is brought in a line with the object through the bottom of the notch of the back sight.

"Four." Press the trigger without the least motion of the hand, eye, or arm, until the cock falls upon the nipple, keeping the eye still fixed upon the object.

"Five." Bring the carbine down to the capping position, shut down the flap, and immediately seize the Carbine with the right hand close in front of the left, and after a pause (taking time from the right) raise the Carbine in front of the face and come to the position of "Prepare to Load," 2nd motion.

N.B. Preparatory to firing to the left, the horses must be turned to the right to prevent accidents.

"At yards, Ready." As before.

"Left Present." Raise the Carbine to the "Present" to the left with the right hand; and in order to steady it, rest the barrel on the left arm, near the elbow, which for this purpose is to be raised nearly as high as the shoulder.

"Two." As before.

"Three." As before.

"Four." As before.

"Five." As before.

"Advance Arms." The right hand seizes the Carbine at the gripe, raises it in front of the face, and brings it to the "Advance."

N.B. The recruit should be taught in firing to the front to turn the horse's head the least thing to the right, the muzzle of the Carbine to be clear of the near ear; on no account to fire between the ears or near the eyes, as by so doing young horses are very liable to become unsteady; therefore too much care and attention cannot be paid to the above, as it is most essential to have the horse perfectly quiet to procure accurate firing.

The exercise should next be gone through in quick time, without numbers, as on foot.

N.B. From the "Advance" the Carbine may be carried or slung.

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Behind the Scenes Visits

The National Army Museum is now offering guided 'behind the scenes visits' for groups to our vehicle collection.

The museum has an extensive collection of military vehicles that are simply too large to house in the current museum building. It includes tanks such as the M41 Walker Bulldog, Scorpion, Honey tank, Valentine, Centurion and the M113 APC variants. It also has several Land Rovers, large recovery vehicles, the interesting looking Loyd Carrier, Half Track, and Universal Scout Car as well as several others.

Visits are for groups and include entry into the museum which houses further vehicles including New Zealand's only Sherman tank which still runs. There are also optional add-ons including lunch and a ride on our [M548 Armoured Personnel Carrier](#).

Please [contact the museum](#) for further details.



The National Army Museum's Valentine tank.

FIREARMS LICENCE – REVOCATION by Phil Cregeen

In early December I had the good fortune to attend the SSANZ AGM where Police Inspector Dave Simpson, Operations Manager for Counties Manakau District had been invited to give a talk.

He chose to speak on the subject of revocation of Firearms Licences, which falls to him to deal with in his district. He started his presentation by showing the number of licences in each category.

Licences in Counties Manukau Police District

■ A	12,000+
■ B	231
■ C	228
■ D	34
■ E	334
■ Total Endorsement Holders	483 (Some hold several)

He went on to explain that FAL can be revoked for a number of reasons, such as criminal use of a firearm, mental illness, other health issues (alcoholism), association with known criminal gangs and the like. However the basic criteria in assessing a request for revocation is whether a person is still “fit and proper” to own a firearm and would a refusal to revoke adversely affect public safety. He went on to illustrate the process by describing a number of case studies, which showed that a balanced and reasonable approach was taken in each case.

In certain circumstances the Licensee may voluntarily surrender his licence; this has the advantage that when the issue is resolved he may reapply for a FAL and even while unlicensed may still shoot while under direct supervision of a licence holder. In the case of a revoked licence the subject may not handle a firearm and there is a stand down period of several years before he may reapply. Generally voluntary surrender is only an option when the reason for revocation results from a health issue or other circumstance beyond the licensees control, it does not apply when criminal activity is involved. A person whose licence is revoked may appeal to the District Court.

Revocations dealt with/considered during 2011 year to date in Counties Manakau District

■ Considered 28 Revocation Cases	
■ Under Action	7
■ Not Revoked	4
■ Revoked	9
■ Voluntary Surrender	8

In my opinion 28 in 12,000 is a pretty small number and only one of these was an Endorsed Licence, so on the whole licensed firearm owners are behaving themselves and the “fit and proper” concept of awarding a FAL is working well. .

Inspector Simpson wound up his presentation by giving us an insight into the Police use of the Tazar, which hurts like hell and immobilises the offender for a few seconds. Each time it is deployed it records audio and video of the incident for future analysis and evidence.

WEBSITES

Auckland Branch NZAHAA at: <http://www.antique-arms.co.nz/test/>

For Long Range Desert Group at <http://www.lrdg.co.nz/>

How to clean a Glock. Even if you don't own one, you will find this interesting.

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http://www.youtube.com/v/E1m6Qct68wo%26rel%3d0%26hl%3den_US%26feature%3dplayer_embedded

Land & Air Spectacular. If you plan to be in Queensland on 19 & 20 May check out:

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2012

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28 January	Dargaville Gun Show
26 February	Central Branch Gun Show
17 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Auction, Napier
24 March	NZAHAA National Shoot, Auckland
31 March & 1 April	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
21 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, hosted by South Canterbury Branch, Timaru
23 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show
1 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
7 & 8 July	Wellington Branch Auction
21 July	Mainland Arms Gun Show, Christchurch

MYSTERY OBJECT (below left) answers please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz



Correct answer to last months mystery object (above right) from Lew McClenaghan: M1940 SVT Tokorev Self Loading Rifle takedown and adjusting tool. See this website: <http://mosinnagant.net/ussr/Svt-Photos85.asp>



Xmas Special Mystery Object was the breech of an Armstrong 40 Pounder at the National Army Museum
Barry Iacoppi was closest with “Armstrong breech loader to the right of the Waiouru museum forecourt. Not on original carriage”

AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW

Sunday 1 July 2012

Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Auckland

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for bookings

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Otorohanga Workingmen’s Club

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If you can assist please email

Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com

***WANTED:** A barrel for a Winchester 1892 cal 32 WCF(32-20) as my rifle has a burst barrel from a previous owner!!

Contact: Steve 0274728328, or 09 8360390.,

E mail: stevecor@xtra.co.nz

WANTED TO TRADE. I have an H&K MP5 collapsible stock assembly in good condition to trade for a black plastic MP5 conventional stock.

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7th & 8th January

At Oromahoe Range, as per last year.

(map and shoot programme available)

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Organised events on Saturday with prizes, and
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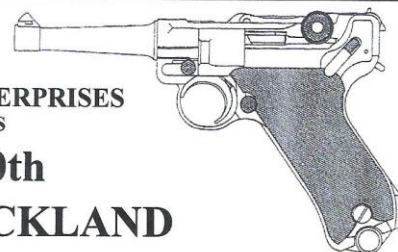
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