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New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. # 21 September 2012

EDITORIAL

Again my thanks to those who have sent comments and contributions, I hope to see you at the Half Year General Meeting on 22nd September.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilrag@xtra.co.nz
All views (and errors) expressed here are those of the Editor and not necessarily those of the NZAHAA Inc.

Phil Cregeen, Editor oilrag@xtra.co.nz

AN INTERESTING BAYONET by Phil Cregeen © 2012



I must confess I bought the top bayonet in the above picture on Trade Me on impulse, because it intrigued me. Was it 1. a genuine officially modified Pattern '07 or 2. one cut down by a collector to emulate a trials bayonet such as the Australian Shortened and Lightened No 1 (see BCB A12) or Owen bayonet (see BCB A 13), or 3. had a pig hunter cut it down for a pig sticker?

As you can see it is very similar to an Australian Owen gun bayonet (lower) and it came in an Owen bayonet scabbard marked MANGROVITE '44. However the bayonet itself is manufactured by MOLE and dated 3/18. Like the Owen Mk I Bayonet introduced in 1944 it has a 10 inch blade, however the fuller carries through the point and this has only been curved on the lower side unlike the Owen which has a slight curve on the top of the point.

Note too that India shortened many Pat '07 bayonets including British & Australian ones although these normally had 12 inch blades. (see BCB I 51).

What is your opinion? Send your verdict to oilrag@xtra.co.nz

Reference: British & Commonwealth Bayonets (BCB) by ID Skennerton & R Richardson

BREN GUN CARRIER RESTORATION- PROGRESS REPORT

Thanks to Colin Arnold for sending these recent images of his Carrier restoration project. Colin is still looking for a set of tracks, so if you know of any he would be pleased to hear from you.



Left hand pictures show the scratch built Vickers non firing replica in position

EX-CHILEAN ROSS Mk III STILL SHOOTS

I finally got to shoot my Ross Mk III, featured in the July e-Gazette and am happy to report that there was no problem with the bolt, it shoot quite high so I will have to do some work on the foresight, but it grouped well. Phil

SHOULD IT BE CALLED THE “NEW ZEALAND” CARBINE? By Phil Cregeen ©2012

Because New Zealand was the only British Empire Colony to adopt the **Carbine, Magazine, Lee Enfield; fitted to take the pattern 1888 sword bayonet** it has been dubbed the “New Zealand pattern Lee Enfield Carbine” and as a consequence many present day collectors and historians have assumed that it was made especially for New Zealand. My contention is that this is incorrect.

Since the introduction of the Pattern 1853 Enfield Rifle Britain had provided a carbine version of the service rifle for its artillery troopers, namely: Pat 53 Artillery Carbine, Snider Artillery Carbine, Martini Henry Artillery Carbine and Martini Enfield Artillery Carbine, all fitted to take an appropriate bayonet. It is therefore logical that with the introduction of the Lee Magazine rifle in 1888 that a carbine would be provided for artillery. And so it was in May 1900, announced in the List of Changes # 10220 as the “Carbine, Magazine, Lee Enfield; fitted to take the pattern 1888 sword bayonet”.



Why did it take twelve years to be introduced and why did Britain not adopt this carbine? In the late nineteenth century there were many who still believed that a single shot carbine was adequate for personal protection and this was adequately provided for the artillery in the form of the .303 Martini Enfield Artillery Carbine. By the time RSAF Enfield was ready to start manufacturing the new magazine carbine in 1901 experience gained in the South African War (Boer War) of 1899 to 1902 had already lead to the conclusion that a shorter magazine rifle, that would be suitable for all infantry, artillery and mounted troops was required. This lead to the introduction of the **Rifle, short, magazine, Lee Enfield** in LOC 11715 dated December 1902.

So why did New Zealand adopt this carbine? I would like to suggest that it was a case of ordering what seemed like the best thing to do at the time. In 1898 and 1899 New Zealand was in the process of rearming its forces with the .303 Martini Enfield rifle and carbine, having ignored the advice of its Commanding Officer to buy magazine rifles. Then in October 1899 came the Boer War and New Zealand sent its first contingent of Mounted Rifles off to South Africa armed with the new (to them) Martini Enfield Carbine. By July of 1900 the Commander of the Armed Forces reported to Parliament that nearly 1200 carbines had been sent to South Africa with various contingents and that with the large increase in the Volunteer Force not all troops in this colony were yet armed with the .303 rifle. However he hoped that these would be recovered or replaced by the Imperial Government and in the meantime magazine rifles were on order from England (AJHR 1900 H-19).

Thus in 1900 New Zealand had been stripped of its .303 Artillery Carbines and the Government had at last woken up to the need to arm its troops with magazine rifles and carbines. At the time that the order for magazine arms was placed the new Lee Enfield magazine carbine had just been announced in the List of Changes, so it seems logical to me that this is what New Zealand ordered to rearm its artillery troops.

From a report in the Auckland Star of 14 August 1901 we know about 380 Lee Enfield carbines (fitted for Pat 1888 bayonet) had been sent from Wellington and issued to the Auckland Naval Artillery Companies, Devonport Submarine Miners, the Coastguard Artillery and A Battery. It could be assumed that the defence forces of the three other major New Zealand ports were similarly issued with these carbines. A contemporary photo from the Christchurch Press shows Naval Volunteers armed with the LEC in about August 1902.

By July 1901 sufficient magazine rifles had been ordered to equip all forces with a small reserve, in the same year New Zealand received 1,000 Lee Enfield carbines with a further 500 in 1903, plus an additional number of spares and replacements. By July 1903 all corps had been armed with the Magazine Lee Enfield and the Lee Enfield Carbines had been withdrawn from adult forces and issued to cadets. (AJHR 1903 H-19)

It should be noted that to date, no documentary evidence has been found that supports the ordering of these particular carbines. However the conclusion that may be drawn from the above is that the Lee Enfield carbine issued in New Zealand was not a special order to a particular New Zealand staff requirement, but simply a carbine that was available at the time that New Zealand needed replacements for those sent to South Africa. The reason that other Empire forces did not procure it is that it was superseded by the SMLE before any need to do so arose.

Acknowledgements and thanks: Noel Taylor, John Osborne

References: The Lee Enfield by Ian Skennerton

List of Changes in British War Material 1900 -1910

Last of the Dust Cover Lee Enfields by D Munro, J Milligan, N Taylor –Collector Annual No 30

Appendix to the Journal of the House of Representatives (AJHR H-19) <http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz>

Papers Past <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>

LITHGOW SMALL ARMS FACTORY MUSEUM (Part 3 Machine Guns) Photos by Phil Cregeen, my thanks to the Museum staff for allowing this photography.





FROM OUR COLFO REP. Andrew Edgcombe

In response to a query raised on the new policy on the **special reason** to import a pistol, restricted weapon, or MSSA, or part thereof, circulated last month, Andrew has added the following:

“With regard to concerns voiced over hunting being seen to be excluded from the special reasons to import policy, hunting is seen as the usual reason for importing a firearm. The special reason provisions in the Arms Act are in relation to importing a firearm for reasons other than hunting.

Again referring to the "Special Reasons" hunting can also be used as a Special Reason if it is within the scope of “occupation”. Special reasons are mentioned in section 18 of the Arms Act”.

CHAMBER SAFETY DEVICES -A WARNING



Chamber safety devices (CSD) as promoted by Mountain Safety Council and Police are a great aid to firearms safety. When used on the range they allow the Range Officer to see at a glance that the chamber of a firearm is empty.

However they should not absolve the Range Officer from checking each firearm individually when shooting has finished and before the firearm is removed from the firing point, because rounds could still remain undetected in the magazine with disastrous consequences.

Treat every firearm as loaded.

INCIDENTS ON THE RANGE

Fortunately these are few, but when they do happen people need to have a clear idea of what to do. Here are a few generic points from the Mountain Safety Council Range Officers Course:

1. Protect yourself -STOP the shoot.
2. Protect others (close range, clear firearms, do not move affected firearm)
3. Render assistance (administer first aid, call for support – emergency services)
4. Maintain access to range for emergency services (people control, no one to leave)
5. Protect Property (safeguard victim's and or other peoples gear)
6. Paperwork (collect names, phone numbers of witnesses, write down sequence of events etc)
7. Don't leave the scene (ensure support for the RO, control communications, media etc, inform landowner and club executive.

Of course every range should have specific instruction posted to cover these items such as: where you may have to go to call 111, the correct address of the range including GPS co-ordinates, telephone numbers to be called, who is authorized to speak to the media.

UPCOMING EVENTS If you have dates for events in 2013 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2012

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| 8 September | Canterbury Branch Auction, Riccarton, Christchurch |
| 8 & 9 September | Hamilton Shooting & Outdoors Expo |
| 22 September | NZAHAA HYGM & Auction, hosted by Wellington Branch, Feilding |
| 29 & 30 September | Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson |
| 30 September | Military Heritage Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum |
| 13 & 14 October | Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington |
| 3 & 4 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth |
| 10 & 11 November | Armistice in Cambridge, Lake Karapiro http://www.lakekarapiro.co.nz/ |
| 11 November | Carvell's Auction, Auckland |

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| 16 & 17 February | Wellington Arms & Militaria Fair |
| 13 April | NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill |
| 25 May | Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Feilding |
| 22 June | Whangarei Hunting Shooting and Fishing Show |

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), provided by Pat Glynn, answers please to oilvrag@xtra.co.nz



The correct answer for last month's Mystery Object (above left) was supplied by Jim Dunn. It is a bolt fired from a Cox submarine bolt driving gun, to attach items under water, for example to the hull of a ship in marine salvage operations. The tool can instantly, and without any previous preparation of the plate, drive a special steel alloy bolt into steel plate up to one inch thick. Developed at the time of the Second World War by Temple Cox Co it is now manufactured in the UK by Accles and Shelvoke who acquired Temple Cox in 1987.

WHERE ARE THE GUNS? Please send details of your local gun to oilvrag@xtra.co.nz



These two 105 mm L5 Howitzers, dated 1961, are to be found at Seatoun (left) and Titahi Bay RSA (Right), photos provided by Margaret and Ray Brown.

HAWERA KING GEORGE III CANNON by John Osborne (C) 2012

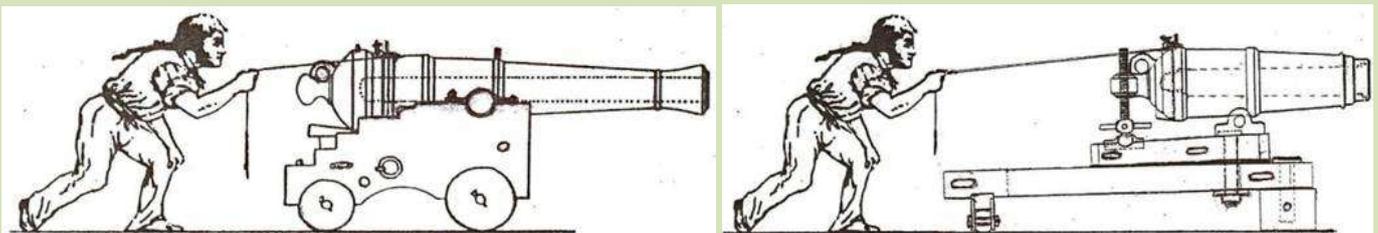
John Osborne spotted the obvious error in last month's "Where are the Guns" featuring the King George III cannon in King Edward Park, Hawera. The date of 1843 could not represent the manufacture date since George III died in 1820, and by 1843 Victoria was on the throne. This resulted in further investigation of the gun by Andrew who found out that in the 1885/86 scare the Naval Artillery Volunteers Ordnance issued one 32pr SB iron gun on garrison carriage, from Auckland's Fort Britomart, to the Hawera Rifles in 1886. John then provided the following information:



The Hawera gun is a Blomefield pattern sea service short cannon originally made c1790 – 1820 as an 18pdr, about 5.2 in bore, (same diameter as trunnion) using the flintlock igniter and goose quill tubes, it probably saw service during the Napoleonic /American Wars or even on one of the British warships in NZ waters during the 1840s/50s .



The Hawera cannon was bored up to a 32 pounder, 6.2 in bore, classified as a 25cwt (marked on trunnion) sea service or land service short cannon, modifications dated 1843 and the vent block altered to accept the percussion igniter lock and detonator goose quill tubes, also fitted with sights and a rear mounted elevation screw similar to the c1800 pattern Carronade. The 6 ft barrel Hawera 32 pounder short cannon would not have had the range for coastal defence. NZ purchased the Blomefield 9 ½ ft barrel 24pounder long cannon in 1858 for coastal defence in the main ports, these were later transferred in the 1880s to the provincial ports like the Napier Volunteer Artillery.



Left: C1800 British Blomefield cannon fitted with flintlock igniter and sights mounted on a sea service carriage required a gun crew of 6 to 8 Elevation adjustment by quoin (wedge).

Right: C1800 British Carronade fitted with flintlock igniter and rear elevating screw mounted on a sea service slide and pivoting carriage required a gun crew of 3 to 4. The most technologically advanced sea service gun at that time introduced in 1778, put British War Ships way ahead of the rest of the world; devastating for Broadside close encounters because of the fire power.

Towards the end of the Napoleonic and war with America enemy and pirate ships had learned not to close broadside engage British War ships so they stayed out of range of the Carronades. The British had to adopt new tactics which involved using longer barrel short cannon fitted with sights to give them better accuracy and range hence the Hawera Gun. The powder was more powerful, the windage was reduced, the solid balls were cast to accurate size all of which added up to giving British war ships the best firepower available out to maximum effective ranges for smooth bored guns. In the late 1850s the Brits adopted the Armstrong breech loading rifled gun for sea and land service which had range and accuracy unheard of before.

INFORMATION REQUEST FOR THE NZ ARMS REGISTER

Can you help provide information as below for our continuing research in NZ arms?



This photo was taken at Fort Britomart c1864.

Question 1: On the left, is this one of four 4.5 inch mortars described by Colonel Despard in 1846 as “*cast in Sydney and were very convenient, from their being so easily carried, the mortar and bed not weighing more than 1 cwt*”? Note this is not a Mann or Coehorn mortar.

Question 2 : On the right, is this the “*howitzer cast in Sydney, to be portable. It was tried by Sir George Gipps, and found to answer remarkably well.*”? Reported in The New Zealander 25 October 1845.

If you can provide any information on these questions please contact John Osborne: jcosborne@xtra.co.nz



Winchester M 1902



Winchester M 1904

Do you own a NZ or Education Dept marked **Winchester Model 1902 or 1904** single shot .22 rifle? If you do John Osborne would very much like to hear from you. jcosborne@xtra.co.nz



Pattern 56 Short Enfield

Do you own a NZ marked **Pattern 56, 58, 60 or 61 Enfield Short Rifle or Pat 58 Naval Short Rifle**? If you do Phil Cregeen would appreciate hearing from you oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

FROM A READER

I bought this FN cadet .22 at the recent Timaru auction. I've done the Google thing but am not having much joy in finding out about its history and hope you can help or one of your readers, thanks. Regards, Tony Allnut



More detailed photos available if you can help from Tony Allnut tonyallnut@gmail.com

MILITARY HERITAGE DAY - Please note date change



Military Heritage Day Sunday 30th September 2012

The New Zealand Military Historical Society in association with the Auckland War Memorial Museum is holding its annual Military Heritage Day as part of the Auckland Heritage Festival on Sunday the 30th of September 2012.

This year's Military Heritage Day will take place at the Auckland War Memorial Museum in the main Southern Atrium and we would be delighted if your organisation would be able to participate either by providing a display/membership table or a lecture related to your organisations area of interest in New Zealand's military history.

Past displays and lectures have included, military vehicles, re-enactors, model ships, military uniforms, medals, regimental organisations, weapons and firearms, the Land Wars, NZ in World War 1, military installations in Auckland and around NZ, history of the NZSAS, genealogy and family history investigations, the US Marines in NZ, and many other topics and items of interest.

We aim to present as wide a range of material as possible to engage the public in our nation's military history. The Heritage Day at the Museum is a great way to interact with the public, involve them in our history and encourage interest in your own organisation.

Entry is free for the public and there is no charge for your organisation to be represented. Logistics and timing etc will all be discussed and confirmed closer to the time.

We would welcome your participation in this exciting day and would like to invite you to contact Herb Farrant or myself at the details below as soon as you can to confirm a place in the display area or the lecture timetable.

Kind Regards,

Jeff Atkinson, Secretary NZMHS secretary@nzrhs.org Tel: 09 473 2129

Herb Farrant, President NZMHS, Herb@pcis.co.nz Tel: 09 306 7791

WEBSITES

Check these regularly for latest news

Auckland Branch <http://www.antique-arms.co.nz/index.html>

Canterbury Branch <http://antiquearms.co.nz/>

Wellington Branch <http://www.nzaawgtn.org.nz/> see latest auction catalogue & prices

NZART <http://nzarmsregister.blogspot.co.nz/> now contains some abridged info pages on NZ Arms.

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BUY SELL OR SWAP (Free advertising for NZAHAA members for 2 months)

FOR SALE OR TRADE : Takedown Paratroop Type British No 5 Jungle Carbine, purchased by Australian collector from New Zealand gunshop in November 1972 including purchase receipt; First year production Lithgow No I MK III SMLE dated 1913 including Lithgow Hooked Quillion bayonet dated 1914 with correct matching numbered leather Scabbard; Collection of approx 80 British & Australian Lee Enfield Range Sights including many RARE examples. See pictures below.

WANTED : British Commonwealth Trials Rifles especially Pattern 1913, No I MK VI & No 4 Trials Rifles; WW I Lattey, Gibbs, Martin, and similar Optical Sights; Rifle Grenade Cups & Spigots, and Wire Cutters & Breakers.

CONTACT : Colin Green, 5 Tiffany Grove, Templestowe, Victoria 3106, Australia.

Phone :61 3 98462070. Email : colingreenaust@hotmail.com



***WANTED:** In the 1980's there was an episode of 'This Is Your Life' dedicated to Charles Upham. I am trying to get a copy – old VHS tape is fine.
Contact: Graeme Barber 0274 35 1940
graeme.woodend@xtra.co.nz

WANTED: New Zealand Official War Histories, eg Auckland Regt., Canterbury Mtd Rifles etc

New Zealand fighting knives.

Please e.mail: b.mackrell@xtra.co.nz

WANTED: for restoration project – two Martini Enfield .303 upper barrel bands. If not complete that will still be OK, as it appears that the bands are hardest to find.

Contact: Noel Taylor njtaylor@ihug.co.nz
Phone 021 187 2106

***WANTED:** ROSS bayonet numbered DA117 to match my rifle, willing to swap or buy.

Phil: oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

DOWNLOAD A GUN FROM THE INTERNET!! Contributed by John Dahlin

Quote from "Whale Oil" blog by Cameron Slater:

"An amateur gunsmith, operating under the handle of "Have Blue" (incidentally, "Have Blue" is the codename that was used for the prototype stealth fighter that became the Lockheed F-117), announced recently in online forums that he had successfully printed a serviceable .22 calibre pistol. Despite predictions of disaster, the pistol worked. It successfully fired 200 rounds in testing. Have Blue then decided to push the limits of what was possible and use his printer to make an AR-15 rifle. To do this, he downloaded plans for an AR-15 in the Solidworks file format from a site called CNCGunsmith.com. After some small modifications to the design, he fed about \$30 of ABS plastic feedstock into his late-model Stratasys 3D printer. (see <http://www.stratasys.com/Products/3D-Printers.aspx> to learn more, Ed) The result was a functional AR-15 rifle. Early testing shows that it works, although it still has some minor feed and extraction problems to be worked out."

GREAT ESCAPE GAME Contributed by Dave Craze

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape! Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-lam could go for food and shelter. Paper maps had some real drawbacks -- they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush. Someone in MI-5 got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever. At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'CARE packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war. Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were. When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece. As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add: 1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass 2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together 3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money! British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set -- by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square. Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POWs who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely, since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war. The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honoured in a public ceremony. It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' Free' card!

BOOK REVIEW by Phil

I have just finished reading my copy of The Martini Henry Note-Book by Malcolm Cobb (see Ad below) and can honestly say I found it a fascinating read.

It provides an interesting perspective on the adoption, manufacture and use of these iconic Victorian rifles. It also discusses bayonets, ammunition, ballistics and wounding effects, manufacture of modern ammunition and provides advice on shooting them for those who are keen to do so.

More copies are due in New Zealand this month.



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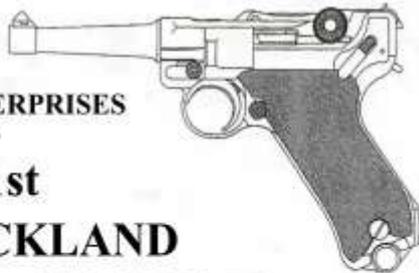
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Contact: Ken Picknell 078472626 cell 0277335535
email: homeacc@xtra.co.nz (for bookings)

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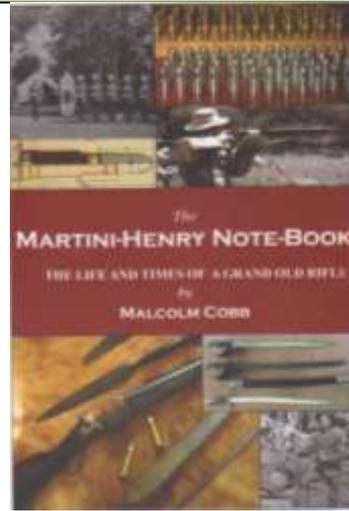
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This A4 size, 180 page, hard covered book is a wonderful read and reference for both the Collector and Shooter of Martini rifles and carbines.

The 12 chapters (profusely illustrated with black & white photos and illustrations), cover the early history, trials and development of this rifle, the competitors, along with the wars the Martini took part in (North West Frontier and Zulu Wars), the personalities involved, bayonets issued, markings on Martinis, collecting the rifle, ballistics, reloading, tuning and "shooting the Martini". There is enough to cover all interests and many 'tips' to consider. A great read together with a good splash of humour.

Australia: Cost: Aus\$75.00 plus \$10.00 post

From: Dave George: Email: david.george7@bigpond.com

New Zealand: NZ \$104.50 + post in NZ)

From: Neil Reed, Phone: 09-436.0014 (before 8pm)

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MANAWATU RUAHINE DISTRICT GUN SHOW Run by Ruahine Branch of NZAHAA Inc.

Rangitikei Club, Bowen St, FEILDING

**Saturday 25 May 2013
10.00 – 16.00hours**

We send the above information as an early "Heads Up" of our branches intention to run OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL YET GUN SHOW.

Extensive advertising in our district is intended re this function via newspaper/radio and leaflet drops and notices throughout the district.

Expressions of interest from members who wish to bring:

- A) a display (tables are provided free for displays)
- B) A sales table (cost \$20 per vendor per table)

Should be sent to:

Vic Longley 7 Raukawa Road, RD 10
Palmerston North 4470
Email longleyve@xtra.co.nz

NZ Antique and Historical Arms Assn Inc

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

The Southland Branch will be hosting the National AGM and Auction on Saturday the 13th of April 2013

Invercargill Workingmen's Club

154 Esk St Invercargill.

Items for sale in the auction are now being sought.

There will be no commission charge for vendors and a 5% buyer's premium.

Sales tables will be available at no charge.

Displays are invited and prizes will be awarded to the best.

Correspondence to:

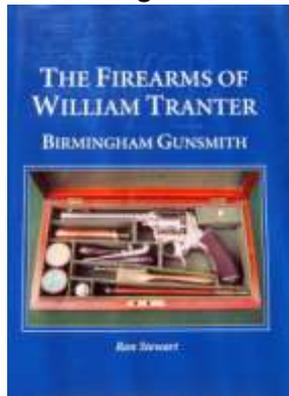
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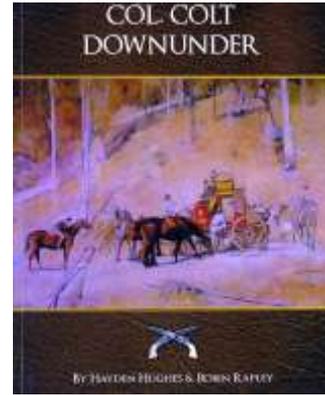


This is a valuable reference book and guide for collectors and researchers. This was a life-times work for our own **Ron Stewart** who unfortunately died before the book was published by Maxine. His meticulous research includes correspondence with Douglas Nie and also information on NZ issued 1879 models.

The price is NZ \$85.00 plus P&P and is available from:

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Colonel Colt Downunder
By Hayden Hughes and Robin Rapley



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