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EDITORIAL

By now most of you will have received the September Gazette, this is the first that I have been responsible for publishing, I would appreciate your comments and suggestions. The success of the Gazette relies largely on you the readers to write articles, they can be long or short, stories about events in history or items in your own collection, places you have visited or events that you have witnessed. If I cant use it in the Gazette I will probably find space for it in this e version.

This year and next sees many 150th commemorations of events in the NZ Wars of the 1860s, some small and others large battles. Look out for one in your local area, organisers will usually welcome input from members with an interest in arms of the period.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed material for this edition.

Phil

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Pistols: NZAR ID 300,301,302,324,325,326, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 413, 414, 421
Carbines: NZAR ID 35, 72, 75, 123
Bayonets: NZAR ID 395, 396, 397, 400
Rifles: NZAR ID 388,
Tupara: NZAR ID 128,129, 154

Your comments or additional information would be welcome.

We are currently working on percussion revolvers and signal pistols.

If you are a collector of NZ issued signal pistols we would be pleased to hear from you.

AN INTERESTING BAYONET By Phil Cregeen © 2013

It has been pointed out by Derek that the bayonet featured in last months e-Gazette made by Osborn & Gunby is a repro, most probably from India. The give away signs are the rolled collar at the rear of the socket and the crown of the inspection mark (centre) compared with an original (right)



This months bayonet is a conversion of the British Pattern 1853 socket bayonet to fit the Uruguay 1871 Mauser Rifle. Originally made by Salter & Co.



Dimensions are as follows:

LOA	19.55 in
Socket	2.1 in
Blade	17.0 in
Slot to muzzle	0.75 in
MRD	18 mm

As can be seen the blade bears the makers name, an inspection mark and sale mark. The short socket is fitted with a solid locking ring.

Thanks to Pat Glynn for providing the bayonet.

FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe © 2013

Collecting firearms and Militaria is such a rewarding pastime and one I have enjoyed since I was at Primary school, My parents must have recognized my passion early on as one of the first books on collecting was given to me as a Christmas gift around 1978, it was filled with wonderful pictures of things a boy could only dream of. I know my absolute favorite picture in the book was a full page photograph of two pickelhauben, they had a whole page to themselves so they must have been good! I often wished I could own one of them and at the time the Pickelhaube to me was indeed the holy grail of collectables.

By the time I had started working in 1987 I had been well and truly inducted into collecting by a number of local collectors one being Neil Vickers who had been sharing his latest Militaria catalogues with me for a number of years (WAY before the internet was to become a reality) . Thanks to Neil my very first two weeks pay went into the purchase of a Pickelhaube and quite a few more followed over the years from various sources at a time when you had to scour the country to find such treasures, remember this is pre internet days! Kids today would think anything pre internet may as well be prehistory full stop!

I'm often asked which helmet is your best or favorite?? When directed to the motley example shown here I'm often met with a puzzled expression. This particular and un-extraordinary example of a Prussian Pickelhaube with its mixture of brass M1895 and M1915 metal fittings which scream post war enhancement is to me by far the most significant helmet in my collection. The mixed fittings may actually be correct as helmets were sent for repair and fittings recycled on new or reissued helmets as in the last days of Pickelhaube production materials and resources were scarce. But this is not the reason for being so attached to this one, this one has a story. It is often said "Buy the item not the story that goes with it" OK this may be true and no doubt when another custodian takes possession of this helmet any nice little story that goes with it may well be lost.

A dear late friend of mine owned this helmet for a good 70 years before passing it over to me, a local guy, collector and a true gentleman. He could see my appreciation for history and Pickelhauben and it was a privilege to be entrusted with his helmet that had been given to him so many years before as a 9 year old boy by an older brother on his return from the Great War.



My friend recalled his brother coming home to the farm and sitting at the kitchen table with a bulging kit bag, after a while he reached into his kit bag and fumbled around extracting this very helmet and presented to his admiring younger brother whilst exclaiming "I brought this back from the war for you boy" . The brother passed away in the 1920's due to complications from being gassed on the Western Front and the helmet recipient went on to become a lifelong collector and was definitely one of my mentors in the formative years of my collecting.

So yes to me this is definitely the best I will ever own and despite what the experts may say the story is very significant and worthy of preservation as it is as much the reason for owning the items as the items themselves.

FROM A MEMBERS GUN ROOM by Phil Cregeen

One of the perks of being Editor is that you get to meet some really nice people and if you are lucky they are more than happy to show you items from their gun room. While in Invercargill for the AGM, thanks to Branch Secretary David King, I was able to spend a day visiting some of the local members and taking photographs of items from their collection. Here is an example from Mr X's collection, who wished to remain anonymous.

It is a Mauser Broom-handle Carbine, in 7.63 mm calibre, it was returned to New Zealand after the Great War. Marked WAFFENFABRIK MAUSER OBERNDORF A NECKAR.



US Army To Switch To “Green” 7.62x51mm NATO Round

I was interested to read the following items in the Bruce Rifle Club newsletter. So now the US forces can invade your country, destroy all your towns and villages with high explosives and kill you, but don't worry they won't contaminate your beautiful country side with nasty lead because they now have “green bullets” for their rifles. Always assuming they haven't nuked your country or littered it with depleted uranium bullets from bigger guns. Question, are copper coated lead projectiles really an environmental hazard? Or is this really about improved performance? Ed.

The US Army plan on switching to the leadless M80A1 7.62x51mm in 2014, after having gone “green” with the 5.56mm M855A1 EPR (Enhanced Performance Round) which they switch to from the M855 in 2010.

“The EPR replaces the lead slug with a copper slug,” said Lt. Col. Phil Clark, Product Manager Small Caliber Ammunition in the Program Executive Officer Ammunition.

“This makes the projectile environmentally friendly, while still giving Soldiers the performance capabilities they need on the battlefield. So far we have eliminated 1,994 metric tons of lead from 5.56 ammunition production.”

The round's new bullet design features a copper jacket and exposed hardened steel penetrator. The switch has prompted a number of significant performance enhancements over the M855A1's predecessor which was fielded in the early 1980s.

Similar improvements are expected from the 7.62 version.” [Article courtesy of The Firearm Blog.]



The M855A1 5.56x45mm NATO Cartridge and Projectile.

Also from Bruce Rifle Club newsletter

Lithgow Arms LA101 CrossOver:

First civilian firearm mass-produced in Australia in over four decades

Australia's famous Lithgow factory, which originally opened just before the First World War to produce Lee Enfield rifles for British Commonwealth troops, stopped producing civilian rifles decades ago and instead focused on military weapons, such as the Australia/New Zealand variants of the L1A1 and Steyr AUG rifles. I was surprised to learn that Winchester Australia have partnered with Thales (owner of the Lithgow factory) to start producing a new tactical/hunting-style bolt action rifle called the Lithgow Arms LA101 CrossOver.

The rifles feature a heavy barrel and a wide forend for bench shooting. The stock is made of the same injection molded nylon as Australia's new Thales EF88 (F90) service rifle. The pistol grip is described as “more upright” (I believe that tactical-style guns cannot be exported from Australia, so this might be as close to a “tactical” pistol grip they could make without giving up the option of exporting it).



Initially the Lithgow Arms LA101 CrossOver will be offered in 22 LR, .22 WMR and .17 HMR. These will be followed by a centre-fire variant chambered in .223 Rem. and .308 Win. Hopefully this will be first of many new guns from Lithgow. [Article courtesy of The Firearm Blog.]

The Battle at Pukakohe East Church compiled by Phil Cregeen

On the 14 September the Pukekohe East Church Preservation Society is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the battle that took place at the church between 17 pakiha (local settlers and special constables) and 200 Maori warriors. This small battle occurred following the first major engagement at Koheroa near Mercer on the 17th of July (See September Gazette). I have been invited to attend and provide a display of contemporary fire-arms used by both sides in the conflict. The following abridged account is from *The New Zealand Wars* by James Cowen which can be found at <http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-Cow01NewZ-c30.html>

The church is a plain little building with tiny porch and belfry; it was built in 1862 of *totara* and *rimu*. In dimensions it is only 30 feet by 15 feet. Unlike the Mauku Church of St. Bride's, the building itself was not loopholed, but was defended by a surrounding stockade in which openings were cut for rifle-fire.

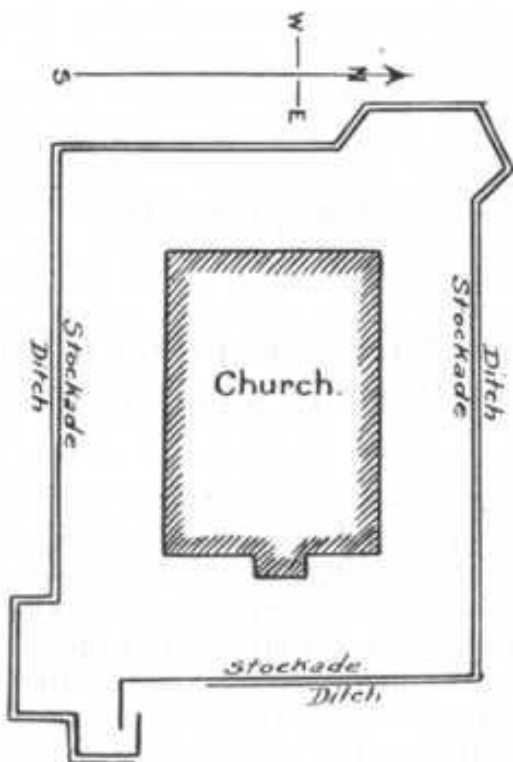
The stockade was built at a distance of 10 feet from the church all round; outside it was the trench, the earth from which was thrown up against the timbers. The stockade consisted of tree-trunks, small logs from the bush, averaging about 6 inches in diameter, and not set upright, as was the usual way, but laid horizontally on one another and spiked to posts. This wall was to have been 7 feet high all round, but it had not been completed when the place was attacked, and was not more than 5 feet high in most places, and gave poor head cover. The stockade was to have been reinforced with a front of thick slabs set upright outside and spiked to the logs, but this work had only partly been carried out when the Maoris delivered their assault. The timbers for the walls were hauled from the bush across the road in front of the church on the east and south sides, and some of the material



The Pukekohe East Presbyterian Church

(slabs) was brought from Mr. Comrie's homestead, where it had been cut for a new house. Rifle loopholes were cut in the upper and lower logs, about 10 inches in length, vertical, by 3 or 4 inches in width. In places the logs did not fit very closely, and Maori bullets came through the interstices. The taller men had to stoop to avoid the enemy's fire; the top logs of the stockade had not been spiked on when the attack came. The defence work, as measured by the trench depression in the ground to-day, was 21 paces long by 13 paces wide at the flanking bastions.

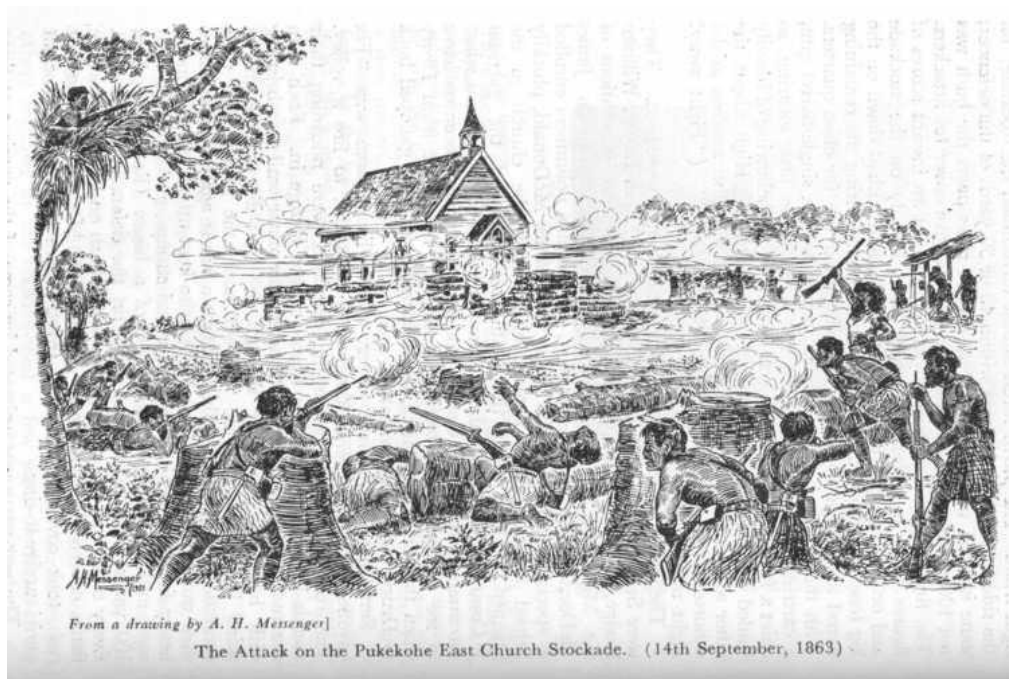
On the 31st August Lieutenant Lusk found the stockade in an incomplete state, and made the Volunteers strengthen the foot of the log wall by piling up the earth from the trench. The garrison neglected, however, to clear the bush to a safe distance from the stockade.



Ground-plan of Pukekohe East Church Stockade, 1863

Between 9 and 10 o'clock on Monday morning, the 14th September, while some of the men were cleaning their rifles and others engaged in the cooking-shed a few yards in front of the stockade gateway, a single shot was fired from the bush on the right front. The *puriri* forest almost surrounded the stockade; on the side first attacked it was within 40 or 50 yards of the defences; some isolated trees were nearer, and at most parts the bush was not 100 yards away, and logs and stumps gave cover for attackers. The first shot was followed by a charge. In an instant scores of figures leapt out from the trees, fired heavily on the stockade and on the riflemen running for shelter, and rushed down on the log fence, darting from stump to stump, some firing the remaining barrel and reloading, others reserving their fire for close quarters. With the warriors was a woman, armed with a single-barrel gun, a cartridge-belt buckled about her waist. The little clearing, so quiet a few moments before, was filled with the bellowing of heavily loaded *tupara* and the sharp crack of rifles. High above the other sounds rose the screaming voice of the Maori amazon as she exhorted her warrior comrades, "*Riria! Riria!*" ("Fight away! Fight away!")

The defenders of the stockade numbered seventeen. They were Sergeant Perry, Privates Joseph Scott, Elijah Roose, William Hodge, George Easton, James Easton, and three generations of the McDonald family (Alexander McDonald, his son James McDonald, and grandson James), besides nine volunteers enrolled as special constables. The young boy, James McDonald, pluckily helped by carrying out ammunition from the church to the riflemen. There were three other members of the garrison J. Comrie, J. B. Roose, and T. Hawke, but they were absent when the attack was made. Comrie and Roose, who had been on leave to see their families, were returning on horseback from Drury when they saw the church was attacked, and they galloped back to Drury for reinforcements.



Sergeant Perry's first order to his little force was "Fix bayonets!" He ordered them on no account to fire a volley. The reason was that while the defenders were reloading their muzzle-loading Enfields the Maoris might charge in. Each man ran to a loop-hole, and in a moment the outer wall was bristling with bayonets projecting through the rifle-slits. Independent firing began, and for the next six hours the settlers and their comrades the special constables fought a battle against many times their number of brown skirmishers, who kept up an extraordinarily heavy fire from behind trees, logs, and stumps, and from the tree-tops, and others from the shelter of a house (Easton's), about 100 yards away, above the gully on the defenders' right flank. Every tree along the ragged edge of the bush on the front and the flanks covered its musketeer. Most of the Maoris, after the first rush, took cover on the right front, where some of the ancient *puriri* survive to-day.

Defenders Firearms

During this period in New Zealand history settlers purchased their own firearms, however those enlisted in the Militia were issued arms from Government stores. While it is almost certain that the Militia were armed with the Pattern 53 Enfield, it is probable that the Special Constables garrisoning the stockade were also issued with the P 53. Special Constables who were mounted in country areas and were required to purchase their own firearms, favoured carbines and revolvers. Depicted here are some of those that were in common use at the time.



25 bore (.577" cal) 39" barrel Pattern 1853 Enfield Long Rifle and bayonet issued to Militia and British troops in New Zealand from 1858.



30 bore (.54" Cal) breech loading Calisher & Terry carbine popular with constabulary forces.



17 (.65" cal) bore percussion smoothbore Pattern 1844 Constabulary Carbine



.34" Cal Pepperbox revolver(1830s)



.44" Cal Transition revolver (1840)



.40" Cal Bentley revolver(1852)



.442" Cal Beaumont Adams revolver(1856)

The war-party was estimated by some of the garrison at three to four hundred men, but according to a Maori survivor, the old warrior Te Huia Raureti, of Ngati-Maniapoto, it did not exceed two hundred men. Te Huia (at Te Rewatu, on the Puniu River, 14th November, 1920) said:—

"Our *ope* which attacked the Europeans at Pukekohe East barracks [*i.e.*, the stockade] consisted of a part of my tribe, Ngati-Maniapoto, some other Upper Waikato people, and the Ngati-Pou, of Lower Waikato. In all we numbered between a hundred and seventy and two hundred. With us was a fighting-woman named Rangi-rumaki; she was an elderly woman, of determined countenance, and perfectly fearless. We came down the Waikato River from Meremere in three war-canoes, and were joined by Ngati-Pou. We landed near Tuakau, and were guided through the bush to Pukekohe by Ngati-Pou, whose land it had been. At Tuakau we had a preliminary skirmish; we gathered in the bush on the ridge near the British *pa* [the Alexandra Redoubt] and fired heavily on the British soldiers, who replied as heavily. We had plenty of ammunition, and we fired much of it away there. Then we marched inland and north, keeping to the level forest land on the west of the Pokeno and Pukewhau Ranges. We slept one night in the bush on the way; it was a Sunday. At our bivouac that night the chiefs Raureti Paiaka (my father) and Hopa te Rangianini spoke in council, saying, 'In the battle to come let us confine ourselves strictly to fighting; let no one touch anything in the settlers' houses, or their stock, or otherwise interfere with their property.' To this all the warriors agreed. At daylight in the morning the march was resumed. Wahanui Huatare with a number of his Ngati-Maniapoto men went on ahead, keeping under the shelter of the bush. We saw them enter a settler's house and loot it, removing the goods it contained. This breach of our agreement made us angry; it was a bad omen for us in the fight that presently began. It was not right that Wahanui and his comrades should thus trample on our accepted rules of fighting. Then the leading sections made a dash for the stockade, which stood in a small clearing. The rest of us, under Raureti and Hopa, also charged along the level ground. Raureti and Maaka, with whom was the woman Rangi-Rumaki, saw a sentry on a stump outside the defences and fired at him; he ran inside the stockade, which enclosed a building [the church]. Rangi-rumaki was exceedingly active and courageous. She charged daringly close up to the stockade, armed with a single-barrel gun; round her waist was buckled a cartridge-belt. An old Waikato fighting-man, Rapurahi, was the leader of the charge, and the woman was close up to the front; Renata and Arama followed. When we reached the front of the stockade we saw the muzzles of the guns with fixed bayonets pointing at us, and we seized some of the guns by the end of the barrel and tried to pull them out through the loopholes, but the rifle-slits were not large enough to let the stocks come through."

Soon after the first dash of the Maoris had been stayed, the attackers, as they fell back to take cover, seized the defenders' dinner of meat and potatoes, which was cooking in iron pots in the shed in front of the stockade. It was a perilous enterprise, within a few yards of the log wall, and several warriors fell dead or wounded, but the natives succeeded in carrying off the pots, and feasted on their contents in the gully below the right front of the church.

Hour after hour the firing continued in the smoke-filled clearing. The powder-grimed garrison, with smarting eyes and parched throats, stuck manfully to their posts, firing with care, for their ammunition was running short. It was only the sight of the bayonets projecting from the loopholes that prevented the Maoris from charging over the unfinished stockade. The angle holding the narrow gateway on the right front of the stockade was defended by two men, Joseph Scott and James Easton. They had the hottest work of all, for most of the attackers were concentrated on that section of the front. Both were good shots and did not waste cartridges.

Many Maoris fell; the dead and wounded were swiftly removed by means of supplejacks fastened round the ankles by men who crawled up on their hands and knees; the fallen one would be seen disappearing over the face of the hill into the valley, or hauled by unseen hands into the cover of the bush. On the south-east face, just on the road-boundary of the church-grounds, not more than 20 yards from the stockade, stood a large *puriri* tree. Some of the Maoris climbed the tree, and from the cover of the thick flax-like growth of *wharawhara*, or *astelia*, in the forks of the main branches, fired over the log wall. One at least of these snipers was shot. Another of the attackers, firing at the garrison from the roof of Easton's house under cover of the wide slab chimney, received a bullet as he incautiously exposed his head and shoulders for a moment, and came tumbling to the ground.

Some of the Maoris came up so close that they threw sticks over the wall and challenged the defenders to come out in the open. One warrior took cover behind a *puriri* stump just outside the stockade, so close up that he was unable to move to load his gun and had to crouch down low under the loopholes. The woman Rangi-rumaki gave inspiration to the attack with her loud cries of encouragement—"Riria, riria, riria!"—but even her example and her war-shouts could not prevail upon her men to hurl themselves upon the sharp steel that glinted in the rifle-flash from each fire-aperture.

The first reinforcements were joyfully greeted by the outnumbered little garrison about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when Lieutenant Grierson and thirty-two men of the 70th Regiment arrived from the Ramarama post. Grierson had heard the firing at 10.30 a.m. Skirmishing with the besiegers at the edge of the bush, they advanced at the double across the clearing and joined the defenders in the stockade. It was the salvation of the garrison, whose ammunition-supply was very low; some men had only a round apiece remaining. The strengthened force now was able to keep the Maoris close to their cover.

A detachment of the 1st Waikato Militia, under Captain Moir, with three carts containing ammunition, reached the stockade from Drury in the afternoon, and there was a sharp encounter with the Maoris in the clearing. One of the Militia was shot in the knee and wounded by a tomahawk-cut in the head. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the sound of British bugles was heard in the bush, and 150 soldiers of the 18th Royal Irish and the 65th charged across the clearing and engaged the Maoris, who were then within 40 yards of the stockade. The troops were led by Captain Inman and Captain Saltmarshe; the latter received a severe wound in the mouth. The fighting that followed, lasting for about an hour, was chiefly on the right front and flank of the church. Many of the Maoris held the cover in the hollow immediately below the church-ground on the south side, and stood their ground there until several had been killed. Five natives were buried here, on Easton's land; the spot is in a field sloping steeply to the gully, just outside the churchyard fence on the south, a few yards from the road. The British loss was three killed or mortally wounded, and eight wounded. Not a man of the stockade-defenders was struck by a bullet; the one casualty was a slight wound inflicted by a flying splinter of wood. The garrison's only loss was a good dinner, which had gone into the Kingites' stomachs. The little church showed many a scar and splinter of battle; the upper parts were well riddled with bullets, and many of the window-panes were either perforated or broken.

"In this encounter," says Te Huia Raureti, "we lost, I think, more than forty men killed. Ngati-Pou suffered most; they had about thirty men killed. Most of the dead were carried off the field, but we had to leave them on the way, and some of the bodies were concealed in the hollows and the branch forks of large trees, among the *wharawhara* leaves, so that our enemies should not find them. We had no time to bury them. Of our party from up the river the killed included Te Warena, Wetere Whatahi, Moihi Whiowhio (of the Ngati-Matakore Tribe), and Matiu Tohitaka (Ngati-Rereahu). Te Raore Wai-haere, brother of Rewi Maniapoto, was wounded. My faher, Raureti Paiaka, was wounded in the right arm."

On the day following the engagement a detachment of Militia, from Drury, arrived to garrison the church and relieve the volunteers and special constables. Sergeant Perry, in recognition of his capable leadership in the defence, was given a commission as ensign in the 2nd Regiment, Waikato Militia.

Firearms and other Arms of the Attackers these are typical examples of the time.



Musket bore 29" barrel hooked breech smooth bored percussion Tupara (double barrellled musket) the Maori warriors favourite firearm, fired the older standard British military ball cartridge sometimes both barrels together also buck shot, very effective at close range.



11 bore percussion smooth bore musket



11 bore flintlock musket

Although the battle at Pukakohe was a relatively close range shooting engagement the Maori warriors would still have carried their traditional close combat weapons:



15.5" Mere pounamu (greenstone hand club with wrist thong); 8" Patu (hard wood hand club pierced for thumb thong)



Thanks to John Osborne for providing most of the images for this article

Toki Patiti (short handled steel headed hatchets)

OBITUARY

Gary Willan

Sadly Gary Willan of Taranaki Branch passed away on Sunday 11th August at Auckland Hospital.

Garry has been a Taranaki Branch member for around 17 years and enthusiastically collected his beloved BSA rifles. During this time Garry was a staunch gun show supporter displaying at many of the Taranaki Shows, the Otorohanga Shows and occasionally further afield as and when able. Garry also supported many of the NZAHAA auctions around the country. Garry took charge of Taranaki Gun Show signage, having the signs updated and erected for each show. When members like Garry pass away they leave a huge void to fill within the association as these are the people that make the NZAHAA what it is with their friendly, encouraging personality's and willingness to freely share their knowledge.

77 year old Garry had been ill for a couple of months, he contracted a debilitating disease that left him with paralysis, he had been in hospital in New Plymouth then a New Plymouth rest home and was positive he was on the mend, He was told it could be a year at least to recover. I spoke to Garry on the phone some weeks ago and he was quite chirpy. His death was unexpected after being transferred to Auckland hospital after a slight decline in his condition.

The funeral was held on Thursday 15th August at the Abraham's Funeral Home chapel followed by a private cremation.

Andrew Edgcombe
Taranaki Branch

AN EXPLANATION FOR THOSE NEW ZEALAND "SP" MARKED FIREARMS

Thanks to research undertaken by Phil Moore at National Archives in Wellington we can now provide an explanation for those many, mostly .22 caliber, rifles encountered in New Zealand.

In 1942 consequent upon the authority of the War Cabinet the army were ordered to "purchase or impress of guns or other arms at gunsmiths or dealers' premises" and "purchase of shot or other guns held by private persons" a special series of numbers were allocated which in addition to the broad arrow were stamped on the purchased arms.



Numbers were allocated by the districts as follows:

Northern Military District to be marked S P / N / number 1 upwards

Central Military District to be marked S P / C / number 1 upwards

Southern Military District to be marked S P / S / number 1 upwards.

A register was compiled at Army District HQ of purchased arms recording the following information:

SP No, Accounting Officer, Description-make & serial No, From whom purchased, Price paid, Remarks.

As an example of the scale of this purchasing programme it was reported that by 21 February 1942 the Southern Military District had purchased a total of 6,055 rifles and 146 revolvers.

While no documentary evidence has so far been found as to what SP actually means it does not take much imagination to speculate on it being "Special Purchase".

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

First correct answer for last month (below left) was from John Sukey of Tucson, Arizona. Who said “it is a No34 Mk III or a No34 Mk IIIM depending on the type of filling . I have one sitting next to the computer “



A New Monthly Feature - How did you start collecting?

As you will have seen in **FROM THE GUN ROOM** by **Andrew Edgcombe** he got started collecting with a pickelhaube. Next month I will tell you about the bayonet that started my collection off.

Write and tell me about the item that started you on the road to being a collector. I will publish a selection in future e-Gazettes.

FROM OUR READERS

Richmond from England here. First of all thanks for the great e-mag which is doubly interesting to an Englishman as it gives a perspective on shooting & collecting on the other side of the globe as well as covering many topics dear to me ! I am a collector of all things Lee Enfield including brass oil bottles of different makes and although I have a collection of over 80 different ones I do not have any marked to New Zealand. I have no idea if any of your oilers were actually marked as such , but as you say .. you never know ! If any recipients of this mag have any for sale I would be very interested to buy or swap I have several spares in my possession .

I was trading all last week at the War & Peace Show in England (its our biggest military show) and was impressed by the number of New Zealanders who came over for it . Even sold an NZ water bottle to a very nice couple (that's what we call 'coals to Newcastle' over here !) .

Cheers, Richmond richmond@thinreadline.co.uk

MILITARY HERITAGE DAY AT AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

An opportunity for NZAHAA members to display their collections and promote our Association.

The next Military Heritage Day at the AWMM is confirmed for Saturday the 12th October from 9.30-5pm in the main Atrium at the Southern Entrance of the AWMM.

We are looking for members willing to present displays of material covering any era, theatre or service related to NZ's military history. Tables, chairs etc are all provided as is power and audio visual equipment if needed for your display.

We are building towards another good day of displays from multiple historical groups around Auckland as well as members of the NZMHS. BUT we need more!!

If you have been thinking of creating a display or want more details, please get in touch with me ASAP.

We are having planning meetings with the AWMM and it would be great to factor in all displays as early as possible to ensure all help and support can be given to those who are able to present on the day.

We will also need members to be available to help with the NZMHS membership table and generally help with the logistics etc on the 12th Oct.

This day coincides with the Passchendaele commemorations at the AWMM so it will be both a very busy day full of activity and also a great chance to present the NZMHS to a huge audience of people going through the museum on the day, I would encourage all of you who are even just thinking of putting together a display to step forward and help promote the NZMHS to the public of Auckland.

Let me know ASAP if you can help out, I will send more details as they come to hand.

Regards, Jeff Atkinson

Secretary

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TAURANGA ARMS & MILITARIA SHOW 17th and 18th August By Noel W Taylor – National Member.

Early Reveille in Auckland and on the road for the 9am opening in Tauranga.

As usual a well attended event, all the familiar faces including our President, excellent displays ranging from Post NZ Wars Rifles and Carbines of the Volunteer period through to the modern day and a major emphasis on WWI based on next year's 100 anniversary, that just goes to show the diverse collecting interests in the area and the accumulated knowledge displayed when reading the accompanying text with the displays – a credit to all concerned.

The hall was well populated with sales tables both professional dealers and members clearance tables. This writer was well pleased with his reasonably priced MLM/E parts and especially with his open topped holster for grandfathers Webley Mk I. It was regretfully noted that there was some rather over optimistic pricing of some firearms that I recall from past shows. Me thinks some vendors need to do some market research to meet the market if they really wish to sell or leave it at home for the days of hyper inflation that may allow them to meet their inflated expectations.

Good coverage was noted in the local Weekend Sun with a large front page photo of a WWI German and British soldier as members quest for examples to display during WWI 100th anniversary and on an inside page details of the show, location, timings and of what will be on display or for sale.

Well done Tauranga – see you all again next year!

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2013 or 2014 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

1 September	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Dargaville
7 September	NZAHAA HYGM and Ruahine Branch Auction, Fielding
14 September	Commemoration of Battle at Pukakohe East Church in 1863
28 & 29 September	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
12 & 13 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
12 October	Military Heritage Day Auckland War Memorial Museum
2 & 3 November	Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
9&10 November	Armistice In Cambridge
10 November	Carvell's Auction, Auckland

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21 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show
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WHERE ARE THE GUNS? Please send details of your local gun to oilrag@xtra.co.nz



This 1890 Hotchkiss '6-Pdr/8cwt QF' sits in front of the Opononi RSA (South Hokianga War Memorial Hall). Photos by Allan Delaney

WEBSITES OF INTEREST.

Christchurch Gun Show from Graeme Barber:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/8975013/Gunshow-comes-to-Christchurch>

What A Drone Can See From 17,500 feet from Robin Back

This is cutting edge, and then some, photography.

The size of the area being covered and the high quality of the imagery are beyond incredible!

This imagery is being taken from 17,500 feet up. Roughly equal to 3-1/2 miles.

<http://www.youtube.com/v/AHrZgS-Gvi4>

BUY, SELL OR SWAP Free to advertise for two months.

***FOR SALE :** See images below, Japanese Type 97 Sniper Rifle in excellent original condition; Rare 25 round magazine extension in original issue carton for U.S. WW I Model 1903 Springfield Rifle; U.S. Vietnam Issue ART Scope; U.S. Vietnam Issue ART II Scope Mount; Scarce U.S. WW II Issue M3 Fighting Knife, marked " Imperial " on blade, complete with original leather scabbard, marked " U.S. M6, Barwood, 1943;"

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:** Japanese Arisaka rifle, early to mid war manufacture, type 99. Must be in "very tidy condition" With or without the dust cover, anti aircraft sights, mono pod, or the cleaning rod...

Ring TOM. 06-8796314 or e-mail t.cmoggy@xtra.co.nz

***FOR SALE:** .22cal. Vickers Armstrong Target Rifle, heavy barrel, martini action, single shot, good condition all round.\$600 ono.

Contact Robin at randmback@gmail.com

***WANTED** to Buy/swap

Pre WW2 NZ 12ga shot shell pkts ie CAC, Tisdall, Ammo House, Hazzards, Farmers Trading, Co-Op etc. Pkts can be empty or full ,any condition etc good prices paid on condition,

Contact Robin at randmback@gmail.com

WANTED: 'E' cat safe at reasonable price. Will collect from Whangarei or Auckland. Also a mounting screw/bolt for stock to breech of Winchester pump action .22.

Phone john 09 439 4123 / 021 522 507 or email johndahlin@outlook.com

***WANTED** Grenade Box for Daimler Dingo Scout Car, see images below.

Contact: Tim at tim@ohc.net.nz



***FOR SALE:** A selection of army and air force clothing from the same guy who was a WO in both services. There are 23 items (shirts, jackets and trousers) and at least half of them are combined in various dress uniforms. All in good condition. Also several side caps and hats.

CONTACT: Malcolm Sandilands malcolm.sandilands@xtra.co.nz

FOR SALE: Harrington & Richardson .32 S&W calibre nickel plated Revolver, as favoured by New Zealand detectives in the early 1900s. Good overall condition with some rust speckling on the left side of the barrel, mainspring replaced with clock spring. \$140. CONTACT: Pat Glynn 09 432 2791



FOR SALE: STEN GUN SPRINGS.

I have a small number of New Sten gun (all marks) bolt return springs available at \$28.00 each including postage. Email gundoc@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 445 1900.

WANTED: Remington model 8 in 35 Rem ,original example sought ,consider other cal.

Contact: thesmall@snet.co.nz / ph 03 5485099 .

IMPORTING FIREARMS

A number of Kiwis have been having difficulties importing firearms and their parts into New Zealand as a result of NZ Post refusing to carry them.

If you have successfully imported any firearms or parts in the past 12 months, would you be kind enough to advise me of the carrier and exporting country.

I would like to produce a list of firearm friendly carriers for our next newsletter. oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

NZAHAA Inc Northland Branch

PRIZE SHOOT

1 SEPTEMBER 2013

At Roto Forest Dargaville
Start at 8.30 am

Military Rifle
Lever Action
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Sales Tables
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Contact: Rod Guest 0276824494 or
e-mail: rodguest@gmail.com



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Hosted by
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At
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2013 Taranaki Gun Show

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New Plymouth

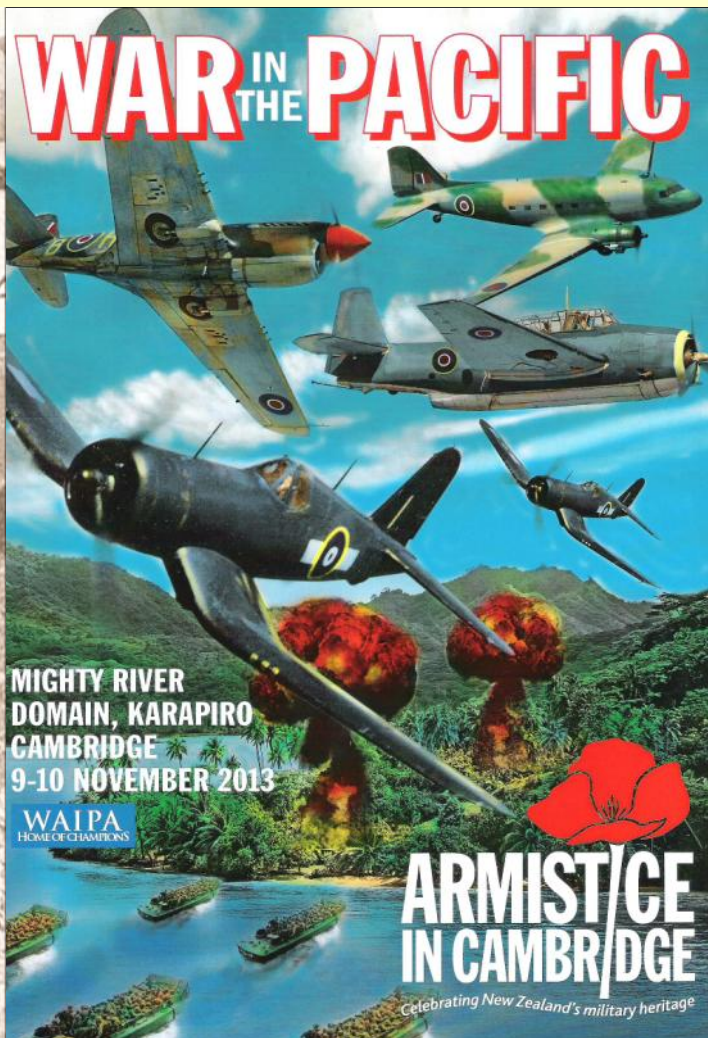
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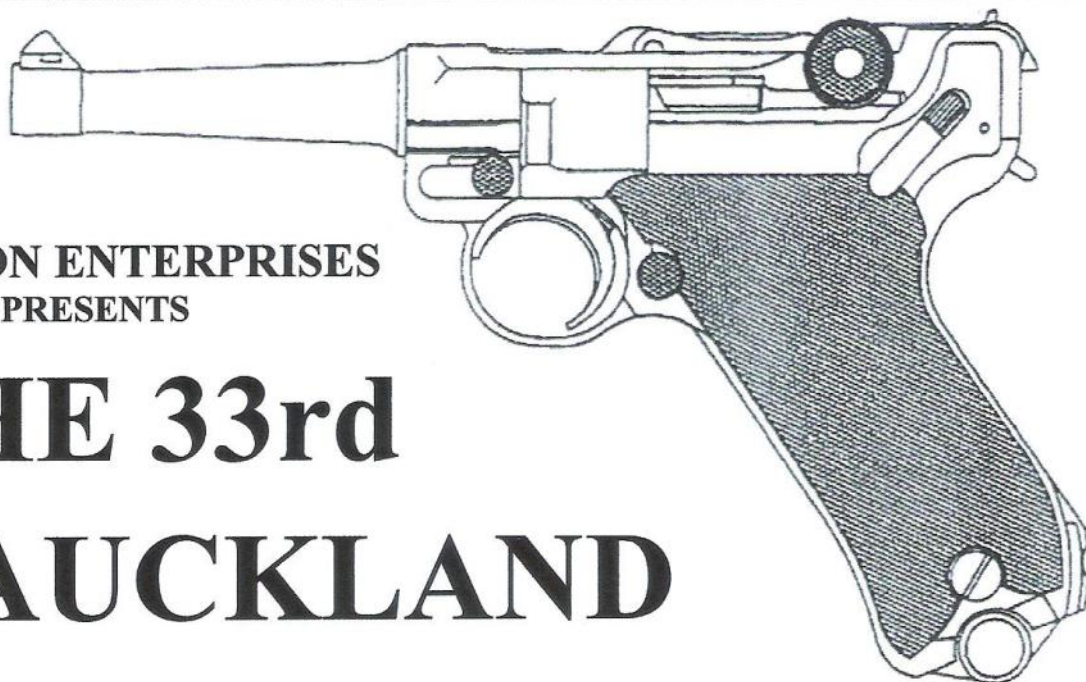
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