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## EDITORIAL

It is good to see a full calendar of event for us collectors to attend and participate in this year. Since joining the NZAHAA I have learned that participating in events has its benefits, such as making new contacts, catching up with old friends, having first crack at the treasures and bargains on offer, and sharing knowledge with other collectors.

If you have never participated in a gun show or auction, give it a go, whether it is putting on a display or selling your unwanted gear, or just helping set up it can be a lot of fun.

This year will see the start of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War, an ideal opportunity to get involved with your local RSA, by providing an appropriate display.

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

Phil

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## NOTICE

**Nominations for the position of  
NZAHAA National President and Vice President  
should reach the National Secretary before  
25 February 2014**

## The Soley knife bayonet – a British prototype

Throughout the Great War the Short Magazine Lee Enfield rifle had generally served British and Allied forces well. During the years that followed, the War Department sought to address shortcomings. A variety of weapons with proposed modifications and improvements were submitted for consideration and trials held, cumulating in the adoption of the Lee Enfield No.4 rifle in 1939.

The search for an improved weapon was not confined to the rifle. Considerable thought and research went into bayonet design. The SMLE rifle had originally been equipped with a short knife bayonet, the P1903. This was fixed to the nosecap of the rifle with a specially designed stud and bayonet bar, not directly to the barrel itself. The 12 inch blade of the P1903 bayonet was deemed too short, and soon succeeded by the P1907 bayonet with it's 17 inch blade. This in turn proved totally unsuitable for the ensuing trench warfare.

Throughout the 1920s and into the 30s, a variety of bayonet designs were considered, each attempting to address perceived needs. A major objection had been the blade length. This led to a number of design submissions with considerably shorter blades, the final choice being the No. 4 Mkl 'spike' bayonet, which fixed directly to the rifle barrel.

During this search for a more appropriate bayonet the Soley Armament Company Ltd proposed an innovative and practical solution. They submitted a prototype to the Small Arms Committee (SAC) for evaluation.



The bayonet utilized the hilt of the P1907 bayonet, modified by eliminating the curve of the tang and grips, and lightened by enlarging the oil clearing hole and machining two deep grooves around the handle. The P1907 blade was considerably shortened and reshaped.



In July of 1937 The SAC authorised Soley to produce and deliver 200 bayonets complete with modified scabbards for trials at a unit cost of 6/6d. Soley were supplied with P1907 bayonets from stores.



One could conclude that this modified P'07 bayonet was very much in the running as the new pattern bayonet. With the vast quantities of P1907 bayonets in store, it must have been tempting to prolong their service life at a considerable saving over cost of tooling up and producing the entirely new No. 4 bayonet.

The Pattern Room collection holds one 'Soley' example, illustrated in *British & Commonwealth Bayonets (B262)*, and at this time of writing, there are three other known examples held in private collections.

In the final analysis, the No. 4 rifle with its spike bayonet prevailed, and the 'Soley' relegated to a small footnote in the history of arms development.

You can visit Derek's website at : <http://www.bayonetsplus.com/>

**FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe © 2014**

Concrete is a no doubt a medium we have all worked with and is literally everywhere you look, used for kerbing, driveways, building and the like it is one of those things we just take for granted. Previously you will have seen the German GLASHANDGRANATE or Glass Hand Grenade that was produced due to lack of raw materials and machinery available to produce more conventional grenades, the example here produced from concrete is from a little further along the time line produced under ever increasing pressure for the defence of the Fatherland.

The VOLKSGRANATE 45, like the name suggests was used by the Volksstrum "Peoples Army" or "Home Guard" and is actually quite a refined weapon when compared to later variants. Essentially the Volks Grenade is nothing more than a concrete jar formed in a cardboard mould; metal fragments are mixed into the concrete to provide shrapnel increasing lethality. A 150g nipolit charge is cast into the concrete; the grenade is topped off with a flimsy metal cap and utilizes the Brennzunder 39 (BZ39) fuse which by such a late stage of the War had become one of the most common forms of ignition for grenades. The Volksgranate 45 is rather uncommon and not often encountered complete with its lid and most collectors are unaware they were even produced.



Look out for more Ersatz grenade article in the future.



## VARIATIONS ON THE MONKY'S TAIL by Phil Cregeen © 2014

The Westley Richards "Monkey Tail" capping breech loader comprises a receiver block screwed on to the barrel that accommodates a sliding block which carries on its forward face a gun metal plunger to seal the breech. The block and plunger are carried on a hinged lever which is raised to open the breech, it is this lever that was thought to look like the tail of a monkey. The rear face of the breech block has a slight reverse slope which when forced by the pressure of the exploding cartridge works on a corresponding slope in the rear of the receiver to hold the breech closed. Ignition is by means of a percussion cap and nipple struck by the side lock hammer.



Westley Richards first introduced his capping breech loader to the Ordnance Select Committee in early 1858 for consideration as a Cavalry carbine. Early trials showed promise and following further development an order was placed for 2000 carbines in 1861 for troop trials. These proved successful and approval was given to manufacture 20,000 Carbines at Enfield in 1864 with a royalty of 2/6 paid to Westley Richards for each carbine, although the pattern was not finally sealed until March 1866.



These carbines had 20 inch iron barrel weighing 2 lb 5 oz. and a nominal calibre of .451 in., octagonally rifled with a pitch of 1 turn in 20 inches (Whitworth's Patent). The total weight of the carbine was 6 lb 8oz and overall length 2 ft 11-7/8 in. The barrel was secured in the stock by a front band and a cross bolt about 6 inches in front of the breech. Furniture was made of iron with a cleaning rod retained by a swell near the head of the rod which lodged against an iron catch let into the groove. The butt contained a two hole trap for cleaning tools. The side lock was similar to that of the Enfield Pat 53. The rear sight leaf was hinged at the front and graduated to 800 yds.

The example pictured here is a private purchase carbine with 25 inch barrel manufactured by WR with a lock dated 1874 and Birmingham proof marks. Some New Zealand provincial Governments purchased these carbine for police use from about 1862.

Westley Richards also provided a breech loading rifle for Infantry to the Select Committee in 1859 and again the design was well received. To cut a long story short development continued over a number of years as varying chamber sizes and ammunition were trialled leading to a pattern being sealed in 1865 to govern the manufacture of 2,000 rifles for troop trials. This was a .450 calibre octagonally rifled bore of 1 in 20 in. twist, with a 36 inch steel barrel. The total weight of the rifle was 9 lb 6 oz. Sadly for WR it had taken so long to get to the stage of producing sufficient rifles for extensive troop trials that the design was overtaken by the arrival of the Snider conversion of the P 53 Enfield. In 1866 following adverse reports on the WR Cavalry Carbine, where it was found in the extreme cold of Canada that the bullet lubricant froze in the chamber requiring cartridges to be forced into the chamber with a stick, it was recommended that the 20,000 carbines be sold off to a foreign power and replaced by Snider Carbines.



Notwithstanding its fate in the British army the Monkey Tail proved popular with volunteer units, target shooters and hunters. The example above dated 1864 is a volunteer pattern which had a barrel length of 33 inches, although this one has been shortened to 31.5 Inches..



Serial numbers and proof marks will be found on the left side of the receiver. The barrel marked with Whitworth Patent and the breech lever marked Westley Richards Patent.



Portugal purchased 8,000 Monkey Tail rifles with 33 inch barrels, 2000 carbines with 20 inch barrels (above) and 1000 pistols of the same design in 1867



Various methods were used to keep the breech closed under normal conditions, most employed a flat leaf spring on top of the receiver (above left) as used on the British and Portuguese military carbines. The Volunteer Rifle above employs an "L" shaped spring catch (above centre) screwed to the bottom of a slot below the tail that engages in a small notch at the rear of the tail. The lower sporting rifle overleaf employs a more positive lever catch (above right) hinged from the bottom of the receiver.

Examples of Sporting Monkey Tails:



References: *The British Soldiers Firearm 1850-1864*, by C G Roads  
<http://www.roaring-forties.co.uk/home/monkey-tail-history>

Special thanks to Pat Glynn and Grant Soich for the loan of their 'Tails.

## OTAGO BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT from Hangfire



As many may know already our Otago Branch owns a WW1 German Medium Trench Mortar (175 mm Minenwerfer), since May 2007 it's been in storage at the Otago Settlers Museum. Today (6.1.14) the Branch's mortar has been returned to enable surface treatment, painting and building of the wheels. The story behind this Artillery piece is interesting both technically & it's post war history.

Yes an article will follow in the next few months – ish.

Note we also have a correct sight to suit shown in place. The oak spoke, felloe & artillery nave sitting on stub axle belong to collected parts awaiting wheelwright work in months to come. This refurbishment project is part of our preparation for the 14 -18 Celebrations & will be displayed in an exhibition, more information in Hangfires to come. How many kg's ? Well it was run over a weigh bridge .....530kg in current form.



## **Kumeu Militaria Show Update**

Kumeu Militaria Show 12th April 2014

Hello fellow enthusiasts

Firstly Clayton and I wish you all good luck for the New Year and hope you all had a relaxing time with family over the Xmas break.

We would also like to thank everyone for the positive support we have been given so far in setting up this venture; things are really starting to roll now.

Clayton and I have completed all the official stuff (companies, bank accounts, etc) we are now ready to send out vendor agreements to confirm placement. We are confident that we will completely fill the inside space of the venue with traders and indoor displays.

Outside is shaping up to be a eye opener, we are in the process of confirming participation from groups ranging over the entire spectrum of Militaria, Some are tentative but we are getting positive feedback in our dealings with everybody. Our thanks go out to:

New Zealand Defence Force  
New Zealand Cadet Force  
NZ Antique and Historical Arms Association  
International Military Arms Society  
Firearms dealers and traders  
Re-enactment Societies  
Military Vehicle owners  
MOTAT Live  
Returned Services Association  
Kings Empire Veterans  
Patriots NZ Defence Force MC  
Airsoft Gun Centre  
Motutara Waimauku Scout group  
And many, many more

Food and beverages are well in hand, there will be a great assortment of food vendors to cover all tastes and a special thanks to Donna and the team at Kumeu Cellars for supplying us fully licensed bar facilities.

Your feed back is important to us to ensure we get this event as enjoyable as possible, if you have helpful idea, let us know ASAP, we believe that we will set a high standard with this event and the aim is to incorporate feedback to improve every year.

So “Ring Fence” Saturday April 12, tell your friends and family and we will see you there!

Danny and Clayton

Kumeu Militaria Show

## 303 National Competition Dick Travis VC - 22 and 23 March 2014

Merry Christmas to all the .303 shooters and a Happy New Year 2014.

Time is going by and the summer season of shooting is upon us. For those of you intending to shoot the .303 Nationals the Dick Travis VC is only eleven weeks away. Interest is building and no doubt there are some well ahead with preparation.

The chosen dates of 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March should see us well inside the summer period of stable weather. A couple of beautiful days at Trentham on the end of a .303 will be a shooting highlight for many this season.

I have fielded a few questions about rifles and ammo and gear from some however the basic rules for competition are well set out in the entry document (available from Duncan McKee [le303@xtra.co.nz](mailto:le303@xtra.co.nz) ). Any doubts about eligibility can be sorted over the phone. I am available to answer queries most evenings.

As we enter the year that will see the Great War (1914-18) commemorations begin please spare a thought about the history of New Zealand forces during this conflict, the Enfield rifles they carried and of course Dick Travis VC.

For those who want to know more about Dick Travis, there is a biography and plenty of information on line. As with last year we at the .303 Nationals will be honoured to have the presence of immediate descendants of Dick Travis. His nephew, Noel Bockett, and family will be traveling to NZ from Australia to enjoy this occasion held in honour of his Great Uncle Richard. Noel will also be on hand to present the winner with the Trophy.

As I have said before some come to compete for the Prize, others come to shoot and pay their respects. This year through until November 2018 the NZ Government will be overseeing all manner of ceremonies relating to the achievements of New Zealand forces in WW1. Our part in this is to turn out at Trentham Rifle Range this March and bring our rifles to the same mounds soldiers used 100 years ago.

Early registration of intention to compete will assist the Karori Rifle Club with organisation of targets, markers and refreshments.

Best regards,

Duncan McKee  
Match Director  
DTVC.

E – [le303@xtra.co.nz](mailto:le303@xtra.co.nz)



SMLE Mk III\* Lithgow .303

## NORTHLAND BRANCH ANNUAL INVITATION SHOOT

Held on the second weekend in January the Northland Branch shoot and camp out attracted the usual regular visitors from Auckland Branch (one travelled from Tauranga) a few new faces and the keener local members. The weekend event is all about having fun and socialising, it included an organised shooting programme on Saturday, followed by a spit roast dinner and Mickey Mouse auction in the evening, Sunday was primarily for trying out new acquisitions.

The shooting programme organised by our leader Mack, proved challenging and interesting, with such events as chopping a post, cutting a rope, shooting 40mm diameter balloons, 4 gun shoot (but not your own), lowest score shoot, snap shoot and clay birds. For the first time this year we had a cannon shoot with four guns of various sizes trying to demolish a pirate ship, while there were many hits on the target their destructive power was lacking and so the pirate ship lived to reek havoc on the high seas.



Target



Load



Aim



FIRE



The Saturday evening auction comprised 103 lots of “pre loved items” and unwanted trash that soon became another’s treasure, all ably knocked down to a new owner by our visiting auctioneer Simon in a very relaxed atmosphere. The star item being a 17 bore Tupara (double barrel muzzle-loading gun).



The highlight on Sunday was a demonstration by Trevor of his newly built Match Lock Wall Gun firing a 6 oz ball propelled by 300 grains of Black Powder and a few of us were persuaded to have a go after being told “it doesn’t kick that much”!



## INFORMATION REQUESTS

### Re: Racking Numbers applied to Boer Mausers: Numbers A111 and A129

Firstly, a *Happy New Year* to you all.

I have a wee mystery that you 'may' be able to shed some light onto.

Both of these photos are butt plates on M95 Boer Mauser rifles. One of the rifles still has a small amount of **white paint** applied to the wrist area. This is the only reason that I feel there '**may be**' a New Zealand connection.

As you are all aware (and as can also be seen in both of my books), many of the rifles handed in for NZ Home Guard and 2nd line use in WW2, had white, red or green stripes painted around the butt wrist area. However, I was under the impression that most of these rifles were in .303" calibre. So...were any M95 Mausers impressed into NZ service as well ?



Have you seen any similar examples of these neatly scratched / engraved numbers on the butt plates of any NZ rifles ?

I am of course aware that some captured Boer M95 Mausers were used by a few British units during the 1899-1902 Boer War (eg: IMRV), and some have also appeared with Home Guard unit stamps (South African Home Guard units).

I would appreciate any feedback...if you have come across anything like this before ?

Kind regards and "*Best in Collecting*".

Dave George. [david.george7@bigpond.com](mailto:david.george7@bigpond.com)

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### Saxton of London

Does any one have any information on this gun retailer or maker? "Saxton London" is engraved on the barrel rib of this Birmingham proofed 17 Bore double barrel muzzle loading shotgun, thought to have been made in the 1830s or 40s. Thanks, Phil : [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)



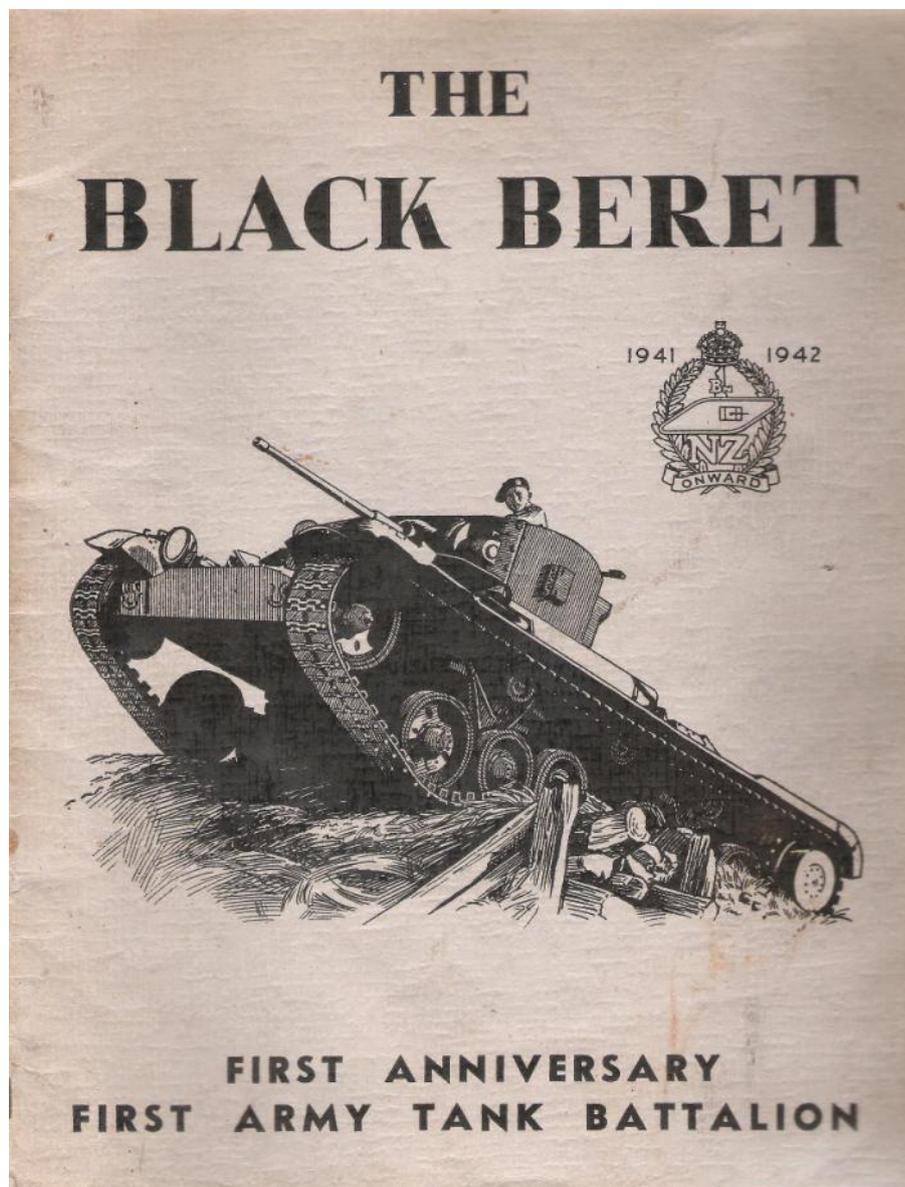
## THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND TANK BATTALION

The document below published in 1942 was found in a local auction by NZAHAA Northland Branch member Urb Seux. It tells the story of the formation of New Zealand's first tank Battalion in 1941 and commemorates their first anniversary. Is this the only surviving copy? Perhaps your family members are listed in the Battalion Roll at the end. Any way I thought it worth preserving and sharing. In memory of those who served, lest we forget.

Phil Cregeen  
Editor

The abridged document may be viewed on the **NZ Arms Register** website under **Articles-Armoured Fighting Vehicles** or click on the link below, it is a large file and may take a minute or two to load.

[http://www.armsregister.com/articles/articles\\_documents/nzar\\_a52\\_the\\_first\\_nz\\_tank\\_battalion.pdf](http://www.armsregister.com/articles/articles_documents/nzar_a52_the_first_nz_tank_battalion.pdf)



**There will be no printed catalogue for this auction**

## **UPDATE**

### **South Canterbury Branch Auction 2014**

To be held at the Greyway Lounge, Timaru Raceway, Sunday 6 April

While the organisers have catalogued certain items, others have been accepted using the vendor's description. Intending buyers should carefully read the auction terms.

Auction attendees are reminded of the new venue, the previous venue now closed.

The items offered are from the estate of an advanced collector of accessories, together with some items from an advanced collection of 19<sup>th</sup>. Century sporting arms, now being disbanded. The vendor seeks to offer these to New Zealand collectors in preference to sending them overseas. Some unique opportunities lie within this offering.

- 73 **Shotgun** 12 gauge D.B. hammer shotgun no. 1697 by Charles Boswell, London. 29 1/2 inch browned Damascus barrels proved by 1875 rules. Action with doll's head with third bite, bar locks beautifully scroll engraved, beautifully figured wood with fine finish, the gun excellent overall. In an original Boswell leather case with red baize, black leather and gold label, brass corners, cleaning gear, case extractor, Hawkesley glass oil bottle etc. Built between 1875 and 1877. Research material included. A superb example of a "best quality" London gun in fine condition with good bores.
- 74 **Volley Gun** A magnificent 7 barrelled flint lock volley gun by Milsted of Tenterden (Kent) The 26 inch barrel group smooth bored approx. .54 calibre. The lock of Queen Anne type with reversed frizzen spring. All steel furniture with minimal engraving. Butt stock good but small well executed repair above lock. This gun designed to fire either 7 or 14 round balls at a moving target e.g. a deer. No original finish but very good overall for age and undoubted good working order. The Nock volley gun was 20 inches and .46 cal so this example is a much bigger specimen. Research material will be given to the buyer. A unique opportunity in New Zealand
- 75 **Rifle** .22 Hornet by BRNO no. 36812. 23 inch barrel, one piece stock bolt action. Tasco 4x32 scope fitted. All original colour and excellent wood. Sold with 100 rounds of Sako ammunition, a spare 5 shot magazine and approx. 100 once fired empty brass. Has been little used
- 76 **Shotgun** .410 D.B. hammer shotgun by Holloway and Norton Birmingham. no. 45722 The 30 inch steel barrels engraved, "specially made for Sil Rohu Sydney". Back action locks, 2 1/2 inch chambers. Much original colour, good wood, some pitting to bores but mechanically good and working order. English .410 shotguns are rare in N.Z.
- 77 **Books (4)** Journal of Historical arms making technology (U.S.) Volumes I to IV, August 1985 to January 1991 Essential reading for the restorer or builder of replica antique fire arms
- 78 **Catalogues** Sotheby's, Approx 45 catalogues of arms and armour between 1978 and 1984 Good reference material
- 79 **Catalogues** Christies Approx 40 Christies catalogues of Arms and Armour as well as modern Sporting Guns between 1974 and 1985

- 80 **Bullet Mould** A good original brass scissors pattern .450 mould for a sporting rifle. With steel cut off, stamped 44519 and .450 R.B.Rodda and Co London and Calcutta excellent.
- 81 **Ramrods (2)** Ebony rods for M.L. shotguns with brass tips, both 28 inches but missing worm tips, otherwise good condn.
- 82 **Cleaning rods (2)** Both 3 piece , one B.G.I., the other a very high quality ebony rod for a good breech loading shotgun , both good condn.
- 83 **Book and Folder** Grancsay S. and Lindsay M. (ed) Illustrated British Firearm Patents 1714 -1853. A handsome book, marbled boards and end papers, a.c. unpaginated, Limited edition no. 937 of 1000 ( Worldwide total ) Winchester Press , 1969, together with a large folio, 22x22 inches, containing copies of the original patent drawings. An exceptional opportunity for the genuine student of antique arms development.
- 84 **Books (2)** Steindler R. Shooters Bible Reloaders Guide , 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Follett, Chicago 220 pp. 1968 s.c. plus Du Pont hand loaders guide 1976 Both good condn.
- 85 **Books (2)** Boothroyd, Geoffrey , The Shotgun, history and development, A and C. Black London 1986 and Shotguns and Gun smiths, the Vintage Years, A and C. Black London 1986. Both with d.j. and a.c. Both in "as issued" condn.
- 86 **Books (2)** Peter Finer catalogue n.d. but circa 1990, s.c. plus Sthebys, sale catalogue of the Charles Draeger collection, December 1987, h.c., d.j. and a.c., both unpaginated. Both feature stunning examples of antique arms and armour and edged weapons with estimated prices.
- 87 **Catalogues (2)** Holland and Holland Limited, A facsimile reproduction of the 1910-12 catalogue, 72pp. and a catalogue of part of the Holland and Holland collection, 1976, 72pp. both in a Holland and Holland slip cover. Both in as new condn.
- 88 **Book,** King, Peter. One Hundred and fifty years with Holland and Holland. Quiller London, 176 pp. d.j., a.c. As new condn.
- 89 **Book,** Holland and Holland catalogue of 1904 reprint by Armory California 1988, 82pp. h.c. but no d.j., includes Paradox rifles As new condn.
- 90 **Book** Westley Richards, Centenary catalogue 1812-1912 Reprint by Armory California 1988,, 211pp. h.c. but no d.j. Guns rifles, Accessories., as new condn.
- 91 **Rare wood.** Box containing 3pces Lignum vitae, (3kg.), a very dense African hardwood and one large piece(1.5 kg.) boxwood. All seasoned. A restorer's dream come true!
- 92 **Ebony rulers (2)** Two round wood ebony rulers, one 18 inches, the other 12 inches x 7/8 inches. Ideal for restorers but collector items in their own right. Good condn.
- 93 **Cow Horns** Box of approx.. 20 cow horns. Suitable for a flask maker or restorer. Now becoming difficult to acquire . As found condn.

**FULL & FINAL CATALOGUE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH ISSUE**

## FROM OUR READERS

### Time to Encourage

Just as a healthy democracy requires a change of Government from time to time so too does a club or society, otherwise they become stale. When the same people serve on a committee for too many years they get “set in their ways” and only their way is the right way to do things. How often have we heard “We have always done it this way” or “We tried that once and it didn't work”. For a club to be successful it needs new people with new ideas to come forward and help run things. The existing Officers and Committee members should be looking for talent within the Club and encouraging new people to come forward.

One often hears the expression “it is the same few people who do all the work in this club”, often it is their own fault for not letting go of office, but it is also the remaining members fault for not having a go themselves. All too often clubs just roll the whole committee over to continue for another year, this is just apathy on behalf of the majority of members.

I hope as we approach our National and Branches AGMs members will consider putting their names forward to serve on these various committees, it can be very rewarding. There is no doubt the old saying “the more you put in the more you get out” is still true.

Perhaps National and Branch Constitutions should limit service in any one role to a maximum of 3 consecutive years, what do you think?

Grant Soich

Northland Branch

*(Send me your views on this topic Ed)*

## COLFO REPORT

Dear Members

The Council is planning on meeting in the next 2 months and close off the financial year.



We have continued to meet, informally, with the police representatives and once with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFaT) to further discuss the implementation of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty in New Zealand, since my last report.

We have seen the final minutes of the Police Firearms Community Advisory Forum on the 24<sup>th</sup> October in Wellington, and expect these to be public in the next week or so. After feedback from the user groups, Police have included all events after the meeting to give transparency to how the final wording was reached.

We encourage you all to consider the implications of the amendment and give feedback so we can look for practical changes to the wording.

It is now time to look for where our effort should be made to improve the position for compliant firearm owners.

If you have any thoughts or feedback please email me at [chair@colfo.org.nz](mailto:chair@colfo.org.nz)

All the best

Michael Dowling,,Chair COLFO

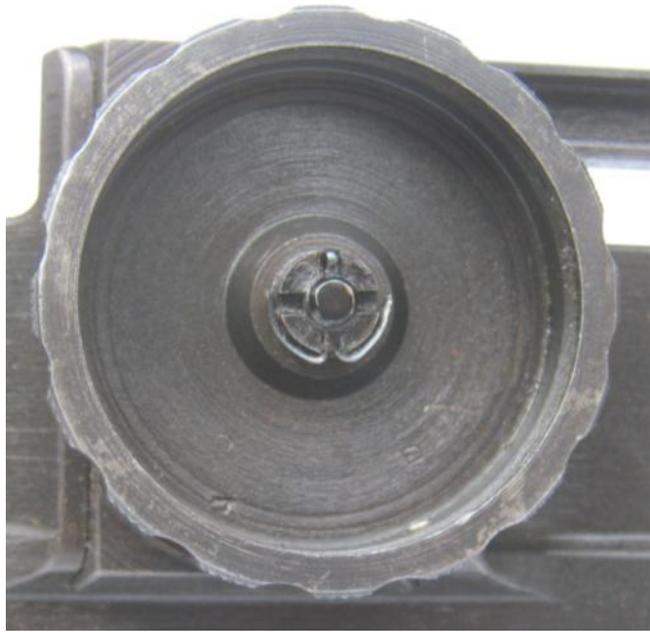
The minutes from the October Forum meeting are now on the Police website:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-community-advisory-forum-minutes>

*(What do you think about the new wording defining “pistol grip” for an MSSA? Write and tell me. Ed)*

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

No one supplied the correct answer for last months Mystery Object (below left). It is in fact the “tail” of a Westley Richards Monkey Tail Rifle, see article on page 4.



**FROM THE WWW** (ctrl+click to follow the link or copy and paste to your browser)

**From Phil - How to Build a Nuclear Submarine (59 min)** (*Not so flash in my day, 1974 ,although the same yard Ed* )

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ODDjsK0BOg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ODDjsK0BOg)

**From John Dahlin**

*The British Imperial War Museum have digitised the Company Diaries of an ever growing list of British & Commonwealth forces and started putting them on-line from today.*

*This is the link; <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/905.htm> I think that this will be incredibly interesting & the public can participate with further research.*

**From Brannen Sanders**

Bonnie and Clyde met with a rather quick and gruesome end. Bonnie was probably trying to draw her pistol to return fire but never had the chance. Check this out:

<http://news.msn.com/pop-culture/pistol-pulled-from-bonnie-parkers-bloody-skirt-set-for-auction>

Maybe Y'all in New Zealand need to take up a collection from interested parties and provide every legislator in New Zealand with a copy of this book:

<http://www.amazon.com/More-Guns-Less-Crime-Understanding/dp/0226493636>

It might change some minds.

**From John Osborne - US Machine Gun Shoot**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=uCpmmoZiXUY&vqhd1080](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=uCpmmoZiXUY&vqhd1080)

**From Neville Dodd - US Smart Rifle**

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2014/01/16/us-military-begins-testing-smart-rifles>

**UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 please advise [oilvrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilvrag@xtra.co.nz)**

**2014**

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|-----------------|---|
| 11 & 12 January | Northland Branch Annual Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe  |
| 23 February     | Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga                 |
| 8 March         | Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton               |
| 6 April         | South Canterbury Branch Auction/Swap Day, Timaru    |
| 12 April        | Hawkes Bay Branch Auction & NZAHAA AGM, Napier      |
| 12 April        | Kumeu Militaria Show, Kumeu                         |
| 3 & 4 May       | Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington |
| 21 June         | Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show           |
| 6 July          | Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden                   |
| 12 & 13 July    | Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie                |
| 26 July         | Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch        |
| 16 & 17 August  | Tauranga Arms & Militari Show                       |
| 13 September    | Canterbury Branch Swapmeet, Riccarton               |
| 25 & 26 October | Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington |
| 1 & 2 November  | Taranaki Branch Gun Show.                           |

**GUNS WHERE ARE THEY ?** *Send me a photo and details of your local guns*



**1915 Krupp 21 cm Siege Howitzer, Kawaroa Park beside the Aquatic Centre, Tisch Ave, New Plymouth**

New Plymouth's siege gun was captured near Baupame, France, at the end of August 1918 by D Company of the 3rd Battalion of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade. It was installed at Kawaroa in 1920 although there was considerable controversy over it as it was, even then, a sadly depleted remnant of the original weapon. The present (2013) truck(?) wheels were added in the 1990s and are not original.

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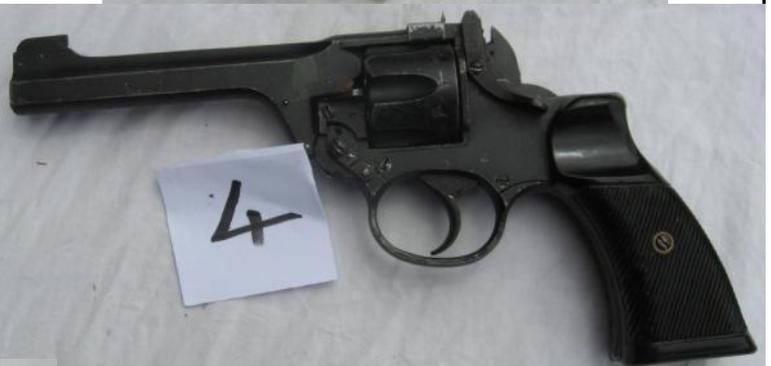
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