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EDITORIAL

It has been quite an interesting month in politics: following our election John Key stays as our Prime Minister, despite attempts by a fat German and others to do him over spying issues, the Scots stay part of the UK and Frank Bainimarama stays in control of Fiji. It seems that on the whole people don't want change, whether this is a good thing I will leave up to you to judge. However what this means for collectors is that there is likely to be little change to our firearms laws for the next 3 years as the National Party have indicated that they are happy with our current Arms Act as recently amended.

The same cannot be said for other agencies who continue to find ways to make life more difficult for firearm owners, such as Police refusal to provide retrospective import permits, delays in processing relicensing, postal services and airlines that refuse to carry firearms, possible bans on lead shot and projectiles. These are things that we have to be continually alert to combat.

My thanks to all our contributors. Please send me dates for your 2015 events.
Best wishes, Phil

CHECK YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE & RENEW 3 MONTHS BEFORE IT EXPIRES

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FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

Taranaki has a lot of rich and interesting history, unfortunately much of which in this day and age of extreme political correctness seems to be almost seen as being quite the dirty little secret. One such place is the Manaia Redoubt, hidden away across the fairway from the Manaia Golf Club's clubhouse.

With Titokowaru's actions of the 1860's still fresh in the minds of local settlers and a campaign of passive resistance by Te Whiti and his followers at Parihaka Pa causing a good deal of suspicion and concern among the resident Pakeha population. Measurers were implemented to counter this perceived threat should passive resistance evolve into all out war. A series of redoubts were constructed to house troops and provide refuge for settlers should the need arise.



Period Water colour of Manaia Redoubt

In September 1880 Colonel MJ Roberts received instructions from the Native Minister to establish a force of 80 Armed Constabulary men on the right bank of the Waiokura stream at Manaia. A redoubt was constructed during October and November 1880, the site was that of a disused Pa by the name of Te Takahe. Timbers were pit sawn in the bush by members of the company as the redoubt and its loop holed block houses were constructed. The block houses remain today, the walls were filled with gravel to bullet proof the buildings, and loop holes constructed by Armed Constabulary carpenters measuring five by seven inches inside narrowing down to three by two and a half inches on the outside, the loop holes were fitted with shutters on the inside.



Block house with loop holes evident



Interior of block house



Loophole detail



Wooden watch tower

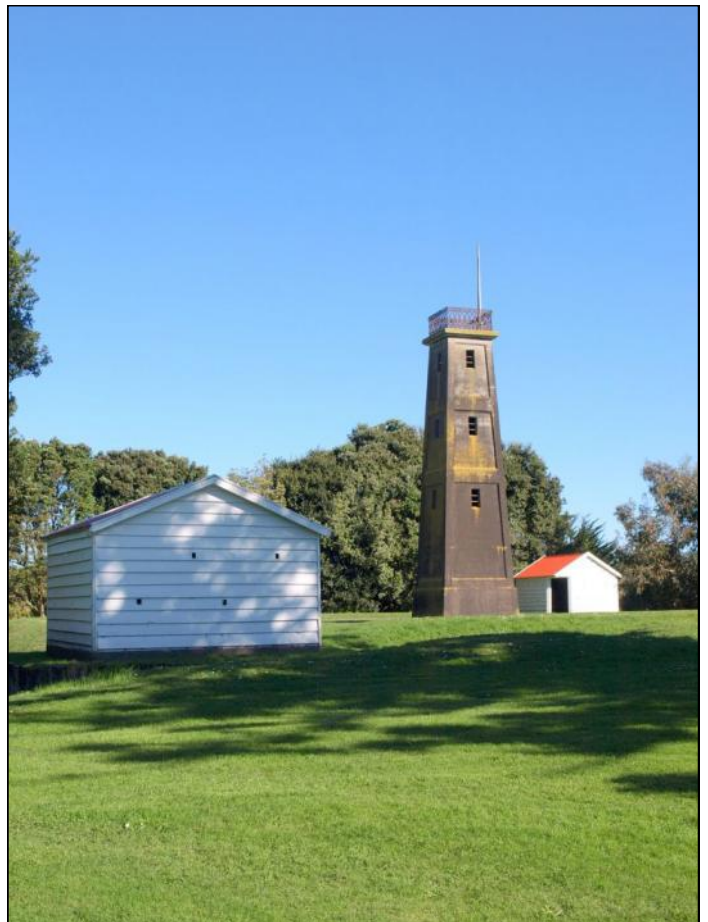
A 35 foot tall wooden watch tower was added at the redoubts entrance later the following year which would have given men on watch duty a commanding view over the Waimate plains. The redoubt was garrisoned until 1885-86 by the Armed Constabulary under Captain W E Gudgeon. Orders were issued for the demolition of frontier redoubts around this time but at the request of locals the Manaia redoubt was saved from this fate, today the block houses remain in their original locations and have been kept in good repair. The original wooden tower did not fare so well and in 1910 was blown over in a storm; the concrete tower we see today was erected in 1914 as a memorial to the areas past military personnel.

The Steps leading up to the redoubt are a memorial to local man 2nd Lieut Lorenz Wilfred Meuli 6/4577, Wellington Infantry Regiment, KIA France 16/9/16.

A concrete footing at the base of the tower was once home to Manaia's WW1 Trophy Field Gun; sadly the footing is all that remains. The Manaia redoubt is well worth the effort to visit, only a short drive from Hawera with easy access and good parking at the Golf Club. Watch out for stray golf balls.

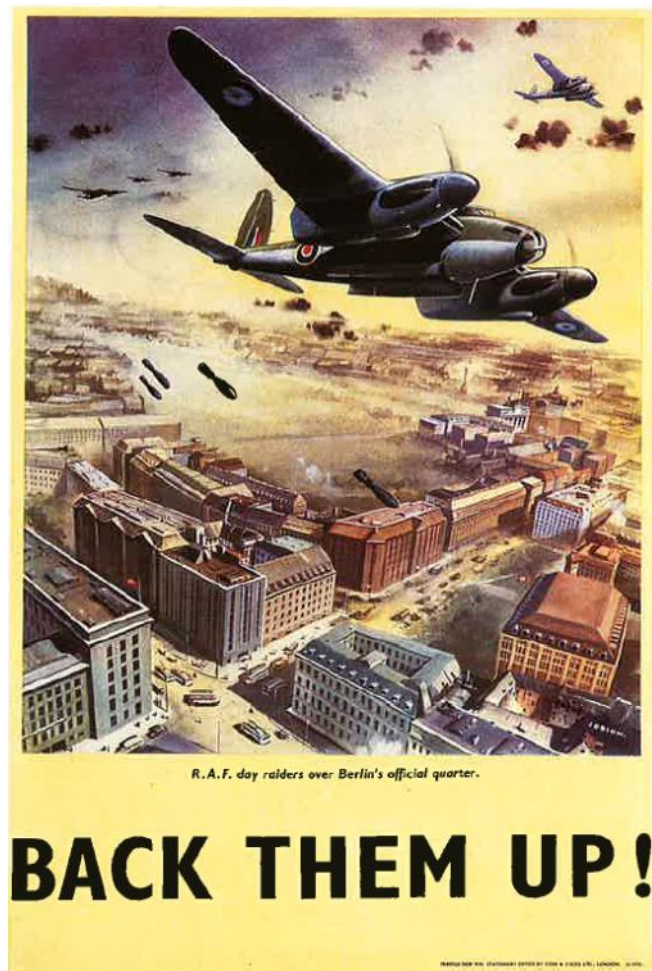
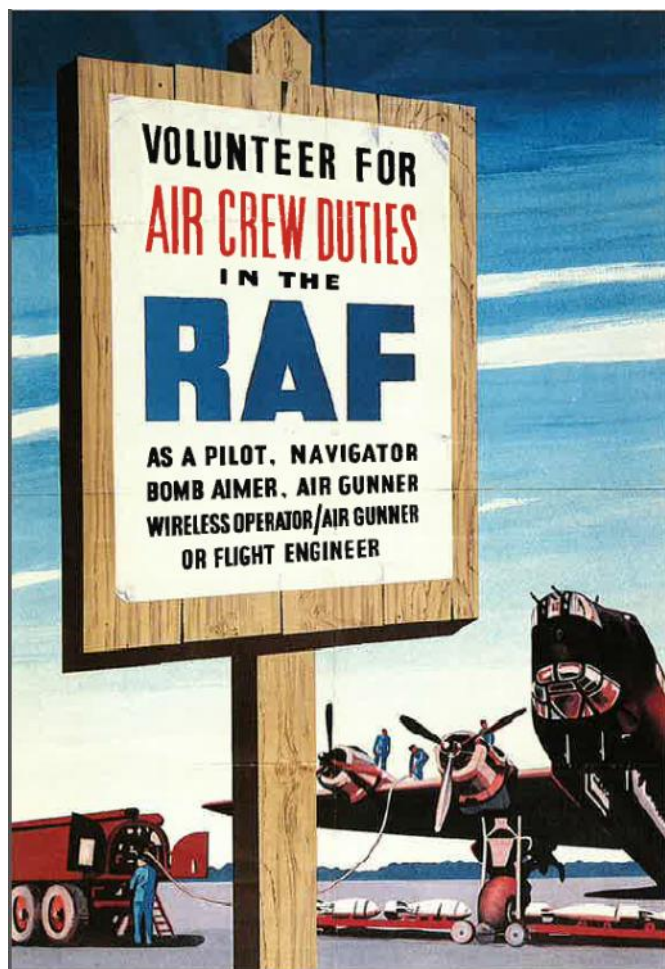


Concrete watch tower and trophy gun



Redoubt as seen today

WORLD WAR II POSTERS from Tony Bruce



A Mauser in Colonial Service by Terry Willson (c)2014

The Union of South Africa’s first commitment upon her entry into the First World War was the neutralisation of wireless stations in German South West Africa. These formed a vital link in the German Naval communications system with that in the capital, Windhuk, being the second largest in the world and capable of communicating directly with Berlin.

Unfortunately, the fledgling Union Defence Force was inadequately equipped for a task of this magnitude, with its most pressing problem being a serious shortage of rifles. Even those available were mostly obsolescent Magazine Lee Enfields and Lee Metfords of Boer War vintage. For the invasion to succeed, intervention by the United Kingdom was obviously essential. Being herself short of rifles, a request for assistance was made to Britain’s traditional ally, Portugal. The Portuguese response was prompt and generous with 20,000 Model 1904 Mauser-Vergueiros with ammunition and bayonets being received by the Union Defence Force as a gift.



South African Issue Model 1904 Mauser Vergueiro by D.W.M. (Portuguese Mauser)

Let us have a look at this rifle which although a D.W.M. Mauser had its design considerably influenced by a Portuguese officer, a Captain Jose Vergueiro, who introduced an action with certain Manlicher characteristics and a split receiver bridge:

Calibre:	6.5mm	(Bullet Weight = 155.5gr. Velocity 2350 fps)
Overall Length:	48 inches	(59.2” with Bayonet)
Barrel Length :	29.1 inches	
Weight:	8.4 lbs	(9.6 lbs. with Bayonet)
Magazine:	5 round Staggered Column	



M 1904 Action. Note the split receiver bridge and bolt handle base which serves as an emergency locking lug.

Upon arrival the rifles were dubbed “Portuguese Mausers” and stamped with the customary “U Broad Arrow” and a “UDF” on the receiver. Many also received the “UDF” on the butt-plate tang.

The invasion of German South West Africa commenced in late September with a landing at Luderitzbucht, which was then occupied, and an incursion across the border which ended in a disastrous action at Sandfontein. Here, after a heroic defence, a detachment of the South African Mounted Rifles was defeated and captured. As a regular unit the S.A.M.R. troopers were equipped with Magazine Lee Enfields. Photographs taken at Luderitz show that the Citizen Force soldiers involved there were similarly equipped with their Artillery carrying the even more venerable Martini Enfield Carbine. Obviously, since the main invasion forces were still being prepared in the Union, the Portuguese Mauser’s chance was yet to come.

And here, I am afraid, the rifle encountered its first problem since at that time a rebellion broke out in South Africa. This was lead by several serving military officers and other Boer War veterans who opposed the invasion and intended using the opportunity to cast off British control and re-establish the old regime. In this, they seriously miscalculated, since the South African Government was under the control of Botha and Smuts, two charismatic and highly competent ex Boer Generals, who supported South Africa’s role in the First World War as part of the British Empire. Using loyal Afrikaners in commandos, the Rebellion was eventually crushed, but this delayed the main thrust of the invasion until February, 1915. In the meantime three issues had arisen which sealed the Mauser’s operational fate.



**The Cypher of King Carlos the First and South African Military Markings.
“UDF” stands for Union Defence Force.**



M 1904 Bayonet for Mauser Vergueiro manufactured by Simson & Co. Suhl.

Firstly, the rifle was not soldier-proof. It had a bolt which was both liable to damage and once taken to pieces was difficult to reassemble. There were even cases where soldiers attended parade with the parts tied up in their handkerchiefs! Also, and probably more serious, the ammunition was found to be unreliable.



Original 6.5 X58mm Military Cartridge dated 1911.

The final blow appears to have been administered by the United Kingdom itself, for there is circumstantial evidence that during the delay caused by the 1914 Rebellion a supply of obsolescent Short Magazine Lee Enfield Mk. I and II was received in South Africa. Markings and photographs suggest that these were probably withdrawn from existing regiments being rearmed in the United Kingdom and later, upon arrival, issued as replacement arms or to equip units specifically raised for the invasion.



One of the early S.M.L.E. (Mk.I*) "Replacement Rifles" believed to have been received during the delay to the G.S.W.A. invasion caused by the 1914 Rebellion.

The Germans in South West Africa finally surrendered on the 9th July, 1915. Sadly, there is no evidence that the Portuguese Mausers either directly contributed to their defeat or actually crossed the border. Following the campaign some were even awarded to soldiers being demobilised in appreciation of their services! Later, 2000 were returned to the Portuguese for use against the Germans in East Africa. Many of these appear to have been captured by the forces under von Lettow-Vorbeck, where they, in turn, were used against the South Africans!

The remainder were placed in storage and as from 1921 were gradually disposed of. Those "issued" (archival records) probably ended up with the Defence Rifle Associations with most of the remaining 18,000 being sold to the public, thus accounting for the frequency with which they are still encountered.

Perhaps, the Portuguese Mauser's final and official epitaph is contained in two documents now in the South African Military Archives. The first, dated the 15th January, 1946 indicates that 4,000 were still available for sale at a cost of 2 pounds 10 shillings each with 170,000 rounds of ammunition at 17/6d per 100. The second dated the 22nd June, 1947, contains the instruction that the remaining 2,855 Portuguese Mausers "will all be scrapped and destroyed".

A sad ending to an interesting but undistinguished military career. This is, however, part of our South African heritage and should not be forgotten!



The butt marking disc on the above rifle indicates issue to the Natal Light Horse. The N.L.H., 500 strong, was raised in August, 1914 and disbanded in June 1915 shortly before the end of hostilities. This rifle would thus have seen action with the regiment at the battle of Gibeon

WW2 German V1 and V2 rocket launch sites

By Graeme Champion

On a recent trip to Europe my wife and I visited Brussels where I had arranged to take a guided tour to visit some of the V1 and V2 launch sites located just across the border in Northern France. This was not a standard tour, just one I made up for myself, but my time was limited so in advance I contacted a local guide, Claude Verhaeghe who runs a tour company specializing in military tours. Claude came up with an 8hr itinerary and a pick up point, so off we went.

Brief History

In the late thirties, Germany started to experiment with rockets and Hitler was keen for these to be used against England as the “Vengeance” Rocket, hence the term, V1 and V2.

A development plant was set up in Peenemunde, Northern Germany which was remote and hopefully out of sight from the Allies. This plant was massive, which not only designed and manufactured rockets but also the fuel to launch them. It was here that the first V2 rocket was launched. In 1943 the site was bombed by the British and as a result, the assembly of rockets and manufacture of fuel was moved to Nordhausen in central Germany, but this was also destroyed so operations were carried out in various other smaller facilities such as Eperlecques, Wizernes and Hazebrouck, where I had planned to visit.

Eperlecques

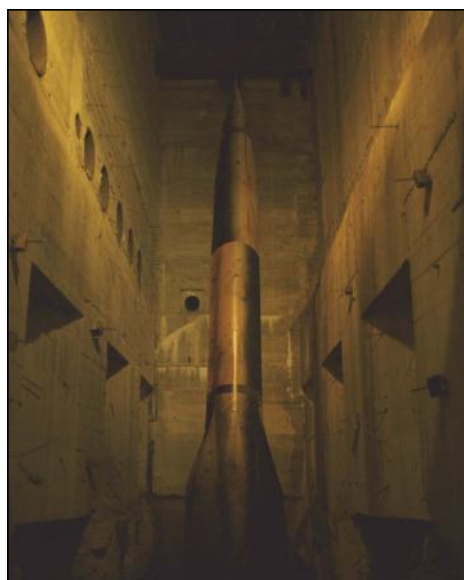
At Eperlecques the Germans constructed a massive facility to receive, assemble and launch V2 rockets as well as to manufacture the fuel to launch them. This complex was built using 38000 cubic metres of reinforced concrete and consisted of an underground railway station to receive materials and in the main block house, the rocket assembly and fuel manufacturing plants. This block house is approx 75m x 45m and 30m tall. The roof of the main building is 5 metres thick, weighing approx 40,000 tons, yet it was built on the ground and jacked up in stages, allowing the walls to be built underneath and out of sight of the Allies. The main doors into the facilities had to be blast proof and weighed a staggering 400 tons each. I had no idea that the Germans had gone to so much effort in building these facilities.

The intention was for the rockets to come in by rail, be taken into the facility and after being lifted vertically, pass along a conveyor type system where at various stages, fuses and timers etc were fitted before passing out to the exterior launch pad for firing.

Considering that these rockets were 14m tall, it is understandable why the buildings needed to be so tall.



The massive concrete Block House where V2 rockets were assembled. Much of the surrounding land has been built up by several metres to allow easy access.

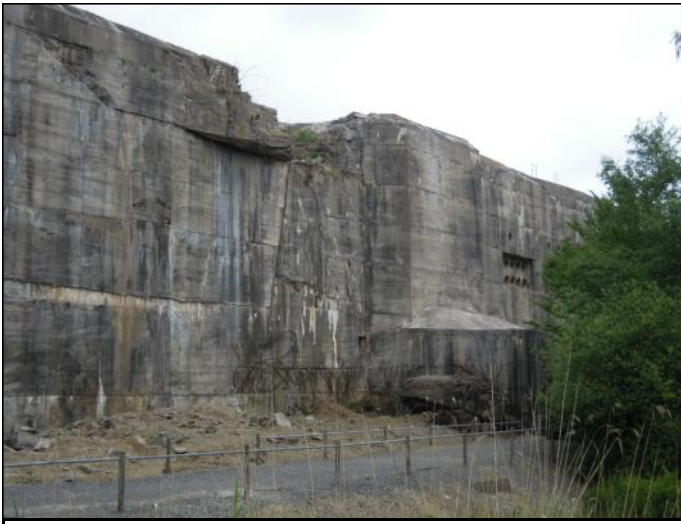


Inside the block house at Eperlecques, where a painting shows how a V2 would have stood up inside.

In 1943 the Allies discovered what was going on and after a number of bombing raids the Germans abandoned the facility (choosing to use mobile launch pads instead) but continued to manufacture fuel here. Eventually, this also had to stop because even though the bombs never penetrated the main building, the Tall Boy bombs created an earth quake effect, upsetting the fuel manufacturing process, making it too dangerous to proceed.



Damage to the railway station caused by Tall Boy bombs. The roof section shown would be 1m thick giving an indication of the size of the concrete blocks in the foreground.



Eperlecques - 40 cubic metres of concrete displaced from the roof due to a Tall Boy bomb



Eperlecques - Crater caused by a Tall Boy bomb.

La Coupole at Wizernes

La Coupole means "The Dome" and what a dome it is. This facility was designed to be used much like that of Eperlecques. Here on the side of a limestone quarry, a large 5m thick dome was constructed which was 71m in diameter and weighing 55000 tons. The earth below this was then hollowed out to a depth of 30m for the manufacturing area and into the surrounding hills 7kms of large tunnels were constructed to house support facilities. To enter the dome we had to walk through a long tunnel originally designed to shelter the rockets as they were transported vertically to the launch site.

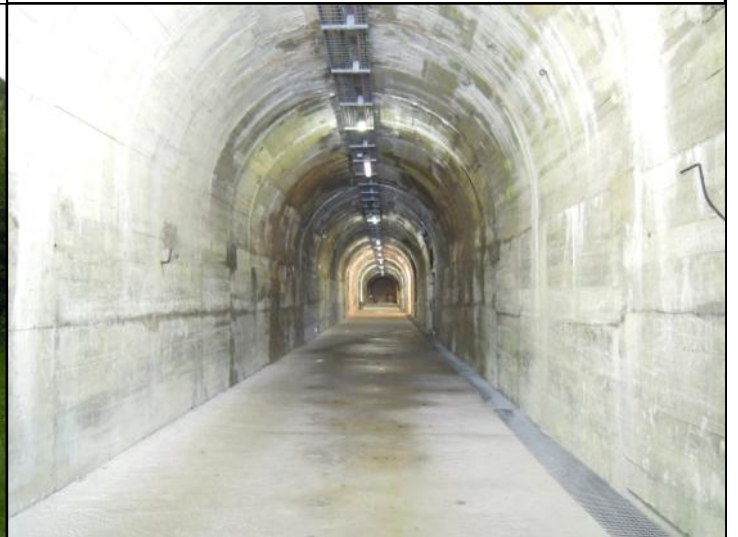
In 1944 after many unsuccessful air raids, Tall Boy bombs caused so much damage to the surrounding hills and ground that the facility became almost unusable and La Coupole was abandoned.



La Coupole from the air. Notice the dislodged concrete abutments caused by bombs and the tunnel entrance at the bottom left hand side.



La Coupole - The entry tunnel leading into the complex. For ease of access, a new road has been laid, at a much higher level than the original.



La Coupole - The main entry tunnel. There were approximately 7kms of tunnels, some can still be seen in various stages of construction.

Today La coupole houses a very nice museum showing among other things, the development of rockets and the system for manufacturing liquid rocket fuel. It also has one of the few remaining Fieseler 103R manned rockets. These looked very much like a V1 except they had a small cockpit for a pilot. The idea was that the rocket was launched and the pilot would then fly it to its target and bale out prior to the rocket landing !! I don't think that these were actually put into use, probably because there would have been a shortage of volunteers !!



La Coupole - A Fieseler 103R manned rocket hangs in the foyer and a V2 rocket hangs from the 5 m thick dome ceiling.

Hazebrouck

Here in the middle of a very nice European forest is situated a V1 rocket launch site, where V1s were to be assembled and launched. I had no idea that such large and complex sites were required for these operations. Most of the buildings still remain, although bomb damaged and the surrounding ground is still littered with bomb craters. What gave these facilities away to the Allies was the hockey stick shape of the main rocket assembly buildings which were easily identifiable from the air. The idea of the curve was to prevent the burst of a bomb from travelling the full length of the building destroying the line of rockets inside. Again, these sites became easy targets for the Allies and eventually the Germans began to use mobile and less sophisticated launch ramps that could easily be relocated and hidden.

What I found interesting and did not know, was how a V1 rocket was launched. After assembly, the rocket was wheeled out and placed on the ramp. The ramp is square in section with a slotted tube running the full length. Inside the tube a piston is placed with a lug which penetrates up through the slot connecting to the rocket. The rocket's engine is brought up to full power and the piston fired off using high pressure steam, catapulting the rocket into the air, after which it carries on under its own power. The piston drops off after exiting the end of the ramp and is recovered for reuse. A similar system is still used today, to launch jet fighters from a modern day aircraft carrier.

Conclusion

This was a fascinating days outing and I would recommend it to anyone who is going to be in the area and has an interest in such things. There are so many of these facilities still in existence, so the options are many. I could have hired a car and driven myself, but these places are a little out of the way and unless you have lots of time, you would struggle to find them. The best thing I did was to obtain the services of Claude as we had a really relaxing day out without wasting any time. We even managed to sneak into a small local pub for lunch!



Hazebrouck - The curved entrance to the "hockey stick" building where V1 rockets were stored one behind the other prior to having their wings attached.



Hazebrouck - The V1 rocket mounted on a portion of original ramp. Here, the tube in which the piston was fired can clearly be seen. The piston had a lug project-



Hazebrouck - The concrete protective walls of the launch ramp.

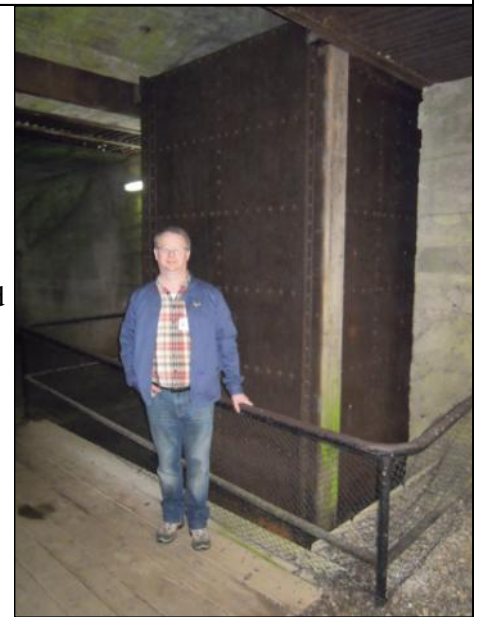


Hazebrouck - The main storage building where V1 rockets were first assembled on arrival at the site.

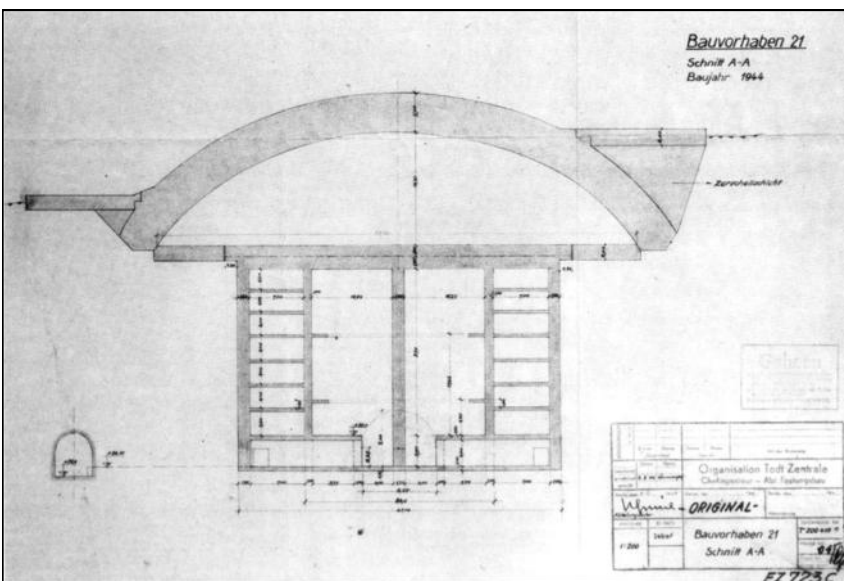
Every good outing ends with a good story! Claude was telling me how he was contacted by an American couple who wanted to be taken on a military tour of France. The couple (both in their mid 80's) were to arrive in Paris, hire a car and drive north to meet Claude. Leaving Paris Airport in the hired car, the man struggled with the French drivers, complaining that they were all crazy. Eventually he became so frustrated that he pulled over to the side of the motor way, telling his wife "These French are all mad and I'm not going to carry on" Eventually the Police turned up and seeing the funny side, arranged for the car to be returned and the couple put on a train. After the man finished telling Claude how crazy French drivers were, his wife said "of course, the last time he drove in France was in 1944 – in a tank" !!

I would recommend anyone contemplating such a trip and wanting a guided tour, to contact Claude who has the following web site.

www.auberge-ploegsteert.be



Claude



La Coupole - An original construction drawing, showing a cross section through the dome. From the top of the dome to the basement floor is over 40m. The entry tunnel can be seen at the left.



Hazebrouck - Pump house where "soft Water" was produced and used for cleaning the launch ramp after firing.

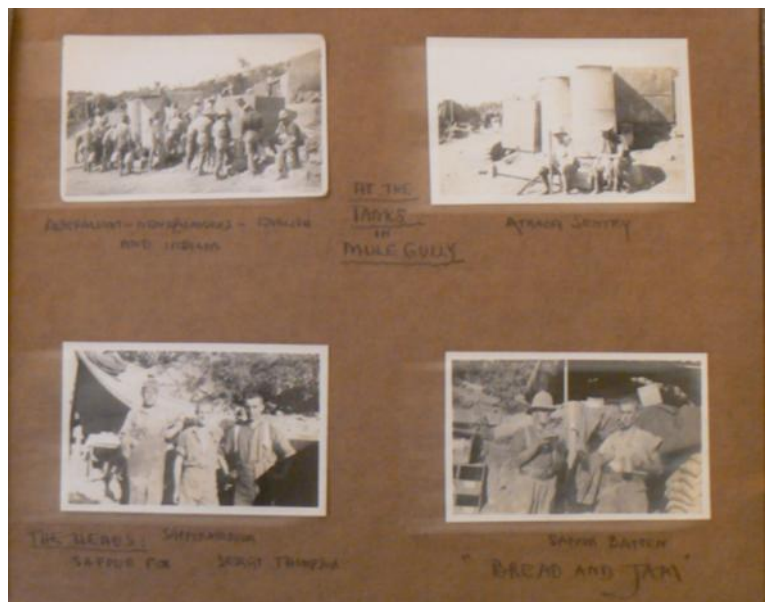
FIRST WORLD WAR PHOTO COMPETITION

This photograph from Dave Crompton of Taranaki came from his Grandfather's album and depicts a Maori sentry at the water tanks in Mule Gully. The photo was taken by his Grandfather; Fred Crompton who served as a Trooper and was wounded twice before being sent back to Cairo. He also served in WW2, this time as RSM. The sentry appears to be armed with an SMLE (?) rifle



Scenes at Mule Gully, Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey, with Australian, New Zealand and Indian soldiers. Because of the conditions at Gallipoli motor transport and four-wheeled vehicles drawn by horses were replaced by small, manoeuvrable 'Indian mule carts' drawn by two mules. Mules and donkeys coped better with limited water and steep terrain. They transported supplies such as water and ammunition by cart and on their backs.

But even these hardy animals struggled to reach some places. Writing from the peninsula in September 1915, a Reuter's correspondent told readers that the Australian and New Zealanders had to dig in, heave and carry when not fighting: "On the lower levels mule transport can be used, but higher up every cartridge, biscuit and mouthful of water must be humped up on men's backs." *New Zealand Herald*, 21 September 1915, p. 7



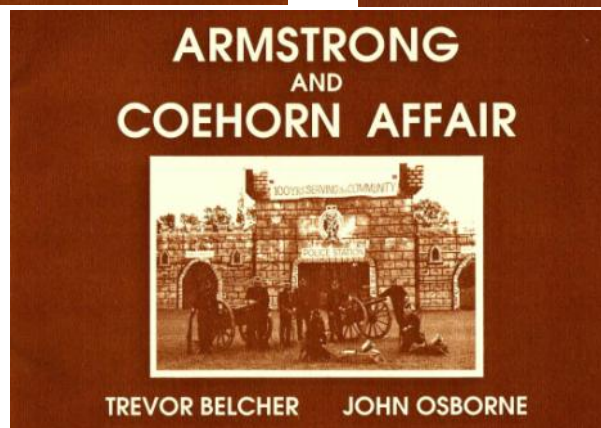
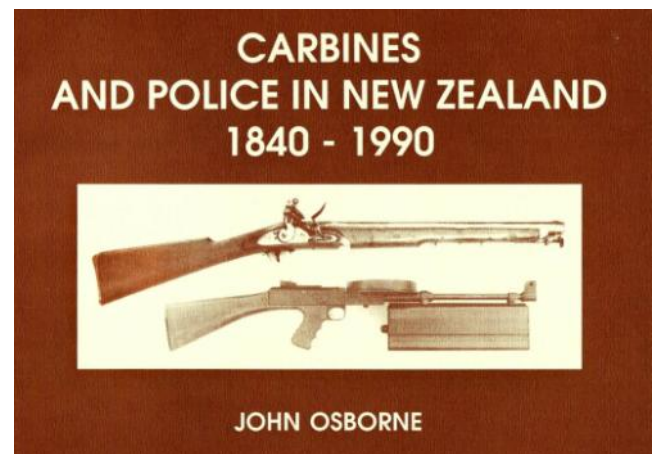
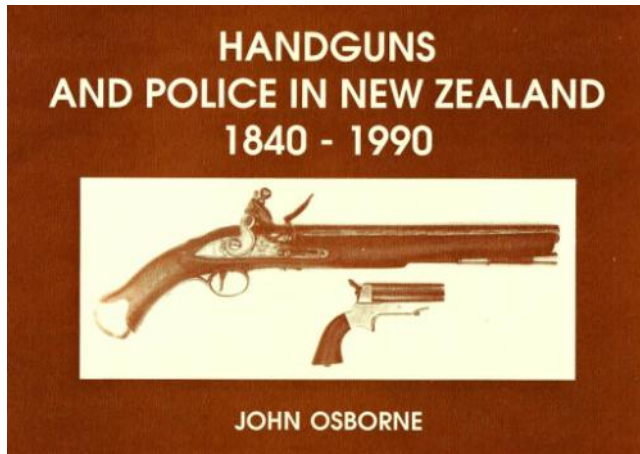
More photos of Mule Gully are available at various websites. Google "Mule Gulley"

ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN

ONE OF THESE BOOKS

BY

JOHN OSBORNE



All you have to do is e-mail a digital copy of one of your own original WW I photos of New Zealand service men with weapons to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Provide your postal address and which one of the 3 books you would prefer.

The best photo will be chosen by the Editor and the winner will receive one of the above books.

The winner will be announced in the next issue of the e-Gazette.

There will be another chance to win in the following months.

Special thanks to John Osborne for donating his books

Otago Branch's Recent Krupp M96 77mm Field Gun Acquisition. From Bill Lang

Recently your Committee was given the opportunity to accept this item, due to the guns history and place in this regions war trophy presentations post WW1. Having been presented to West Harbour Borough in 1921, it sat at Moller Park thus missing the Dunedin Council Labour madness in the 1930's getting rid of all Dunedin's Russian Scare, Boer War & WW1 public guns.



Made in 1907 (right) this gun has seen serious action on the Western Front having been hit at least twice. The original Imperial crested barrel being re-placed due to wear with a new rifled tube using a 1914 breech ring (below) The wheels are different being 1x pre war & 1x post 1914. Yes we have the upper shield.



Serial numbers & date 1907 above.



A rare sight on a public gun, an original axle boss.

The Germans replaced whole barrels rather than lining tubes as done to the British 18 pounder.

Fact & figures for our the M96 77mm Field Gun.

- Manufactured in Germany by Krupp / Ehrhardt had a limber being horse drawn with a weight of 925kg. (875kg for the horse artillery)
- Correct designation 7.7cm Field gun 96 (new type)
- Length of barrel (x calibre) 27.3
- Depression/ Elevation (o): - 13 + 15
- Traverse (o): 8
- Weight of projectile (kg) 6.85
- Muzzle velocity (m/sec): 465
- Maximum range(km)7.8
- Gun carriage: box trail.
- Colour: Testing to see if the Feldgrau explanation in previous Hangfire is remembered.
- Introduced into: Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey.

Misc. stuff (technical term)

- Principle weapon of the divisional artillery at the beginning of WW1, 5068 were in use by the troops, and by the end of the war only 3744 were in service.

Where do we go from here ?

Currently an assessment of the conservation / restoration required is being undertaken, this is to enable future internal display, within a museum environment as part of the 1914-18 Centenary.

Being largely intact & along with it's providence, this WW1 field gun is the only intact 1921 Trophy gun remaining in the greater Dunedin area today, (perhaps even further) already it's now 107 years old.

Can we do it ?

Yes, we have the skills, experience & knowledge too undertake this project & although it will be done with voluntary labour the standard will be high. It's only a wee bit bigger than the 170mm Minenwerfer & we have a workshop available. There will be lots of coffee / tea breaks & I'm sure Stu will need to slip out for a fag at times.

Should you wish to be involved contact any Otago Branch Committee Member.

DO YOU OWN A WESTLEY RICHARDS MONKEY TAIL CARBINE?

The arms register team would love to hear from you if you do.

Please send serial # (LHS of breech) date on lock and details of any issue marks to:

oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Thank you



WWI Tribute In London

WWI Tribute In London Looks Like A River Of Blood. But Look Closer.

World War I, known at the time as the Great War, was thought to be the war that would end all future wars. All sides suffered an incredibly high number of needless deaths, and the war devastated an entire generation. In fact, the sheer amount of destruction and death has only been eclipsed by World War II.

Since it ended, all countries involved have held memorials to remember their fallen dead who sacrificed their lives for the good of their country. This fact is all the more so in England, where nearly a million people lost their lives. What they've done to commemorate their fallen soldiers is truly beautiful, while also helping us understand the true scope of these soldiers' sacrifice. Even a hundred years later, we should not forget their incredible acts of heroism.

The moat that surrounds the Tower of London has long stood empty and dry. But now, what may look like gushing blood from it's very walls, is actually something beautiful.

This summer, the moat has been filled with 888,246 red ceramic poppies, one for each British and Colonial soldier who perished during World War I.

For the past few weeks, a team of 150 volunteers has been placing red ceramic poppies one by one around the Tower.

The last poppy will be symbolically planted on the last day of the installation: November 11, Armistice Day. The Last Post will be sounded and a selection of names of the dead read out loud. It's stunning and sobering commemoration that befits the Great War.

Regardless of why their countries went to war, we should never forget the selfless acts of these brave men.



WHAT ARE THEY - CAN YOU HELP READERS IDENTIFY THESE?

From Kath Arnold:



From Tony Bruce: The shield is 12 inches high by 10 wide and was found in a box of military pictures and shields, possibly linked to 2-1 RNZIR when stationed in Singapore.



Answers to [oilyrag](#) please.

No answers to last months queries below.

Does no one have a clue?

You can enlarge the images on your computer.



NZAHAA HYGM and AUCTION CHRISTURCH 2014 by Andrew Edgcombe

Friday the 12th of September had the members of the NZAHAA Management committee meeting for their half yearly meeting, those of us that flew into Christchurch were treated to some fabulous weather and once we retrieved our luggage and met up with fellow branch reps we were chauffeured to the meeting venue by the Canterbury President.

The reps worked through the behind the scenes business aspects of the meeting adding constructive input to the matters at hand, Membership was a matter we discussed at length and something that as an association (not just the Management Committee) we all need to focus on maintaining our existing membership and also fostering the interest in perspective members to keep “our” association moving forward.

Saturday had the Canterbury branch host a sales and display event with an afternoon Mickey Mouse auction where the membership was encouraged to bring items along, not a bad effort with around 170 items going under the hammer and some definite bargains snapped up by bidders on the floor.

We interrupted the day with the HYGM during which we welcomed 21 new members into the NZAHAA, delivered our reports as quickly as possible to allow everyone to get down to the serious business of collecting and conversing with fellow like minded individuals.

The selection of vendors manning the sales tables had an interesting range of items on offer and I even managed to find a couple of bits that returned to Taranaki with me.

The displays were first class and included a wide variety of automatic weapons, A superb display of SS dress daggers, some fabulous blank firing reproduction weaponry all made by hand, a very nice display of Colt percussion firearms and a horse mannequin fully kitted out with WW1 period equipment including a Hotchkiss gun in its bucket.

Congratulations to John Honeybone who was credited with the “best” display.

Even though this was a low key event I feel that the Canterbury Branch did a great job of turning on a great day for those in attendance.

RUAHINE BRANCH AUCTION 6 SEPTEMBER by Andrew Edgcombe

After perusing the well compiled and illustrated Ruahine Branch Auction catalog a day excursion down to Fielding was definitely in order, Viewing confirmed the catalog descriptions to be a fair and accurate assessment of goods on offer. The Ruahine crew did an excellent job sourcing such a broad range of items and in doing so ensured an excellent turn out of prospective buyers on the day all hoping for a bargain. Todd Foster did a great job of the auctioneering and managed to get through the items at a good pace.

Some items sold for very healthy prices and the astute buyer was able to snare a bargain or two off the floor, which is always an advantage of attending in person. Passed in items were laid out at the back of the venue and were available for sale at reserve or by negotiation, quite a few of which did find new homes by the end of the day.

In between participating in the bidding action there was ample time to catch up with collecting acquaintances from around the country or enjoy a drink and snack from the bar, as always an auction is always a very sociable event.

Payment and collection of lots was handled efficiently and the two arms officers in attendance really streamlined the permit issuing process greatly enhancing the whole experience.

Fielding is an excellent location and venue for this auction, quite central to the lower North Island and in close proximity to the Palmerston North Airport for those from further afield, plenty of accommodation choices in Fielding or Palmerston North available if you desire to make a weekend of it or a fly in fly out day trip is also a great option.

Congratulations Ruahine Branch for a job well done, I am looking forward to your 2015 auction with eager anticipation.

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PRICES REALISED AT RUAHINE BRANCH AUCTION 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold
1	\$20	37	\$70	73	\$0	109	\$40	145	\$200	181	\$70	217	\$35
2	\$100	38	\$50	74	\$20	110	\$20	146	\$260	182	\$0	218	\$75
3	\$30	39	\$50	75	\$60	111	\$20	147	\$300	183	\$600	219	\$240
4	\$45	40	\$20	76	\$35	112	\$20	148	\$180	184	\$370	220	\$125
5	\$40	41	\$0	77	\$20	113	\$30	149	\$200	185	\$2,500	221	\$40
6	\$45	42	\$0	78	\$35	114	\$35	150	\$170	186	\$340	222	\$25
7	\$50	43	\$0	79	\$45	115	\$35	151	\$360	187	\$320	223	\$20
8	\$65	44	\$900	80	\$30	116	\$40	152	\$260	188	\$340	224	\$30
9	\$90	45	\$650	81	\$40	117	\$2,250	153	\$20	189	\$75	225	\$50
10	\$60	46	\$600	82	\$30	118	\$0	154	\$280	190	\$140	226	\$20
11	\$45	47	\$0	83	\$60	119	\$3,000	155	\$220	191	\$200	227	\$20
12	\$35	48	\$0	84	\$45	120	\$4,200	156	\$280	192	\$75	228	\$90
13	\$20	49	\$1,150	85	\$40	121	\$6,000	157	\$440	193	\$130	229	\$35
14	\$150	50	\$0	86	\$50	122	\$70	158	\$180	194	\$150	230	\$20
15	\$50	51	\$400	87	\$60	123	\$20	159	\$300	195	\$25	231	\$50
16	\$70	52	\$0	88	\$45	124	\$60	160	\$460	196	\$55	232	\$0
17	\$35	53	\$300	89	\$45	125	\$25	161	\$150	197	\$71	233	\$30
18	\$200	54	\$340	90	\$45	126	\$30	162	\$480	198	\$0	234	\$35
19	\$250	55	\$400	91	\$40	127	\$70	163	\$350	199	\$80	235	\$0
20	\$75	56	\$0	92	\$50	128	\$0	164	\$420	200	\$60	236	\$550
21	\$25	57	\$50	93	\$360	129	\$260	165	\$320	201	\$20	237	\$250
22	\$45	58	\$800	94	\$200	130	\$800	166	\$0	202	\$30	238	\$525
23	\$190	59	\$400	95	\$0	131	\$500	167	\$45	203	\$35	239	\$0
24	\$170	60	\$360	96	\$600	132	\$0	168	\$80	204	\$95	240	\$0
25	\$50	61	\$400	97	\$600	133	\$280	169	\$60	205	\$50	241	\$650
26	\$80	62	\$380	98	\$450	134	\$260	170	\$70	206	\$40	242	\$280
27	\$50	63	\$300	99	\$640	135	\$560	171	\$25	207	\$45	243	\$300
28	\$100	64	\$40	100	\$500	136	\$0	172	\$40	208	\$260	244	\$140
29	\$150	65	\$50	101	\$400	137	\$65	173	\$30	209	\$220	245	\$100
30	\$0	66	\$65	102	\$260	138	\$140	174	\$50	210	\$120	246	\$180
31	\$0	67	\$60	103	\$55	139	\$180	175	\$40	211	\$30	247	\$0
32	\$20	68	\$0	104	\$55	140	\$200	176	\$0	212	\$45	248	\$120
33	\$20	69	\$30	105	\$20	141	\$130	177	\$40	213	\$60	249	\$160
34	\$20	70	\$40	106	\$45	142	\$0	178	\$170	214	\$45	250	\$0
35	\$55	71	\$20	107	\$20	143	\$140	179	\$100	215	\$100	251	\$0
36	\$55	72	\$55	108	\$20	144	\$0	180	\$40	216	\$15	252	\$250

LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold	LOT	Sold
253	\$150	289	\$400	325	\$0	361	\$50	397	\$45	433	\$575	469	\$200
254	\$0	290	\$825	326	\$110	362	\$190	398	\$740	434	\$194	470	\$65
255	\$0	291	\$410	327	\$0	363	\$675	399	\$70	435	\$0	471	\$0
256	\$40	292	\$80	328	\$0	364	\$40	400	\$750	436	\$0	472	\$0
257	\$50	293	\$240	329	\$0	365	\$30	401	\$2,100	437	\$1,050	473	\$30
258	\$170	294	\$380	330	\$658	366	\$8,000	402	\$0	438	\$210	474	\$50
259	\$160	295	\$180	331	\$650	367	\$2,000	403	\$0	439	\$0	475	\$60
260	\$0	296	\$70	332	\$0	368	\$360	404	\$0	440	\$0	476	\$110
261	\$0	297	\$150	333	\$360	369	\$210	405	\$0	441	\$300	477	\$80
262	\$60	298	\$150	334	\$320	370	\$75	406	\$100	442	\$0	478	\$170
263	\$40	299	\$7,000	335	\$360	371	\$70	407	\$0	443	\$0	479	\$250
264	\$120	300	\$2,600	336	\$0	372	\$70	408	\$0	444	\$0	480	\$100
265	\$500	301	\$0	337	\$0	373	\$160	409	\$260	445	\$430	481	\$40
266	\$45	302	\$3,000	338	\$800	374	\$140	410	\$0	446	\$110	482	\$20
267	\$40	303	\$1,400	339	\$400	375	\$1,300	411	\$30	447	\$100	483	\$65
268	\$25	304	\$130	340	\$60	376	\$450	412	\$45	448	\$50	484	\$150
269	\$420	305	\$850	341	\$90	377	\$1,400	413	\$30	449	\$70	485	\$35
270	\$90	306	\$2,200	342	\$200	378	\$1,500	414	\$0	450	\$130	486	\$75
271	\$50	307	\$1,650	343	\$85	379	\$460	415	\$380	451	\$2,000	487	\$70
272	\$20	308	\$0	344	\$35	380	\$650	416	\$0	452	\$0	488	\$20
273	\$60	309	\$180	345	\$40	381	\$625	417	\$85	453	\$0	489	\$30
274	\$70	310	\$0	346	\$35	382	\$0	418	\$75	454	\$1,900	490	\$25
275	\$55	311	\$400	347	\$0	383	\$0	419	\$100	455	\$580	491	\$90
276	\$360	312	\$45	348	\$30	384	\$0	420	\$0	456	\$1,250	492	\$150
277	\$0	313	\$120	349	\$40	385	\$130	421	\$700	457	\$250	493	\$20
278	\$1,200	314	\$95	350	\$55	386	\$40	422	\$0	458	\$220	494	\$350
279	\$500	315	\$50	351	\$60	387	\$320	423	\$0	459	\$180	495	\$80
280	\$0	316	\$170	352	\$270	388	\$40	424	\$0	460	\$180	496	\$75
281	\$600	317	\$1,400	353	\$600	389	\$35	425	\$0	461	\$120	497	\$70
282	\$0	318	\$525	354	\$110	390	\$20	426	\$0	462	\$60	498	\$200
283	\$0	319	\$0	355	\$80	391	\$20	427	\$0	463	\$50	499	\$30
284	\$260	320	\$110	356	\$0	392	\$20	428	\$2,100	464	\$45	500	\$0
285	\$600	321	\$0	357	\$0	393	\$400	429	\$2,600	465	\$100	501	\$1,200
286	\$0	322	\$65	358	\$55	394	\$0	430	\$2,000	466	\$60	502	\$1,700
287	\$300	323	\$200	359	\$60	395	\$55	431	\$0	467	\$60	503	\$600
288	\$0	324	\$200	360	\$55	396	\$50	432	\$0	468	\$140	504	\$900

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505	\$575	541	\$0	577	\$0	613	\$500	649	\$75	685	\$300	721	\$20
506	\$4,500	542	\$420	578	\$450	614	\$0	650	\$25	686	\$340	722	\$20
507	\$440	543	\$1,900	579	\$180	615	\$450	651	\$30	687	\$350	723	\$50
508	\$420	544	\$200	580	\$140	616	\$0	652	\$20	688	\$460	724	\$25
509	\$500	545	\$950	581	\$50	617	\$70	653	\$90	689	\$0	725	\$170
510	\$320	546	\$55	582	\$210	618	\$250	654	\$50	690	\$800	726	\$35
511	\$500	547	\$575	583	\$75	619	\$65	655	\$50	691	\$60	727	\$65
512	\$660	548	\$700	584	\$70	620	\$150	656	\$85	692	\$120	728	\$98
513	\$70	549	\$450	585	\$170	621	\$50	657	\$70	693	\$80	729	\$65
514	\$190	550	\$180	586	\$0	622	\$90	658	\$400	694	\$85	730	\$70
515	\$50	551	\$400	587	\$0	623	\$180	659	\$45	695	\$50	731	\$190
516	\$180	552	\$0	588	\$0	624	\$60	660	\$45	696	\$40	732	\$40
517	\$160	553	\$0	589	\$0	625	\$140	661	\$45	697	\$30	733	\$60
518	\$80	554	\$0	590	\$0	626	\$200	662	\$110	698	\$40	734	\$35
519	\$0	555	\$0	591	\$1,100	627	\$1,300	663	\$70	699	\$20	735	\$40
520	\$0	556	\$130	592	\$1,300	628	\$200	664	\$140	700	\$40	736	\$0
521	\$35	557	\$250	593	\$2,000	629	\$0	665	\$180	701	\$35	737	\$150
522	\$320	558	\$200	594	\$0	630	\$0	666	\$100	702	\$20	738	\$30
523	\$20	559	\$75	595	\$3,700	631	\$0	667	\$85	703	\$20	739	\$20
524	\$100	560	\$160	596	\$350	632	\$0	668	\$60	704	\$70	740	\$0
525	\$70	561	\$160	597	\$500	633	\$0	669	\$0	705	\$35	741	\$60
526	\$0	562	\$200	598	\$160	634	\$20	670	\$50	706	\$25	742	\$65
527	\$70	563	\$340	599	\$70	635	\$0	671	\$0	707	\$30	743	\$80
528	\$50	564	\$340	600	\$20	636	\$40	672	\$1,200	708	\$55	744	\$0
529	\$65	565	\$40	601	\$440	637	\$0	673	\$50	709	\$50		
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531	\$140	567	\$40	603	\$0	639	\$25	675	\$180	711	\$60		
532	\$400	568	\$35	604	\$350	640	\$0	676	\$420	712	\$0		
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535	\$400	571	\$40	607	\$160	643	\$210	679	\$30	715	\$20		
536	\$1,700	572	\$40	608	\$50	644	\$140	680	\$60	716	\$20		
537	\$520	573	\$40	609	\$0	645	\$100	681	\$600	717	\$80		
538	\$200	574	\$380	610	\$0	646	\$460	682	\$700	718	\$30		
539	\$260	575	\$480	611	\$55	647	\$210	683	\$650	719	\$20		
540	\$950	576	\$460	612	\$0	648	\$200	684	\$270	720	\$30		

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

Last month (below left) correct answer was provided by Andrew Edgcombe who identified it as a sight for a 3 inch mortar. On display at our National Army Museum.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Barry Iacoppi: Zulu Fiftieth Premiere, I was there and enjoyed every minute.

http://youtu.be/x9Fne6eK_Xg

From Tony Bruce: First World War hand-written wills give 'new insight on our war heroes'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-one/10272188/First-World-War-hand-written-wills-give-new-insight-on-our-war-heroes.html>

For AR enthusiasts you can now download an App from apple i-tunes

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fg-ar-rifles/id893180191?mt=8>

From Noel Taylor: This site contains interesting WW I German film

<http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/>

From Grant Soich: News on Lead contamination at Gun Range

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11319558

From New Zealand Antique Arms Association (Auckland Branch): interesting gun stuff

<http://www.forgottenweapons.com/>

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2014 or 2015 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2014

- 12 October Military Heritage Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum
- 26 & 27 October Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
- 1 & 2 November Taranaki Branch Gun Show.
- 8 & 9 November Armistice in Cambridge
- 9 November Carvell's Auction, Auckland

2015

- 10 & 11 January Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
- 7 March Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier
- 28 March Kumeu Militaria Show
- 5 April South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru
- 20 June Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North

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

Opotiki RSA car park - 6pd 7 cwt Anti Tank Mk II QF Gun from Phil Cregeen



BUY SELL OR SWAP *List items free for two months*

FOR SALE: AR15 by CMMG (US) in 223, *this gun is new and has never been fired*, barrel 1:7, includes Arctic Fox illuminated 2.5 x 3- scope, standard mag (7 round) and Magpul Pmag 30 round. Asking \$2,500

FN FAL in 308, note this the rare one with a select fire (full auto) safety position. It also comes with two mags. Asking \$2,500

Husqvarna 1907 (Browning 1903) in 9mm long (this is 2mm longer than normal 9x19 – I can put you in touch with a guy for ammo). This is in very good condition and includes the mag in the gun and two spares and the original holster. Asking \$450

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Contact Darren Tel 09 435 4188 e-mail darrenandrachel@clear.net.nz

FOR SALE: Mint condition L1A1 made in 1989 at Lithgow s/n AD 8907001. 10 round mag plus 2x 20 round mags, carry handle, plastic furniture and mint bayonet. \$3,200 ono. Contact John e-mail rapana7@xtra.co.nz



WANTED: Front bayonet catch/ swivel plus the separate band for a Mk 1 Metford rifle Contact taylors.4@extra.co.nz ph 03 5442 577.

FOR SALE: CZ26 light machine gun. Comes with two mags, sling and cleaning rod. Very good condition. Asking \$2,000
Contact: Sholto phone No. 021 533 465 or email on sholtz@ihug.co.nz

FOR SALE: Nepalese percussion musket, styled on the early EIC pattern A & B musket, lock marked with Nepalese coat of arms. Action strong Good condition, complete with ramrod. \$800 ono.
Contact Phil: 09 430 6588 e-mail oilyrag@xtra.co.nz



WANTED: 1911 SLIDE, COLT manufactured Model 1911, blued finish for a restoration around 70% blue would be great but anything considered. also pair of old walnut grips with diamond pattern. Contact Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com



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Clayton 021 034 0605 or Danny 021 336 207

kumeumilitariashow@gmail.com

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For details contact:

Paul Deeming
09 435 3232
gunnerpwd@gmail.com

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