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EDITORIAL

November proved to be a good month for me on the collecting front adding treasures to my collection at Ted Rogers Auction, Taranaki Gun Show, Armistice in Cambridge and Carvell's Auction.

Armistice in Cambridge proved to be another great event, one well worth supporting. It offers an ideal opportunity for NZAHAA Branches to promote themselves and inform the general public about the things we collect, as well as providing a great weekend for those who participate.

The Kumeu Militaria Show on 28 March will provide another opportunity for the NZAHAA to promote its activities it would be good to see NZAHAA Branches well represented there.

My thanks to all our contributors. Please send me dates for your 2015 events.

Best wishes, Phil

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New Info pages on WWI hand guns are in the course of preparation

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TARANAKI GUN SHOW 2014 WRAP UP by Andrew Edgcombe

Our Taranaki Gun Show held over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of November was yet another great show, as always a show will only be as good as what you put into it and we were fortunate to have some excellent displays and strong dealer support with a many reporting a healthy amount of sales. As always there is room for improvement and I have taken a few notes for subtle changes for our 2015 show.

Huge thanks are in order to the Guys that made the effort to get the signage out and about the Taranaki countryside and organization of a couple of new signs. Also the crew that were on hand to assist with laying out the tables, assisting exhibitors load in and out and those providing overnight security which included Taranaki members as well as some of our out of town visitors.

The displays were numerous and as always first class, Phil Cregeen (Gazette and e gazette editor) judged the displays this year and selected those which he considered the best in each category, thanks Phil!

It was great to see some of our newest members getting into the spirit of the show and taking the time to put on displays, you guys excelled yourselves and it was a real pleasure to see that some of you were rewarded with trophies for your effort!

As always out of area support was great with five displays from Central branch members and three from Wellington branch members. I personally enjoyed all the displays and don't envy Phil and his job of judging, it is a hard call when faced with such a high standard of entry's!

Did you have time to look at Steve Privett's Taranaki Sword display ? Two historically significant swords with a very strong Taranaki connection were brought back "home" for the weekend one having belonged to Lt Colonel Charles Stapp the other to Major Arthur Tuke. You will go a long way to see items such as this again and it was a privilege to have them on hand for all to see. The Forest Ranger Weapons, Marlin's, memorabilia, WW1 relics, presentation percussion shot gun, vintage fishing gear firearms, helmets, trench art you name it and it was there!

A good steady flow of visitors came through the show kept Adrienne busy at the front desk with many giving positive feed back on the way out. The eftpos terminal again proving a very good asset to be able to utilize (thanks to Dave Crompton for the loan of this) A few people came in with treasurers for appraisal with some being sold to dealers or collectors.

We had a couple of local re enactors in attendance in uniform both days, great effort from these guys and again something that was well received by the public.

3 PM Sunday rolled around rapidly and breaking down displays and sales tables was fast and efficient.

A special mention is in order for Frank Pye, Frank can always be relied on to turn up and assist in table lay out. This year as always Frank was on hand sacrificing his time on the day of his 50th Wedding anniversary!, Congratulations Frank on this fantastic milestone.

Thanks to everyone who participated and/or assisted for their time and effort this weekend, you all make the show the great event that it is and as show convener I sincerely appreciate this



TARANAKI GUN SHOW 2014 AWARDS

BEST MILITARY

SHANNON GOULD, VAUGHAN GOULD, DARYL CAVE

BEST BRITISH MILITARY

JOHN HOWE

BEST NON MILITARY

KATH ARNOLD

BEST NON FIREARMS

ROBERT GUNNING

BEST INDIVIDUAL DISPLAY

RAY POPE

BEST VISITORS DISPLAY

FREN HORTON

BEST OVERALL DISPLAY

DENNIS LALLY

BEST TARANAKI DISPLAY

MIKE HENRY-WAYNE PEPPER

PEOPLES CHOICE

MIKE HENRY-WAYNE PEPPER





WWI PHOTO COMPETITION

This months photo was sent in by Graeme Thomas.



The photo above left shows my grandfather A.L. Douglas 45392 sitting on the right hand side centre row between the two men with moustaches. I assume this photograph was taken in New Zealand prior to embarkation with the 27th reinforcements and therefore before his war service.

The photo above right was taken in Cologne, Germany after he was made Sergeant. He was part of the Army of Occupation of the Rhine. The jacket complete with Sergeant stripes sits bedraggled and torn in my gun room to this day.

The family holds many photographs he owned (see two below) and which were always kept out of sight but came into my possession after he died. He had a large number of original copies of photographs which feature today in history books two of which are readily recognizable. I was informed that he had saved the life of the official photographer who took them and who in gratitude gifted him the photos but this is unsubstantiated and he never spoke of them.

When my mother was 18 she had a horrific accident and was admitted to Dunedin hospital where it was deemed necessary to amputate her leg. The surgeon however noticed her name and asked who her father was and when he found out that that it was my grandfather he stated that 'this man saved my life during the war' and in gratitude he declared that he would save my mothers leg ,which he did but it was always an inch shorter than the other one with a massive scar from hip to ankle.

My grandfather was the battalions 'Pioneer Sergeant' and basically these men as carpenters maintained duckwalks, trench sidings and dugouts. A Dunedin officer saw him supervising his men and asked why my grandfather was with them and being informed that my grandfather was pioneer Sergeant he stated that my grandfather was a superb rifle shot who often competed at Pelichet Bay competitions and insisted that my grandfather be transferred as a sniper. I do not know if he was because this aspect of the war he never spoke about.

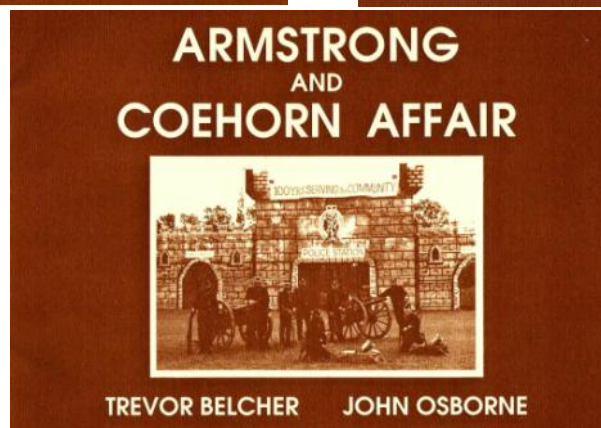
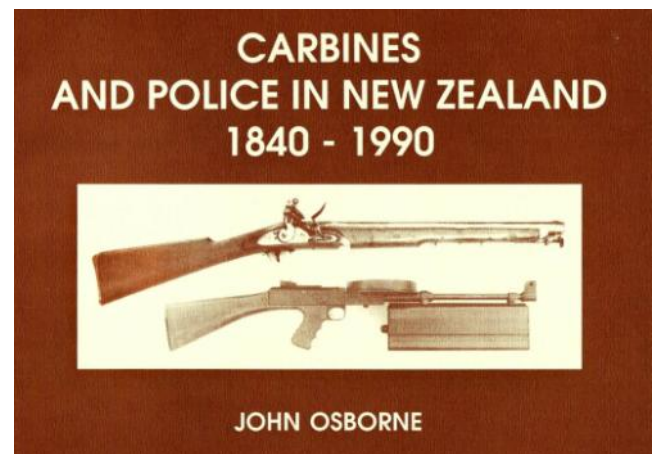
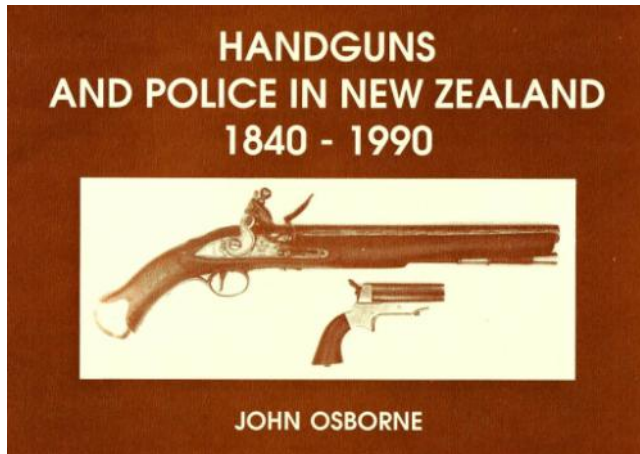


ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN

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

AN INTERESTING PLACE TO VISIT. By Phil Cregeen

On the way home from the Taranaki gun show we stopped for the night in Pirongia on SH 39. In the evening I took our dog for a walk along a small path that runs from the car park beside the information centre, about 200 metres behind the information centre I came across the site of Alexandra Redoubt. The story boards on the site tell of its history and the outline of the redoubt is marked out with concrete tiles.



Alexandra East Redoubt

By April 1864, the Waikato War was over, but dispossessed Maori who had retreated south into the King Country, still posed a threat.

To protect the frontier a series of military settlements were established in strategic locations which included Alexandra (now known as Pirongia). Two redoubts were built here, one on either side of the Waipa River. In June the 2nd Waikato Regiment, took up residence in the Alexandra East Redoubt while Von Tempsky's Forest Rangers temporarily occupied the western redoubt on the far bank. Soon afterwards the surrounding land was surveyed and granted to the soldiers.

The Alexandra East Redoubt was built for 100 men. Tents, then huts and barracks for the soldiers were located within the fortified walls. Nearby there was a large store, hospital and cook house with other buildings near the river landing between the two redoubts.

In 1865 the militia was reduced in size. 100 men were retained to maintain the settlement and provide a basic level of security. In 1867 this protective role was taken over by the Armed Constabulary who kept up the Alexandra East Redoubt until 1869 when they moved to a new redoubt on Bellot Street. The camp continued to be used by the Armed Constabulary until Tawhiao's official surrender in Alexandra in 1881.

A rare find: A cap badge from the Second Waikato regiment

Other local sites to visit:

- Te Awamutu Museum
- Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
- The Waikato War of 1863-64 - a guide to the main events & sites by Neville Filkins

Other local sites to visit:

- The latest Alexandra Armed Constabulary Redoubt, Bellot Street

Plan of Alexandra East Redoubt

Although there is little remaining surface evidence of the redoubt - an archaeological excavation in 1998 uncovered a wealth of new information and some interesting artifacts

Artifacts found: Armed Constabulary Hat Badge, Clay Pipe, Bullet, Beer Bottle, Pickle Bottle

Alexandra - Waikato Military Camp 1860s, by Edward Arthur Williams. Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington NZ

The Path of War

In the late 1850s the government found itself under pressure to find land for a tide of would-be farmer immigrants.

At this time Maori resistance to selling land was increasing, especially in the Waikato. This, and the election of a Maori King in 1858, were seen as a threat and a challenge to Queen Victoria and the Crown.

In 1881 Governor Grey decided an invasion would be desirable if not desirable the King movement and related preparations for war. On 12 July 1881 British troops crossed Mangatangi Stream - the northern boundary of Waikato tribal lands, beginning the Waikato War.

After an initial retreat at Kihuna Ridge, Maori consolidated their positions at Memeu and Rangiri, defending both positions vigorously. But the British, supported by a flotilla of armoured barges on the Waikato, had more men and more they overran and eventually won through to Ngapearua, the political capital of the Kingitanga - the King Movement.

In March, King Movement forces built another redoubt at Orakei which was besieged by 1200 men from the garrison at Te Awamutu under Brigadier General Carro. The siege ended only when the embattled defenders broke through the line of attacking forces and retreated south into the King Country. This defeat signalled the end of active hostilities, leaving the British in possession of the political and economic heartland of the Kingitanga.

By the end of January 1864 they had advanced to Te Aroa where a British base was established opposing the impressive Kingitanga fortification at Patetangi. But as an unexpected move the troops bypassed Patetangi in a night march and took the pa at Rangipapa.

Waipa

Waipa River: trade settlement here possible for Maori and then the militia

In the early 1800s there were many small Maori settlements dotted around the banks of Waipa. The people traded and travelled long distances along the river and it provided them with food and fresh water.

In 1822, facing attack by Nga Puhi raiders from the north, the local people greatly enlarged a small pa known as Matakaki, located a short distance downstream from this site. The Pa and most of the area was abandoned after the attack with the survivors fleeing to the south side of Mt Pirongia.

In 1864, when the military moved in to establish a settlement on confiscated Maori lands - they chose this site as it marked the highest navigable point in the river. The piddleslammer 'Avon' was able to off-load military staff and supplies whilst others carried timber, coal, general stores and bricks to build and support the growing township under the watchful eye of the militia. Whalwhalhoe, on the western shores, was established in mid 1881 when the Maori King, Tawhiao, moved north from Haurangi to set up negotiations for a formal peace with the Crown. It thus became the headquarters for the King Movement until the late 1880s when Tawhiao and his supporters moved on to Pukewaka.

ARMISTICE IN CAMBRIDGE by Phil Cregeen

This annual two day event at Lake Karapiro is a great family weekend, held on Armistice weekend in November. Outside there were military vehicles, re-enactment groups in camp and putting on mock battles, vintage aircraft overhead and on the lake model boats and demonstrations by the RNZN. Inside there were sales tables and static displays by a number of different organisations, including NZAHAA Northland. Below are some of the interesting things that were on show for the first time this year.



1914 Bristol Scout C

This aircraft is a replica of Bristol Scout No 1262 which is known to have taken part in the Gallipoli campaign, flown by the Royal Naval Air Service.



Staghound Armoured Car



This Staghound is believed to be the only one in New Zealand. In WW II the 2nd New Zealand Divisional Cavalry were re-equipped with Staghounds for the Italian campaign, departing from Alexandria in September 1943. However the Staghounds proved unsuitable for the conditions found in Italy and in November 1944 the regiment was relieved of its cars and reverted to an Infantry role.



This truck is a rare M5 built in 1942 as a troop carrier, but then converted to a gun carrier for D Day air defense with the Quad 50 cal turret. A very limited number of these vehicles were converted and the data plate number makes it fairly certain it was landed at D Day or shortly afterwards, because after these M5 conversions, the scratch built IHC gun trucks were labeled M14 and M17s.

The M45 Quad has a devastating rate of fire of some 1800 rounds per minute. It was used immediately after D Day as a hedge line clearer and during the period till the end of the campaign was credited with a large total of aircraft kills. Low flying German planes had no chance if they flew through the field of fire this weapon could bring into play.

We are uncertain if this truck was originally used by the French during the D Day landings or came into French hands at some point immediately after D Day, but we know it was used by the French army into the late 1980s when it was sold as surplus to a vehicle collector in Belgium and in the 90s was brought to NZ by Peter Little of Timaru.

The truck is in its original condition as retired from the French Army. The turret was purchased as scrap from Belgium where it had lain under a hedge for several decades. It had been badly damaged and subsequently cut up to render it useless. It has taken us a lot of time to rebuild and get it working. The guns are homemade reproductions and do not have a firing chamber, but use electronics and a mix of LPG and Oxygen to simulate live fire.



You can see a .50 Cal Quad firing live rounds here:

<http://youtu.be/PCbolpXsfXM>

Thanks to Toombs Lewis.



**1942-3 ROYAL ENFIELD MOTORCYCLE
MODEL WD/CO/B**

WAR DEPARTMENT MODEL C OVERHEAD VALVE WITH BURMAN GEARBOX

The Royal Enfield Factory produced thousands of War Department motorcycles between 1938 and 1946. Most were of average quality and were in common use where British or Allied troops were fighting.

They were used by reconnaissance patrols and despatch riders.

This particular motorcycle is an unusual model in that it is fitted with a heavy duty Burman gear box.

When Coventry was bombed in 1942 the Albion Gear factory, who supplied gear boxes for the Royal Enfield, was bombed and put out of commission. Burman, who made gear boxes for a number of other British motor cycles, cast a gear box case for the Royal Enfield motorcycle within twelve hours of the bombing, allowing the Royal Enfield factory to carry on with production.

Part of the WW I re-enactment was an attack on a German trench, representing the battle of the Somme.



Troops wait to go over the top while the artillery pound the trenches



Advancing across no-mans land



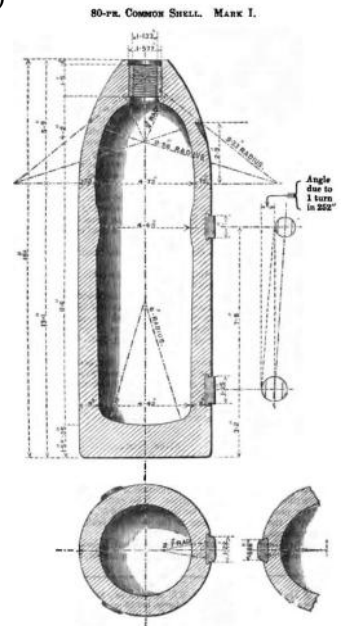
To be mown down by machine gun fire, none made it through the wire on this occasion.

The trench system is a new permanent feature at the venue.

Some Aspects of the Australasian Russian Scare Period Coastal Ordnance Today.

By Bill Lang

In Australia will be found a surviving RML emplacement, in Wollongong, NSW. Called Smith's Hill Fort with two 80 pdr "Palliser" RML's & originally a single now missing 1+1/2" Nordenfelt Gun, it was completed in 1893 to defend the harbour approach's & is one of the few Australian colonial defence works in existence today. This fort area was built at a cost of 2000 pounds as part of the works undertaken both in New Zealand & Australia within the "Russian Scare" period. The barrels were made as smooth bores (68-pr of 95 cwt, S.B) in 1872 at the Royal Gun Factory then later due to the need for rifled ordnance were converted to 80-pr, RML of 5 tons using the "Palliser's system". This site is worth a visit when over the ditch & down the South Coast.



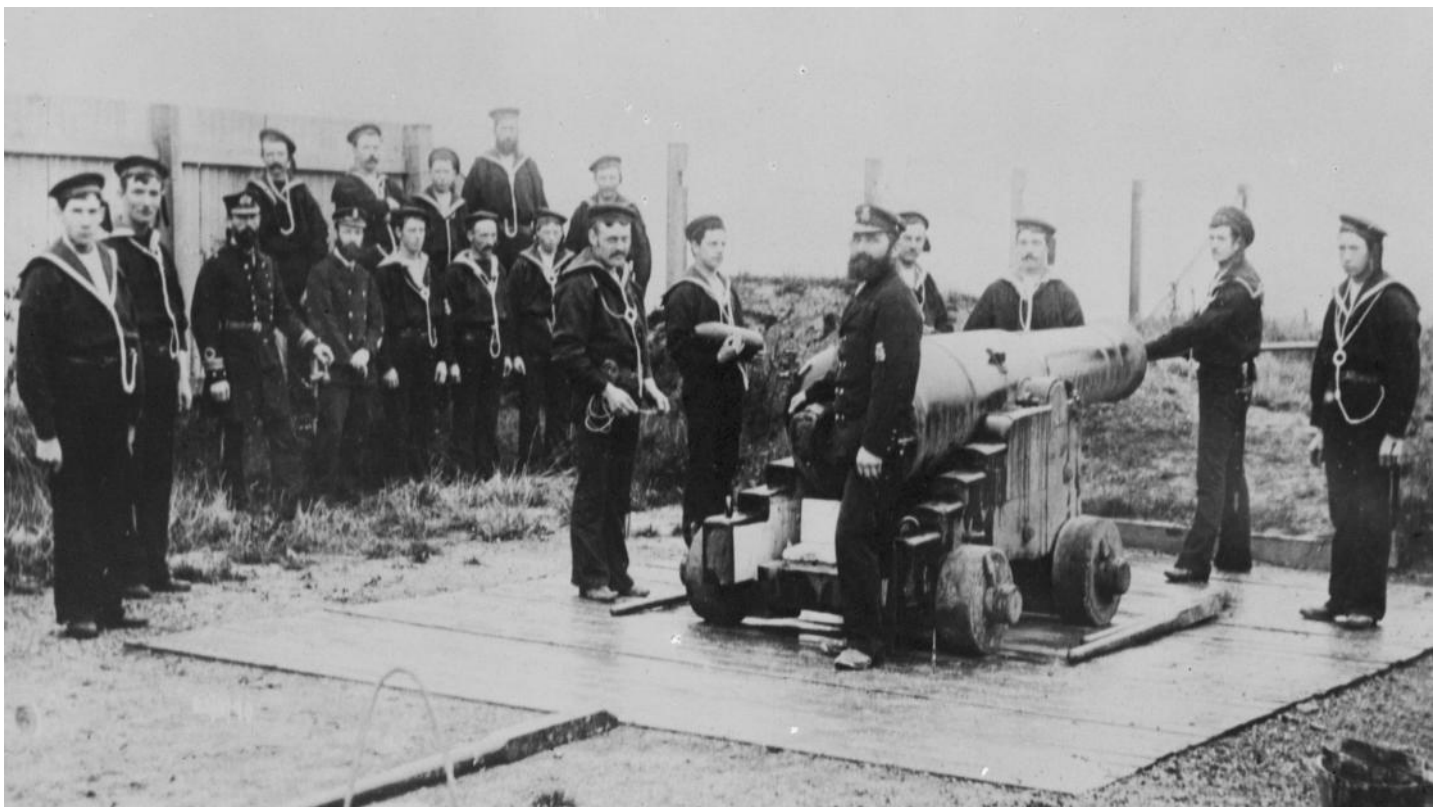
A
1896

Photo of the Smith Hill Fort with the harbour beyond.

To right drawing of a 80 pdr studded shell.

Closer to Home, same period & type of Ordnance.

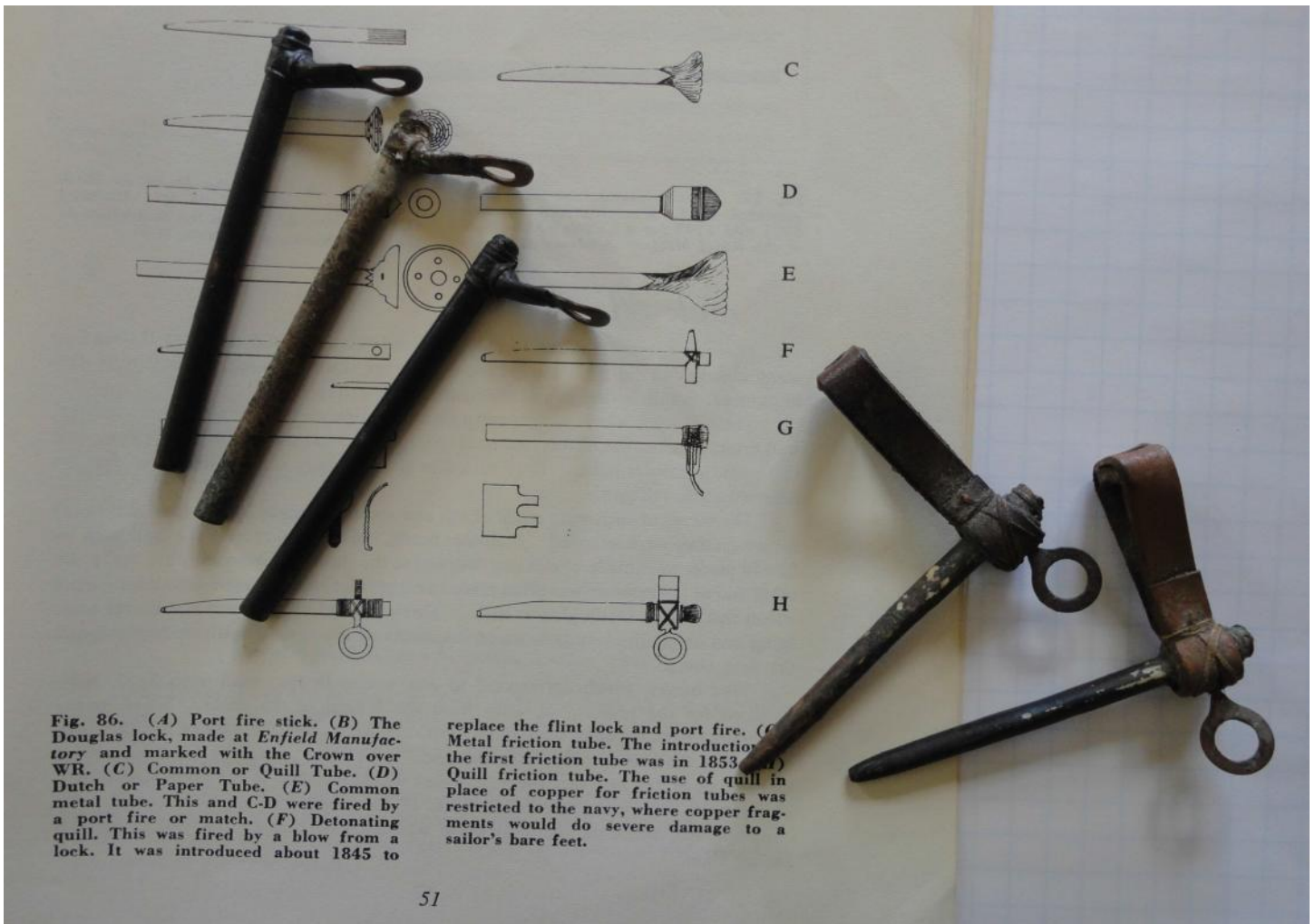
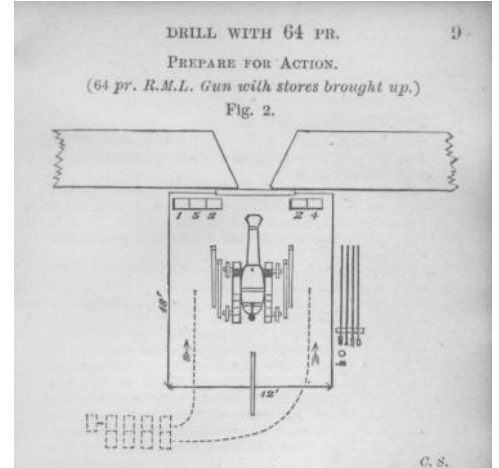
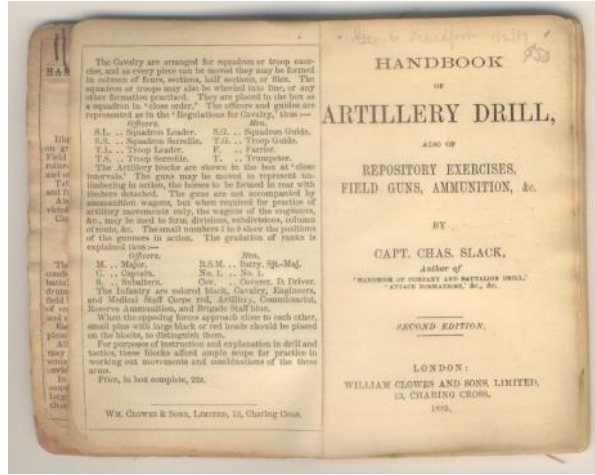
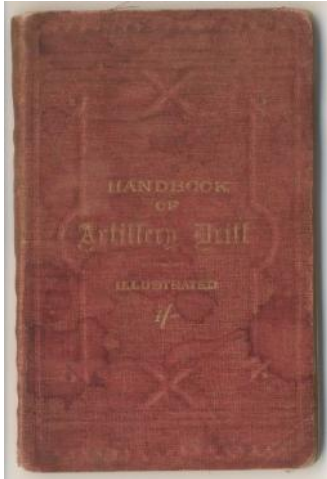
In this photo taken in March 1890 at Oamaru, the Oamaru Naval Artillery Volunteers (1884 -1895) are being put through their gunnery practice, at the Naval Depot on the esplanade between Coquet and Wear Sts in an area now long gone due to sea erosion. At the end of 1886 a high galvanised iron fence had been erected around the depot, which had sheds and a gun emplacement constructed, having been excavated below ground level and a wooden platform laid. This gun is a converted 8 inch 65 cwts, SB, into a 64-pdr of 71 cwts also using the Palliser System.



Currently no artefacts are known to exist apart from photos and newspaper articles of the period that can be said to have come from the Oamaru Naval Artillery Volunteers, but there exists from the period the following now rare items.

Firstly the Hand Book of Artillery Drill, (1885, images below) What's striking is that on the enlarged page 9 (to right) has a crew layout in the "Prepare for Action" section, that compares closely to the previous ONAV photo, i.e. the layout of tools & number of men is the same.

The handbook is small being designed to fit in a pocket, size - 4 inches x 2 1/2 inches.



Above - Something's that ought not to exist today, live Smooth Bore & RML Copper Friction Tubes at left. One of these would have been the item that the Firer to left of the 64-pr shown in photo, would have been holding in his left hand being attached to the lanyard clip. The two at right are (still live) Quill friction tubes as used on ships, see explanation in above photo text. At 120 years old plus, they are still respected & stored correctly.

A “Standard 15 second Fuse, Wood ML” & relationship to a studded RML shell. 1 inch G.S (General Service) fuse socket shown to right.

This fuse was invented by a Captain Boxer in 1849. The case of this fuse was originally made of wood, but metal versions were produced later. It was an improvement on the earlier type, in that the fuse was set by opening with a small auger one of a series of holes which were accurately spaced in the main tube of the fuse & sealed before use. Errors in cutting the old fuse to an exact length were eliminated, and more accurate fuse setting was achieved.

This is a period correct original item as used in the 64 pdr shell fired at Oamaru & used in other ordnance both here in NZ & Australia. Yes it's strongly believed to still contain fine powder.

- Would it fire ? No as time & dampness would have had it's effects.

If the reader has a spare 64 pdr, 8 + 1/2 lbs of suitable ordnance grade powder and a filled shell, I'm the owner might have seconds thought about trying it out. We have trouble finding ranges to shoot now, so beasts that throw such projectiles 2 kilometre & explode are out of the question somewhat. (But I like the thoughts & dream.)

New Zealand 64 pdr Guns.

In 1885/86 New Zealand accepted eight 64 pdr Palliser Converted guns on Naval carriages plus equipment, after delivery on the HMS Nelson, at that time the Flagship for the Australia Squadron. The cost to the country was 4,203-6-4 pds (or 4,203 Pounds 6 Shillings and 4 pence)

Wellington received two, Auckland four with two unassigned, it is believed that the Oamaru gun was one of these, Timaru the other. Oamaru only held this gun from 1886 to 1895. Currently no knowledge of it's final resting place is known.

Now just what is the “Palliser Conversion System” ?

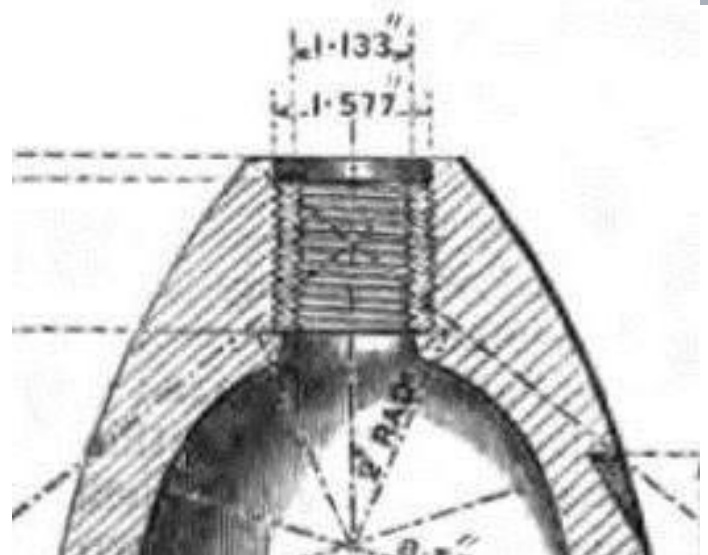
Basically early in 1855 attempts were made to turn smooth bore guns into rifled pieces, by 1863 after some clangers, a design by a Captain Palliser to line cast iron guns with a coiled iron barrels was accepted, these were to be placed into the bored out old cast barrels then expanded by firing heavy proof loads, followed by lapping then rifled with x 3 grooves.

Only three sizes of guns were converted : 68 pdr of 95 cwts SB into 80 pdr RML of 5 tons.

- 8 inch of 65 cwts SB into 64 pdr RML of 71 cwts.

- 23 pdr of 58 cwts SB into 64 pdr RML of 58 cwts.

The total amount of Palliser converted guns completed are not known (thought to exceed 240) but due to the stronger Armstrong RML's & breech loading guns being developed & produced, the converted guns were only a stop gap measure & rendered redundant by 1900.



FROM OUR READERS

Dear Phil:

Interesting you should have a write-up of a block house in this issue of the Gazette (November).

We have several re-constructed block houses here in Georgia.

Fort King George is now a Georgia State Park. It is located down on the Coast in Darien. The fort was reconstructed back in the 1970's from the original plans that were still on file in London. As I used to help out doing "Living History" at the Fort in the 1990's (dressed as a 1740's Redcoat soldier) I have appreciation for what life must have been like on the frontiers in both Georgia and New Zealand.

In the 1720's and early 1730's the British Empire in North America ended at Fort King George.

Interestingly enough, the fort was constructed out of native Cypress, a timber that will last almost forever. The basic design goes back to the Roman era and the block house at Fort King George was constructed so if it had to, the planks and beams could be numbered and then the block house taken apart. That way, the block house could be moved to another location if necessary.

Officially, Georgia was founded by General Oglethorpe in 1733. Besides Savannah, he laid out Fort Frederica on St. Simons Island (about 20 miles South of Fort King George.) He also established the settlement of Darien literally next to Fort King George and settled it with Scotch Highlanders.

A few years later another group of Highlanders came over and settled in Darien in the 1740's. I never realized there was any difference between the groups of Highlanders until one day, I was talking to a Docent at the fort that came from an "Old Darien Family." When I mentioned a Gentleman that had been very helpful as a volunteer at the fort, the lady simply rolled her eyes.

So, when I asked her what was the problem with the gentleman she said simply: "Well, his family is nice, but you have to realize that they are some of the Newcomers."

I never realized that after almost 300 years there were still some social divisions in Darien between the "Highlanders."!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_King_George

All My Best

Brannen



CAN YOU HELP ? Share your knowledge before it is lost

Dear Sir

I am a private collector of Military insignia and medals.

I enclose a photo of a set of items related to the 58th Foot Regiment. (Also, close-ups of individual items). I know nothing of their use. It looks nothing like a helmet plate.

The largest item is of cast brass, 92mm wide, flat, with three short mounting lugs on the reverse. Quite heavy, if compared to the normal pressed brass helmet plates of that era.

The smaller badge to the right, (motto enclosing castle) is of much thinner sheet brass, finely and carefully engraved. Two lugs on reverse. It could well be a shoulder title.

These were accompanied by one of the 58th buttons (though I have forgotten which one).

Whereas an HP usually was curved to fit a helmet, the big item is quite flat. Could it be off a sabratache?

I believe the 58th came over from Australia in 1845, served in some early .Maori wars, was garrisoned in New Plymouth in 1855-56,(which is the city I now live in).

I regard this as a precious item in my collection. I have not seen any other, and would be most grateful if you were able to help me to know what to call it, what was its use, and some idea of it's authenticity and rarity.

Yours sincerely,

Phillip W. Brown.

(former AAA Member of the 1960-75 era)



Answers to oilrag@xtra.co.nz please.

Some more of these cartridge boxes, from Mike Carrick, these are found on page 172 of Islamic Weapons: Maghrib to Moghul by Anthony C. Tirri.



Figure 119E.
Balkan cartridge boxes.



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

Last month (below left) no one provided a correct answer. It is a type of aperture sight that attaches to the brim of a hat, contributed by Tony Bruce. Perhaps to focus the eye on V sights?



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

Visit this site for some interesting video footage on a variety of guns: <https://www.full30.com/>

A New Zealand Vintage aircraft builder: <http://thevintageaviator.co.nz/>

Book Review: Handfuls of History

<http://www.forgottenweapons.com/ebook-review-handfuls-of-history/>

From Tony Bruce :

Some of our AAA members may be interested in this large 25 Pounder kitset. (1/6th scale)

<http://kompactkit.com/?lang=nb>

Animals at war: The furry, feathered and friendly companions of WWI soldiers

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-23/animals-of-ww1/5763584?section=ww1>

WWI: How the war unfolded

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/first-world-war-centenary/timeline/>

From Tony Mack: Holland & Holland video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=qUXoNUzAyvk#

**UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2015 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz
2015**

10 & 11 January	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
7 February	Dargaville Gun Show
7 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier
28 March	Kumeu Militaria Show
28 March	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
5 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru
11 April	NZAHAA AGM, Nelson
18 & 19 April	Ted Rogers' Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
20 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North
11 & 12 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
18 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
12 Sept.	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
12 Sept.	Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding

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

24 Pdr at Hokatika Wharf by Phil Cregeen



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

***WANTED :** M1 Carbine Buttplate and Screws, also a tang screw for an M1 Carbine.
Contact Pat (09) 432 2791

***WANTED:** MLE Long Tom Butt Plate marked 13, NOT E13, as per photo.
Please contact Noel Taylor, 021 187 2106 or njtaylor@ihug.co.nz

***FOR SALE: Revolvers -** S & W .455 Hand Ejector 2nd Model, thinning blued finish GWO & C with holster \$425; 10.35 mm Glisenti Brescia M 1889, bright finish with some pitting GWO & FC \$ 275;. Contact Urb Seux: 09 434 0677.



WANTED Mount as pictured, (above right) have you seen one or do you have one? even just parts would be a great help ANY CONDITION. I need a mount to complete the restoration of a NZ war trophy MG08. Also looking for any parts for same. Also interested in acquiring a relic condition MG08 or 08/15 to demonstrate the fate of many of our WWI trophy maxims.

Please contact Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com 027 3380840

Andrew Edgcombe writes: As a matter of interest the ad I placed regarding the 1911 Colt Grips I was looking for a while back, this was answered by a fellow member of the NZAHAA (Canterbury) and subscriber of the e-gazette, I was supplied a beautiful pair of grips and some 1911 spare parts at no cost and offered some other items at minimal cost. It is good to see the true spirit of the association alive and well with fellow collectors helping one another out and the help was most appreciated.

Good to see members paying it forward. Ed



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