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EDITORIAL

In early December at a meeting of the Police Firearms Advisory Forum, members were told that Police intended to apply charges for 'Permits to Procure' and 'Permits to import firearms'. In mid January it was brought to our attention that a new Bill, the Policing Cost Recovery Amendment Bill, had already had its first reading in Parliament and was now before the Law and Order Select Committee with submissions closing on the 5 February.

Was it too much of a coincidence that these two pieces of information were related? The firearms community went in to overdrive encouraging its members to prepare submissions opposing this new Bill. When they heard about our efforts Police advised Forum members that the new Bill does not apply to the Arms Act since there is already legislative provision under section 74 (f) of the Arms Act for regulations to be made for the fixing of fees payable in respect of any license, application, or other matter under that Act. The Policing (Cost Recovery) Amendment Bill is not the vehicle that would be called upon to either amend current fees in the Arms Regulations or introduce any new fees for matters referred to in the Arms Act. It was nice to have this cleared up – but it would have been even more helpful if Police had pointed this out to the Forum in December.

One area where the new Bill could hit collectors in the pocket is if Police charge a fee for providing an Arms Officer to attend gun shows and auctions.

My thanks to all our contributors. Please send me dates for your 2015 events, if you have not done so already.

Best wishes. Phil

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FROM THE GUN ROOM

More on medals issued to New Zealanders in WWI from Frank Pye

THE MERCANTILE MARINE WAR MEDAL 1914-18

The Mercantile Marine War Medal was awarded by the Board of Trade to members of the Merchant Navy (Mercantile Marine 1914) who had served on one or more voyages through a danger zone during the First World War.

The Medal is made from Bronze and was issued to officers and men, unlike earlier transport medals (China and Boer War) where only officers received medals. Some medals were awarded to New Zealand seamen.

The reverse of the medal depicts a steamship ploughing through a rough sea with a sinking submarine and a sailing vessel in the background which is enclosed in a laurel wreath. The obverse is the same as the British War Medal from a previous article. The ribbon is 32mm wide and watered green and red divided by a thin white stripe, when worn the red should be nearest the left shoulder, the colours represent the colours of ships navigation lights, the ribbon passes through a non swivelling suspender.



PAGE 3 GIRL

In response to a request from some of our members, here is a one time only **Page 3 Girl**, our only lady shooter at the Northland Branch Invitation Shoot. Don't get excited this will not be a regular feature of the e-Gazette. Thanks to Chenelle for being a good sport and competing in the shoot against all the blokes.



NORTHLAND BRANCH INVITATION SHOOT 2015

We had a good attendance from our regular Auckland guests who enjoyed several days camping and shooting in the northern countryside. Our leader Mack organised a fun shoot on the Saturday which included a couple of team shoots, cut the stick and Xmas tree, as well as a sniper event, bayonet charge, William Tell, ping pong and clay birds, what you might call putting a bit of history into shooting. The day was finished off with prize giving, a spit roast sheep cooked by Errol and our regular Mickey Mouse auction conducted by Simon. On the days preceding and following there was plenty of opportunity for sighting and plinking.

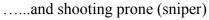


The weekend event is all about camping

and shooting at clay birds.....



...and shooting off hand (William Tell)





and bayonet charge (more of a walk actually)



Team work-setting up Xmas tree for team shoot



A Mickey Mouse auction is always good fun

..... with a quality lot that did sell



Shooting finished its time to relax with friends or on your own.

HOKIANGA KRUPP HOWITZER m1902 No 356 Hokianga World War One Memorial --- by John Osborne AA, NCGM, DTT, PhD, FSG

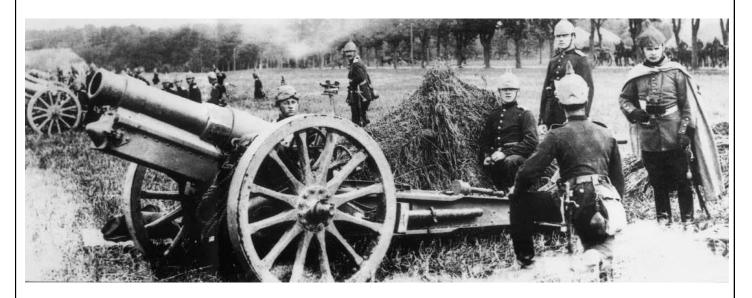


Image of a Quick Firing QF German Krupp 1902 model 15cm (5.9") schwere feld haubitze (heavy field howitzer) which was the first of its type and had no shield. Known to WW1 New Zealand soldiers as a 'five-nine' (5.9") and highly respected. It fired a 41.8kg (92lb) shell and was quite accurate. Maximum elevation was 42 deg, muzzle velocity with full charge 325 m/s (1066 fps), maximum range 7452 m (8150 yards)



The Hokianga 15cm model 1902 (manufactured in 1905) Krupp Howitzer No 356 bears the Prussian Royal Coat of Arms inscribed in Latin "Ultima Ratio Regis" (utimate resort of kings) and was made for the Prussian Foot Guards Division of the German Army. This gun was captured in 1918 by advancing New Zealand Troops and shipped to New Zealand as a trophy after the end of WW1. This gun along with many other captured German guns was stored in Wellington to be displayed in a proposed National War Memorial Museum in Wellington, but the idea was dropped by Massey's government because of the depression and these trophy guns were distributed to towns and cities throughout New Zealand. Gun No 356 was dispatched from the Equipment and Ordnance Stores, Buckle Street, Wellington on the 12 June 1920 however the records do not give details of the gun or its destination.

There are three 15cm Krupp Howitzer WW1 trophies in Ballarat, Victoria, (one is presently being restored) these were captured by Australian troops.



On arrival at Rawene in 1920 the Hokianga Krupp Howitzer was displayed just below the chemists shop on the footpath area. Displaying war trophies became unpopular in the 1930's so the Hokianga Krupp was moved down to where the old Rawene sawmill used to be by the mudflat. In due course the carriage sank up to its axle in the mud and its wooden wheels rotted. An enterprising local sold the gun to a scrap merchant who quickly loaded the gun on to his truck. Another local person, bought the Krupp Howitzer back off the scrap merchant reclaiming the gun for Hokianga. After some more years of rusting the Hokianga RSA salvaged what remained of the gun, raised funds and commissioned a local engineer to tidy up and mount the remaining parts of the gun.

The "restored" gun was placed on the small reserve by the Rawene Wharf for all to see (refer images below). On 11th November 1999 (Armistice Day) a dedication service was held and the flag flown from a new flagpole.



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WHEN IS A BUOY NOT A BUOY? Tom Cartwright related a tale of mistaken identity that could have had serious consequences.

Travelling the back blocks of Hawkes Bay Tom spotted what he thought was an old iron harbour buoy and anchor on a farm dump and decided he wanted it. Through a friend who lived in the neighbourhood he negotiated with the farmer to buy it.

The day arrived for Tom to collect the buoy with his 4WD and trailer and the farmer with the aid of a chain on his front end loader plucked the buoy out of the dirt and dumped it in the trailer, whereupon the trailer sank under the weight. With the tyres almost flat to the rims Tom gingerly drove the buoy home. Once home the problem was how to get it off the trailer. Tom had the bright idea to roll it off onto a tyre placed on the concrete drive, simple! Well that went according to plan, the buoy crashed down about 40cm flattening the tyre with a loud bang and the trailer leapt about a foot in the air. From here it was simply a matter of rolling the buoy into the back garden.



Tom with his nautical garden decoration

Some months later Tom had a house guest, Peter Cooke co-author with Ian Maxwell of "*Great Guns- The Artillery Heritage of New Zealand*", who had come to give a talk to the Hawkes Bay branch of NZAHAA. Looking out the kitchen window Peter remarked " Where the hell did you get that mine". "What mine, do you mean that old buoy?" replied Tom.

Peter identified the mine as a 100 lb British electro - contact mine dating from 1885, and yes **some** had been decommissioned and used as harbour buoys. Tom remembered the rough handling and ride the mine had been subject to in getting it to its present resting place and thought of what might have happened if the mine had been live, fortunately it was not. How would you explain that to the neighbours and your insurance company?

So now Tom has in his collection one of the best surviving examples of an 1885 British 100 lb electro-contact mine.

ANSWER - WHEN IT'S A MINE!

BATTLE OF WATERLOO 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMMORATION

Thanks to UK member Robin Horsfall for sending information about this commemoration.



You can find out all about the commemoration and read about the history of the battle at the following official website:

https://www.waterloo2015.org

To find out how to apply for a Free Bronze commemoration medal visit <u>http://www.200waterloo.co.uk/</u> but you will need a UK residential address, of someone who does not want one for themselves.



A PLACE TO VISIT

On our way back from Cape Reinga over the Christmas holiday we stopped to take a look at the memorial to Waipapakauri Airfield beside SH 1 next to the Waipapakauri Hotel north of Kaitaia.



Originally a small civil airstrip it was taken over at the beginning of WW II by the RNZAF as an emergency landing field and became a semi permanent airfield in April 1941. With the entry of Japan into the war and the real threat of invasion the airfield was expanded to 3 runways from 1942. More local land was purchased and homes given up by locals for the expansion. The hotel pictured above was used as the base hospital and officers mess.

During the war No 7 General Reconnaissance Squadron was stationed here equipped with 18 Vickers Vincents and later Vickers Vilderbeests. In July 1944 the field was designated as a refuelling and an emergency landing site for aircraft en-route to the Pacific Island and saw the odd American visitor.

With the fall of Japan Waipapakuri reverted to an Emergency Landing Field in July 1946 and has since been returned to farmland.

WORLD WAR I PHOTO COMPETITION

These photos were found in an old family trunk by Mike Barnes.



NZFA with 18 pdr QF Field Gun, Rhine 1919 (Gunner L S Abernethy 2nd from left)



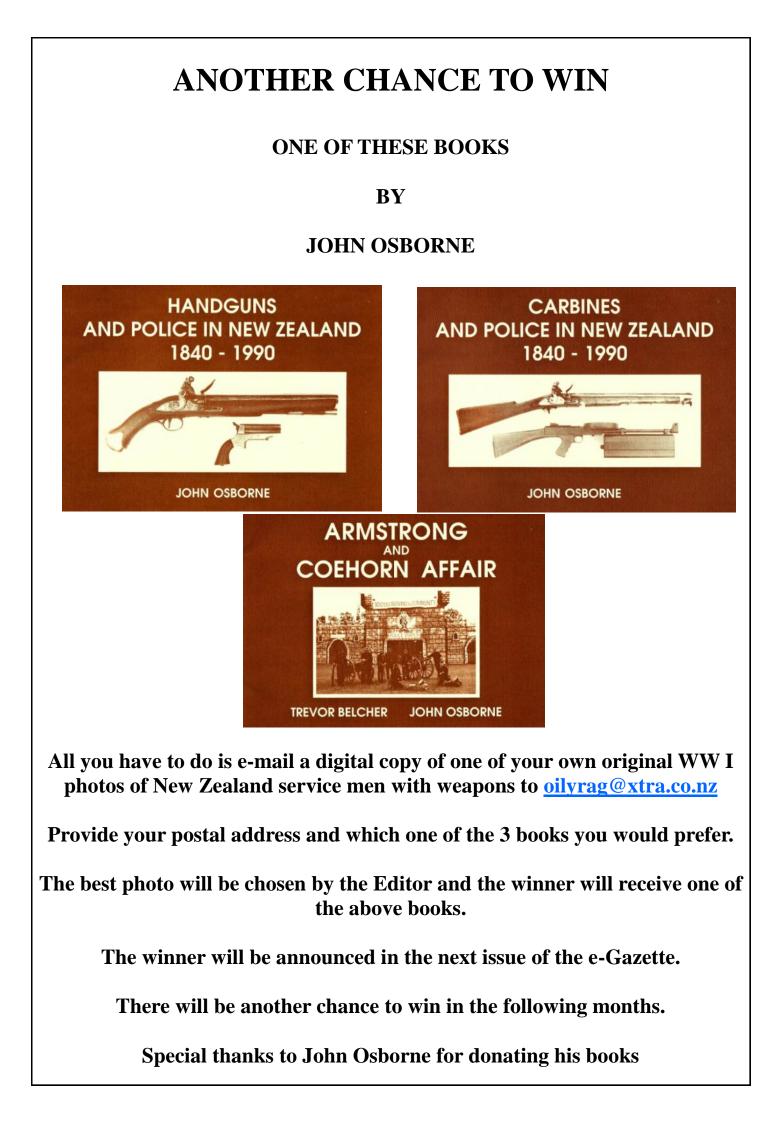
4.5 inch Howitzer

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Members of NZFA
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Rifleman Edward Storer Barnes

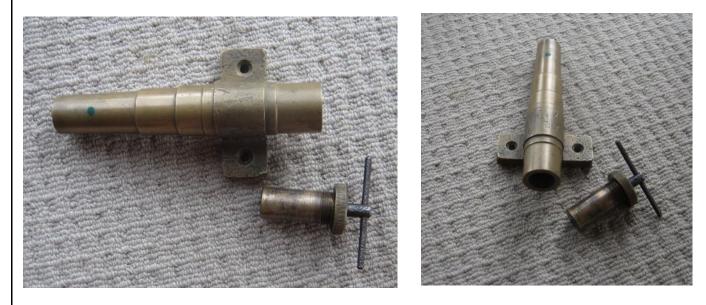
The artillery photos are from Gunner LS Abernethy, father of Lois Barnes, second from the left on the top photo. He was a clerk before the war from Dunedin and sailed as part of the 40th NZFA reinforcement on 10 July 1918 from Wellington on *Tahiti* HMNZ 107 for Plymouth England. He died age 73 in 1971 in New Zealand.

Rifleman Edward Storer Barnes, a farm labourer before the war from Spotswood ,Canterbury, sailed as a Reinforcement on the 30 December 1916 from Wellington on *Athenic* HMNZT 72 bound for Plymouth England. He received a severe shrapnel wound to the face in France in October 1917 and was returned to NZ and discharged from the Army in April 1918 due to his wounds. He died in 1963.



CAN YOU HELP ? Share your knowledge before it is lost. Questions and Answers to <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u> please.

Graham Brimble would like to know what this is:



Can you identify this shell? It is 57 mm diameter and 170mm long and weighs 2.8Kg (6 lb approx) solid steel with a 13mm blind hole of 25mm depth in the base.

My thoughts are it is a 6 pounder Armour Piercing round, but there seem to be a few different types ranging from Nordenfelt to Hotchkiss and more modern guns, so if any one knows for sure I would be pleased to hear from you.



WANTED

PHOTOS FROM GALLIPOLI

FOR THE APRIL E-GAZETTE

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u> Last month (below left), No answers, everybody on holiday? It is a WW II contact mine.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

Slow Motion Lewis Gun:

http://www.forgottenweapons.com/slow-motion-303-lewis-gun/

EM2 Rifle Manual

http://www.forgottenweapons.com/em-2-rifle-manual/

Slow Motion Maxim

http://www.forgottenweapons.com/slow-motion-lmg-0815-maxim/

Forgotten Weapons is well worth signing up for their daily e-mail for a heap of interesting gun information and video clips.

What Happens When You Load Pistol Powder in a Rifle Cartridge from Tony Bruce

http://bulletin.accurateshooter.com/2015/01/what-happens-when-you-load-pistol-powder-in-a-rifle-cartridge/



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

10 & 11 January		Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe	
7 February Dargaville Gun Show		Dargaville Gun Show	
22 February		Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga	
	7 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier	
	28 March	Kumeu Militaria Show	
	28 March	arch Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch	
	5 April	April South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru	
	11 April	April NZAHAA AGM, Nelson	
18 & 19 April Ted Rogers' Milita		Ted Rogers' Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington	
	20 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North	
		Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden	
		Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie	
	18 July	& 16 August Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show	
	15 & 16 August		
	12 Sept.		
	12 Sept.	2 Sept. Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding	

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







Oerlikon Mk II - Turangi RSA, Katapu Place

BUY SELL OR SWAP List items free for two months

WANTED: Bolt head dust cover for Lee Metford Mk I* as per photo opposite. Contact : <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

WANTED Mount as pictured, (below right) have you seen one 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 <u>mg34nz@gmail.com</u> 027 3380840

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 <u>sholtz@ihug.co.nz</u>

WANTED: Magazine for WWII Italian Model 1934 Beretta pistol, calibre 9mm Corto. Contact: Brian McLeary, <u>hbarms@clear.net.nz</u> Phone 06-8432209.

WANTED: for FN FAL, 1 Magazine, 1Bipod Contact: Dick Brough Ph # 07 3666751 gaylenebr@callsouth.net.nz





Hawkes Bay

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Website: <u>www.hbarmsmilitaria.co.nz</u>

Central Branch

Gun Show

Sunday 22 February Otorohanga Club. Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

Contact: Kath Arnold 07 873 8853. <u>c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz</u>.



NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction - 2015

We are now accepting lots for our next auction on the 11/12 July 2015. We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convenor, at the earliest possible time.

South Island Run: We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime in January or February so those South Island people wanting to have items collected please let us know as soon as possible. Dates to be confirmed but it will be early in the New Year.

North Island Run: Also on the planner is a trip to North Island locations. A date in the new year is being finalised now so we need to know. Contact Steve and talk to him about what you wish to do.

Steve Privett

Tel: (04) 934 2756 Fax: (04) 934 2963 Mob 0274411785

Email steveprivett@paradise.net.nz

Ruahine Branch Auction 12 September 2015

We are now seeking quality lots

Due to rising costs Commission will be 7.5 % for buyers and vendors

Contact: Tony Matthews 06 374 9164 ruahinebranchrep@hotmail.co.nz

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

ANNUAL AUCTION AND SWAP DAY. PHAR LAP RACEWAY, TIMARU. SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015

Items for the auction are now being sought. Please contact the following: Gordon on 03 615 7673 or Malcolm on 03 684 4586 or Graham on 03 688 7205

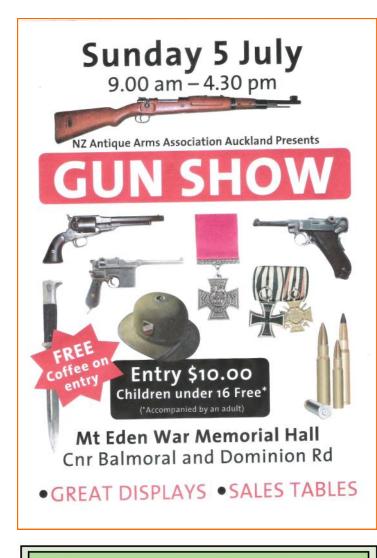
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Full List at http://gunshows.co.nz/wordpress/ All enquiries to NZ Distributer Graeme Barber of Mainland Arms and <u>Militaria</u> Shows Ltd ph 027 435 1940 graeme.woodend@xtra.co.nz

Hawkes Bay Gun Show

Army Drill Hall, Napier,

March 7, 2015,

jointly hosted by Hawkes Bay NZAHAA and Military Arms Society (Hawkes Bay), formerly IMAS, Hawkes Bay.

Contact organiser, John Ayto, <u>johnayto@clear.net.nz</u>.

DARGAVILLE

GUN SHOW

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

KAIPARA COMMUNITY HALL

10am to 3pm

Contact

A J O'Neill 09 439 4522 aj@aj-oneill.biz

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