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EDITORIAL

I am a bit early this month as we are moving house on Wednesday and my computer will be out of service for 2 months in storage, as there is a gap between vacating the old address and taking possession of the new one. So I am afraid there will be no May issue of the e-Gazette and the June e-Gazette and Gazette may well be a tad late, for which I apologise in advance. I am still desperately short of material for future Gazettes, so if you have an article on the stocks please consider sending it to me by June.

Over the course of our married life (50yrs in September) Pam and I have moved many times, (18 times at the last count) due mainly to my service in the Royal Navy, but we have been in our present house nearly 10 years and it is amazing how much stuff we have accumulated in that time. Being a collector probably has something to do with it, we have spent the last three weeks packing up and transporting the treasure to various storage locations and I am grateful to those friends who have offered to look after my stuff.

If your Branch organises an event such as a gun show, please send me some photos for the e-Gazette. Did anyone take photos at the Hawkes Bay Guns Show for example?

My thanks to all our contributors.

Best wishes,
Phil



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FROM THE GUN ROOM

Some more information on WWI awards from Frank Pye, the “Dead Mans Penny”. These memorial plaques were given little regard for many years, the two I have in my collection were found at the local dump when I was a kid. It is surprising how many people are unaware of the significance of these items. They have gained in popularity in recent times but can still be quite easily found by searching trade me or gun shows and auctions. Also some statistics on gallantry awards

MEMORIAL PLAQUE 1919

The Memorial Plaque is commonly referred to as “The Death Plaque”. It was issued to the next of kin of those who died in action, of wounds or disease during overseas service during the First World War, they came with a parchment scroll signed by King George V. The Plaque is made from bronze and has a circumference of 120mm. The plaque depicts Britannia bestowing a laurel crown on a rectangular tablet bearing the full name of the dead in relief. In front stands a lion, with dolphins in the upper side and an oak branch lower right.



Around the plaque are the words
HE (She) DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR
(it is a V and not a U)

THE TOTAL ISSUED

“HE DIED” 1,355,000

“SHE DIED” 600

Of these figures 18,166 were issued to the next of kin of New Zealand Servicemen and Women

FIRST WORLD WAR GALLENTY MEDALS AWARDED

VICTORIA CROSS

639 including 11 to New Zealand

MILITARY CROSS

37,000 including 53 to New Zealand

MILITARY MEDAL

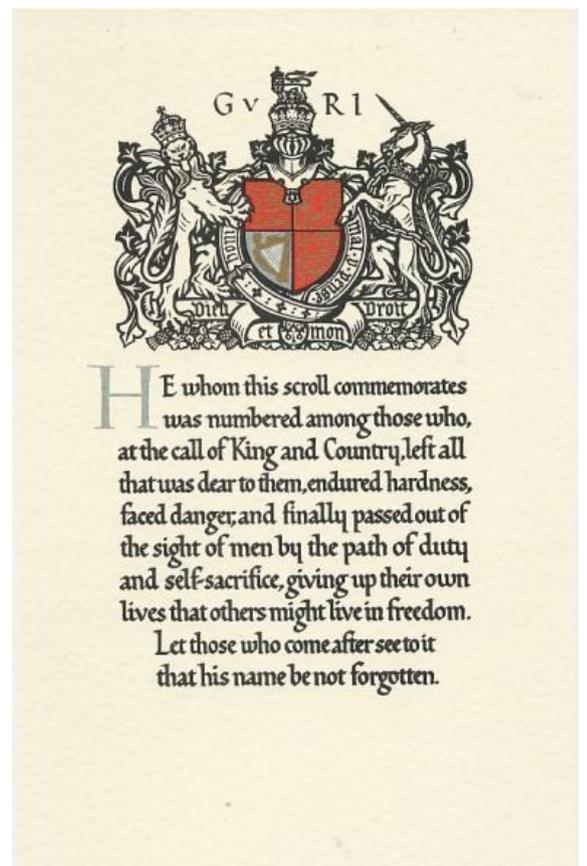
115,000 including 2066 to New Zealand

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

41000

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

25,000 including 394 to New Zealand



OTOROHANGA GUN SHOW by Andrew Edcombe

February the 22nd was the Central Branch NZAHAA Otorohanga Show, This little show has gone from strength to strength over the years, the show has always been an excellent social occasion and a good opportunity to find some new treasure for the gun room. As always some excellent displays were in the hall with a static display of military vehicles outside. Sales tables had a great array of items on offer. It was reported that the public attendance was the best to date with a steady stream of people through the door. I was privileged to talk to one visitor about an Imperial German Pickelhaube helmet she was carrying around in a supermarket bag which was the souvenir of a relative from the First World War. The relative was with the New Zealand Field Artillery and was the recipient of a Military Medal (which the lady still had) It is great to see the items preserved and appreciated within the family. Great to see a number of Taranaki members made the trek north for the day. As always thanks are in order to the Central Branch team for another great show.



Photos from Andrew's cell phone

Gallipoli 1915

Compiled by Dr John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG

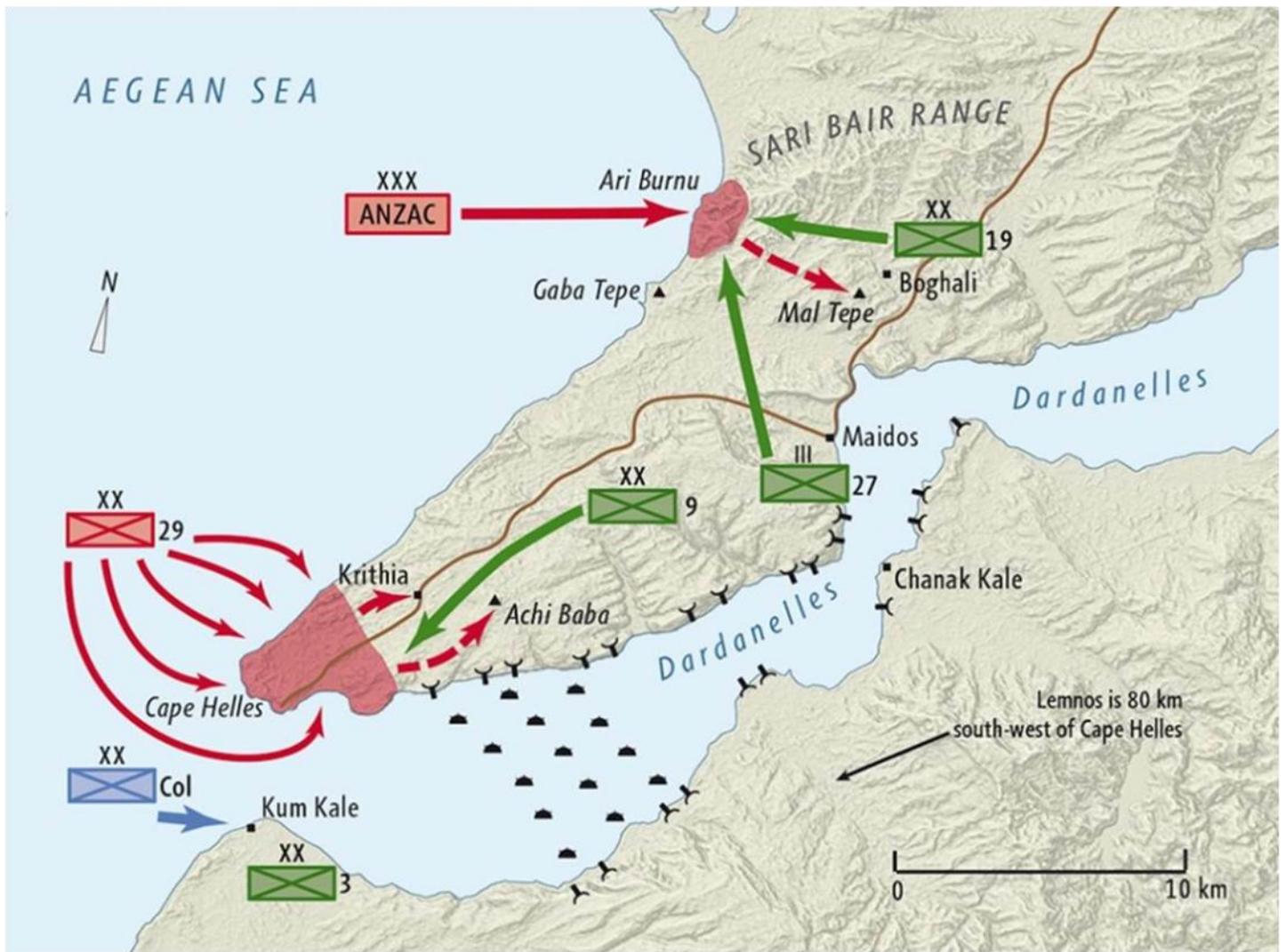
Each year on Anzac Day, New Zealanders (and Australians) mark the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings of 25 and 26 April 1915, when thousands of young men, stormed the beaches on the Gallipoli Peninsula in what is now Turkey. Most of the people living on the Gallipoli Peninsula until April 1915 were Greek. The Ottoman Fifth Army forcibly removed 22,000 Greek civilians from the area two weeks before the landings, on the pretext that, as Orthodox Christians, they might support the forthcoming Allied invasion. They never returned, ending 2500 years of Greek settlement on the peninsula.



New Zealand and Australian soldiers landing at Anzac Cove, 25 April 1915

The Gallipoli campaign was launched on 25 April 1915 when two landings were made. One was the 35,000-strong British main force led by Lieutenant General Hunter Weston and the other a 17,000-strong support force comprising men from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) under General William Birdwood.





Gallipoli invasion map Courtesy www.nzhistory.net.nz

In February 1915, the Allies launched a plan to force the Dardanelles Strait, attack the Ottoman capital of Constantinople (Istanbul), and knock the Ottoman Empire out of the war. Initial attempts by British and French warships to clear the underwater mines and coastal batteries (shown as gun symbols on both sides of the straits) protecting the straits failed.

Rather than concede defeat, the Allies despatched the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (MEF) to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula and destroy the Ottoman defences holding up the naval operation. On 25 April, the British 29th Division landed at five beaches on the southern tip of the peninsula (shown by the five red arrows around Cape Helles) and tried to capture the heights of Achi Baba (shown by a broken red arrow). At the same time, a French colonial division launched a diversionary attack at Kum Kale on the Asiatic side of the straits (shown by blue arrow).

The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) made a separate landing about 20 km to the north at Ari Burnu (later known as Anzac Cove). Their job was to secure the Sari Bair Range, culminating in the capture of Mal Tepe (shown by a broken red arrow), a hill overlooking the main north-south road along the peninsula (shown as a brown line on the map).

Defending Gallipoli and the Asiatic side of the straits were units from the Ottoman Fifth Army (shown as the green boxes on the map).

By 28 April, the two sides had fought themselves to a standstill. While the British and Anzacs had managed to establish beachheads at Cape Helles and Ari Burnu (indicated by the shaded red regions), they had not achieved their other objectives. The Ottoman defenders had not been able to push the invaders back into the sea. It was a stalemate.

For eight long months, New Zealand troops, alongside those from Australia, Great Britain and Ireland, France, India, and Newfoundland battled harsh conditions and Ottoman forces desperately fighting to protect their homeland. By the time the campaign ended, at least 87,000 Ottoman soldiers and 44,000 Allied soldiers were dead, including more than 8700 Australians and 2779 New Zealanders, about a fifth of all those who had landed on the peninsula. In the wider story of the First World War, the Gallipoli campaign is often claimed to have played an important part in fostering a sense of national identity for New Zealand and Australia.



ANZACs at Gallipoli 1915, Note their .303” Short Lee Enfield Rifles MKIII



Left: Auckland Riflemen at Gallipoli, from left Privates Erlam, Jameson and Lovell with their .303” Mk1* Magazine Lee Enfield rifles (MLE) (Long Tom)



Right: Riflemen at Gallipoli, using a periscope and a rifle sighting periscope and firing frame assembly.



ANZAC Cove encampment, Gallipoli 1915

NZ .303" Maxim Machine Guns at Gallipoli 1915



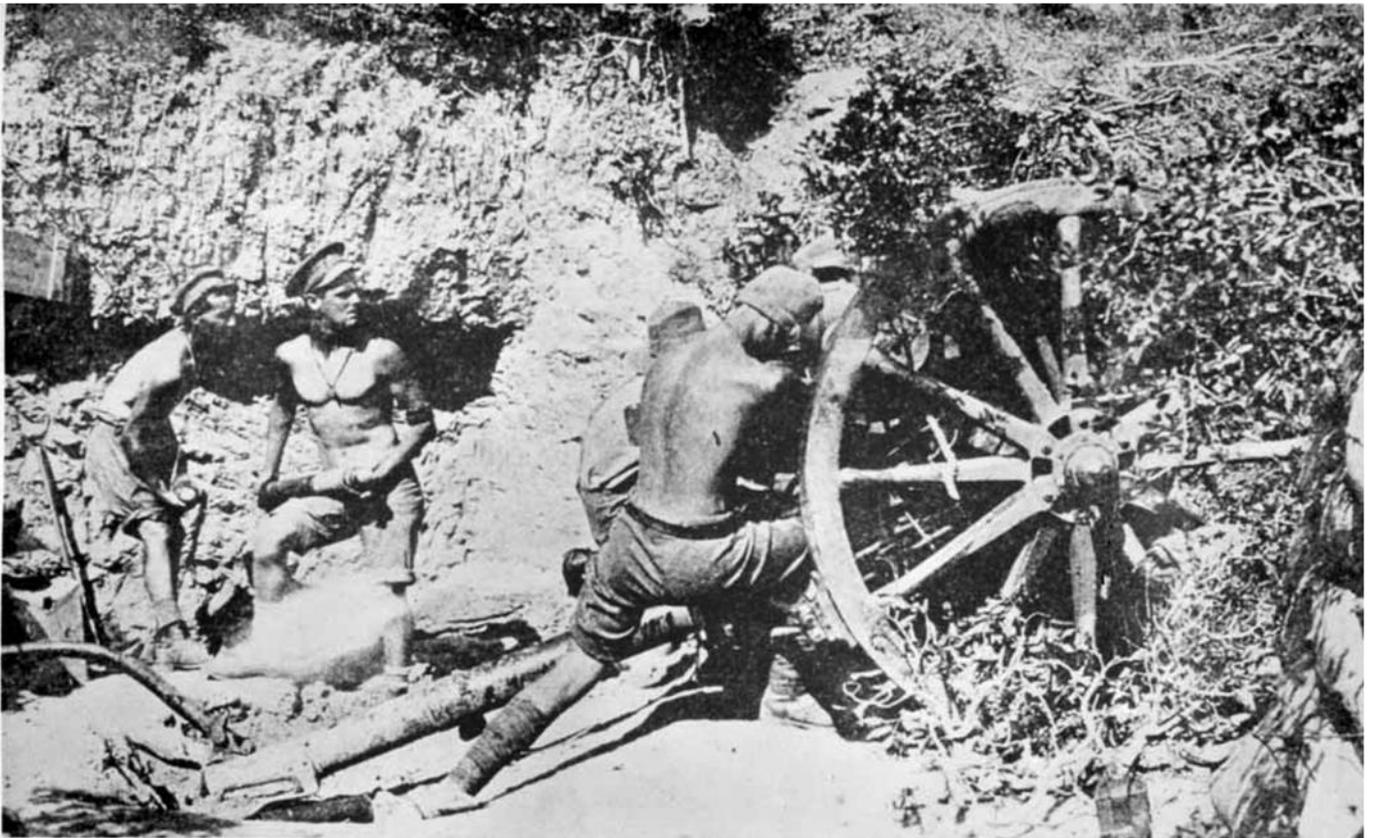
New Zealand machine-gunner and observer at the Apex, Gallipoli where New Zealand machine-gunners wiped out the Ottoman massed counter-attack on the morning of 10 August 1915. Captain Wallingford NZ Machine Gun Officer estimated that 5000 Turks were killed in the 30 minute charge. "I consider this success was due to continual inspection of guns, quick repairs of breakages and a great desire of all ranks to be always ready. The position of the guns and the fact that they were practically already laid on at the correct distance".



Loaded and ready to fire, New Zealand Maxim machine-gunner and observer with telescope in a well protected gun emplacement Gallipoli 1915.



The left section of 4 (Howitzer) Battery went ashore at Anzac Cove at 6.30am on the 26 April 1915. Within 20 minutes it's two 4.5" Calibre 18 pdr Howitzers were in Action in concealed positions at the foot of what became known as Howitzer Gully (above). The right section landed at midday on the 26 April and took up positions north of the Cove and was also quick to begin firing. The gunfire helped the ANZACs to cling to the ridgeline less than a mile from the beach. Courtesy THE GUNNERS – a history of the NZ Artillery.



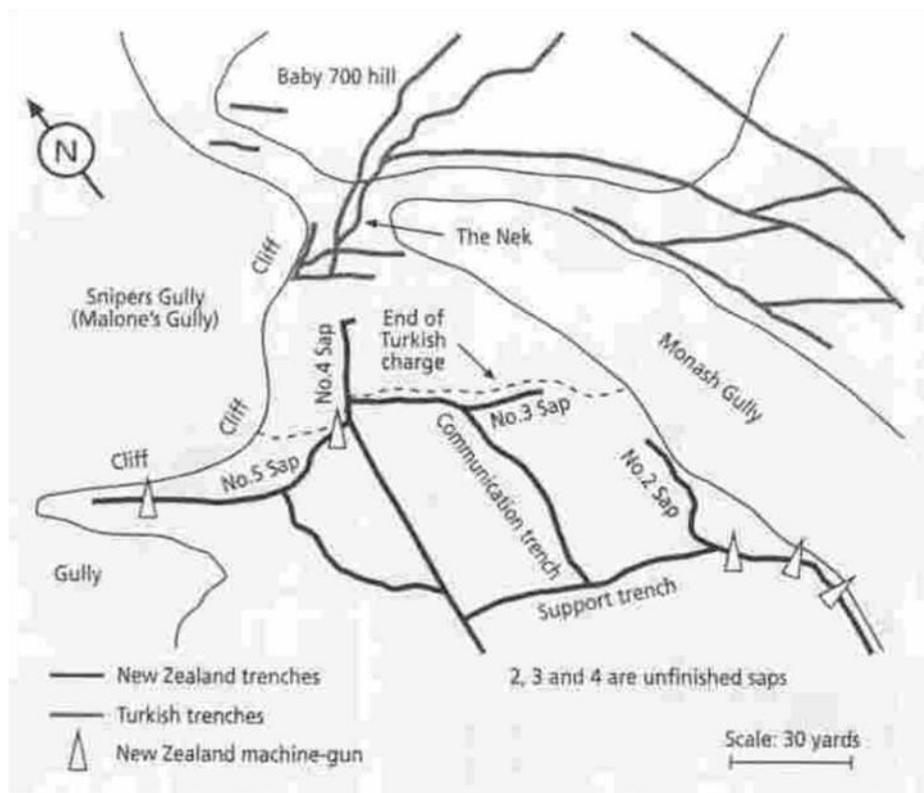
ANZAC Gunners fire a camouflaged 18 lb QF field gun at Gallipoli 1915



ANZACs at Gallipoli, note .303" Lewis Light Machine Gun



Soldiers of the Wellington Mounted Rifles with their .303" MKIII Short Lee Enfield rifles 'at the foot of Chunuk Bair, going out to Hill 60', Gallipoli Peninsula, 1915. Very few horses were landed on Gallipoli because of the lack of space for them, the nature of the terrain and the shortage of water. The men of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade served as infantry on Gallipoli after landing in May 1915. Their riding horses remained at Zeitoun Camp in Egypt. Courtesy National Library of NZ.



Turkish attack at the Nek 19 May 1915

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OBITUARY

Derek Kelly 1940 -2015

The Northland firearms community was shocked to learn of the death of Derek Kelly on the afternoon of Sunday 8 March following a tragic shooting accident involving a fisherman's line throwing cannon.

Derek was a keen firearms collector and shooter, an active member of NZAHAA from 2000 to 2005, but was known to many of our Northland and Auckland members through his involvement in the wider shooting community. He will be fondly remembered for his regular attendance at the Northland Branch Annual Invitation Shoot, and as one of the organisers of the annual Dargaville Kumara Shoot, which attracted many NZAHAA shooters. He was a driving force in the Dargaville Rifle & Pistol Club, founding member of the Dargaville Firearms & Militari Collectors Club, Armourer for the Dargaville Museum and a Mountain Safety Council Firearms Instructor as well as other local community organisations.

Derek was the perfect gentleman, always willing to give others a helping hand, share his knowledge and experience, but not afraid to pull others up when safety was an issue. He was liked and respected by all who had dealings with him and will be sorely missed by those who counted him as a friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathy, daughters Michelle and Maree, their families and close friends.



Derek Kelly doing what he loved to do
RIP

Late Lots: NZAHAA Nelson Branch Inc – Auction April 11th 2015:

448 - Shotgun: .410 Single Barrel – ‘old’

449 - Reloading: Lee Loader for 2” - .410

450 - Reloading: Bag of wads to suit 2” -.410

451 - Reloading: Lee ‘Perfect’ Powder Measure – ‘used’

452 - Ammo: .410 – 2”, 5/16oz – 9 shot; 3 boxes of 25
1 box of 17 plus 9 empty cases.

453 - Optics: Russian Military Binoculars; 8 x 30, dated 1986

454 - Magazines: Bundle of ‘NZ Guns and Hunting’.

455 - Rifle: .303 Lee Enfield No4 MkI* LongBranch
Target Barrel fitted – no bayonet lugs; Buttstock
Slightly reshaped at wrist; good overall condition
Bore is excellent: Ser.No. 11L2792 on receiver and bolt.

456 - Machine Gun: markings read; “No.393963 US INSP
BROWNING MACHINE GUN AB(?) US CAL 30 –
M1919A4 MAN’FD BY SAGINAW STEERING GEAR DIV. GENERAL
MOTORS CORPORATION”; mounted on tripod; Gun appears complete and in
very good order; bore looks excellent with bore saver inserted; thinning military
finish; Tripod has traces of Olive Drab paint turning to brown Patina; marked;
‘Evans Prod Co’. Comes with 90+ Rounds of live tracer in steel links; steel ammo
box has 2 fabric belts and quantity (box is marked 350) of mixed Tracer; AP and
Hard Ball .30.06 Ammo. This is a desirable lot in superb condition with only a few
handling and storage marks. (Photo’s via email available on request)

From Army News

WEAPONS SELECTED FOR EVALUATION PHASE OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPON REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In November 2014 the Ministry of Defence sought responses to a Request for Tender for the provision of contemporary Individual Weapons, necessary training, and associated support to the New Zealand Defence Force.

Following evaluation of the tenders received the Ministry of Defence advises that the following companies have been selected for the evaluation phase.

- Beretta New Zealand Limited
- Česká zbrojovka a.s.
- Colt Canada Corporation
- FN HERSTAL
- STEYR MANNLICHER GmbH
- XTEK Limited (Sig Sauer)
- Heckler & Kock GmbH
- Lewis Machine & Tools Co Inc

The evaluations of these weapon systems will be undertaken from 2 March to 1 June 2015.



The New Zealand Antique and
Historical Arms Association inc.

RUAHINE BRANCH GUN SHOW

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Sat. 30th May 2015

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CAN YOU HELP ?

Share your knowledge before it is lost.

Questions and Answers to oilrag@xtra.co.nz please.

Does any one own a Pattern 1838 musket?

I am researching a type of percussion musket used by the British in the late 1830s to late 1840s, officially known as the "Musket, Rank and File, for Foot Guards" and usually called the "Pattern 1838". They are distinguished by being fitted with a back action percussion lock. I would very much like to learn what I can from surviving examples. Can you please tell me whether or not you have images of any examples in NZ?

Kind regards,

Adrian Roads

Melbourne , Australia adrian@stonehenge.com.au

NZAR Team are looking for members with spare time to do some research on NZ Arms at National Archives in Wellington and the Archives of the old Provincial Governments.

If you are able to help on this project please contact John Osborne jcosborne@xtra.co.nz

No response to last months questions/ requests for information below but

Graham Brimble has found that this mystery thing accepts a 12 Gauge cartridge and suspects that it was a small signal cannon for starting yacht races:



WANTED

Articles for the NZAHAA Gazette

**This is your magazine
Without your articles it will cease to exist**

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

Last month (below left), Rod Woods provided the first correct answer, it is a hollow pointing tool for .303 ball ammo. Colin Shaw added “, Looks like dum dum .303 maker which we made at Rathgens Scale Service Tamaru in the '50's for deer shooters and cullers for military FMJ ammo. I made dozens of them. These could be used in the field, hand held and use a hand drill.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Paul Rennie - AMMO Vending Machine causes a controversy

<https://beavercountian.com/content/daily/handgun-ammunition-vending-machine-owned-by-a-candidate-for-county-sheriff-is-raising-eyebrows>

From Tony Bruce _ History of the P 38 Pistol: <http://eartist.nl/p.38.htm>

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

5 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru
11 April	NZAHAA AGM, Nelson
18 & 19 April	Ted Rogers' Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
17 May	Carvell's Auction, Auckland
20 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North
5 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
11 & 12 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
18 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
15 & 16 August	Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show
12 Sept.	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
12 Sept.	Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding
19 September	NZAHAA HYGM, Auckland

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



Taradale District RSA Inc. 1942 25 Pounder Field Gun - Howitzer MKII Gun fitted on a MKI Carriage which was the standard NZ Field Gun in WWII by John Osborne.

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

WANTED: for FN FAL, 1 Magazine, 1Bipod

Contact: Dick Brough Ph # 07 3666751 gaylenebr@callsouth.net.nz

WANTED: Plans or Blue Prints for a Charlton Machine Gun or photocopies of same.

Contact :Jarrod Wilson, 027 433 6875 or email wilson4x4@hotmail.co.nz

FOR SALE : Extremely unique and scarce pre WW I U.S.M.C. Issue Model 1903 Sniper Rifle fitted with U.S.M.C. converted Winchester A5 Telescopic Sights on Mann Niedner tapered bases. Australian WW II Issue A.O.C. Telescopic Sights for the Lithgow S.M.L.E. Sniper Rifle complete with original Carry Case.

Contact: Colin Green Colin colingreanaust@hotmail.com



WANTED TO TRADE : Is there another Thompson smg collector out there that would be interested in doing some sort of a trade on his/her side cocking Thompson M1A1 for my earlier model matching numbers top cocking 1928 M1 (see image) - (more images available on request) ..

This model 1928 M1 will take 20 and 30 round stick mags or the famous 50 and 100 round drums, image shows 20 round fitted. If interested drop me a line at

kingslands@xtra.co.nz



WANTED: buy or borrow a couple of 105mm shells to use (as blanks) during this Anzac parade.

If anyone wants to help contact Blair Hamilton: swedemuncher@yahoo.co.nz or 032177583

FOR SALE: Barzoni automatic shotgun reloading machine made in Italy. Will load 12ga or 20ga. Ideal for a club or small business. \$ POA to James 0274322150



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Gordon on 03 615 7673 or

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earliest possible time.

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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.

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Nelson Branch - NZAHAA

National AGM & Auction

Saturday 11th April

at

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