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EDITORIAL

No room for Cowboys: An article in the Waikato Times has labelled all shooters as “cowboys”, claiming that we are killing each other and innocent people with our reckless behaviour and attitudes.

You can read it here:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/opinion/73364850/our-gunloving-fraternity-spiralling-out-of-control>

I am sure the vast majority of our 230,000 responsible licensed firearm owners will be offended to be lumped together with a small minority who behave recklessly with firearms. The sad fact is that every time somebody behaves in a stupid or reckless manner with a gun it reflects badly on us all.

We are justly proud of the sensible laws that govern our ownership of firearms in New Zealand but if we are to retain them without further tighter control we as a community need to curb the actions of the “cowboys”.

With 6 fatal shooting accidents already this year we have a shocking safety record, there are also reports of people shooting without permission on private land, shootings at livestock and road signs, and shooting from cars on the road. All this reckless behaviour has to stop and it is up to us the responsible firearm owners to lead the way.

So if you know someone who owns a gun and has no licence, or uses a gun in a reckless manner, tell them it is unacceptable, point out the error of their ways.

We don't want any “cowboys” in our community.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this issue.

Best wishes,
Phil



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FROM THE GUN ROOM BY Andrew Edgcombe

The First World War saw huge advancements in refining the art of killing including the tactical use of machine guns, massed artillery barrages, chemical warfare, tanks and fighter aircraft. Technology evolved rapidly with Allies and Axis powers striving to perfect their deadly arsenals. I'm sure the men fighting on the front lines facing the true reality of war on a daily basis were not so appreciative of this as the war that was going to be over by Christmas quickly degenerated into stagnant trench warfare that would drag on for the remaining years of the war. Grenade development is a prime example of this; both Germany and Britain produced numerous models throughout the First World War.

Germany is famous for the Stick type grenades and for the British and Commonwealth forces the Mills Bomb would be by far the most recognizable grenade type in use. The British actually produced a great many more grenades than just the Mills patterns and in fact produced several variants of stick type grenades themselves. The stick grenades had the advantage of a longer range when throwing but were more cumbersome to use and store. The Grenades here are the No.19 pattern, the No19 is in theory a very simple Percussion type grenade

which once the safety pin was removed could be thrown in the direction of the German trenches, while in flight the three linen tapes/ streamers attached to the bottom of the handle would stabilize the grenade in flight and ensure that it landed business end first. On impact the striker would force down on a copper sheer wire which acted as a second form of safety then strike the base of a .380 caliber blank round mounted in the base of the brass striker housing, this in turn would ignite a No8 detonator which initiated the explosive compound in the body of the grenade. This was all good in theory, although it was not exactly fool proof, if the grenade was dropped from a few feet in height its weight could potentially drive the striker through the safety pin and safety wire resulting in an instantaneous ignition or when being thrown in the tight confines of a trench the thrower could potentially swing the grenade back into the rear wall of the trench again resulting in an instantaneous ignition, bad luck for the thrower and his mates. The No19 was in service by the latter part of 1915 and throughout 1916 but was rapidly superseded by superior models such as the Mills Bomb. Production was around 800,000 units.



One of the grenades here is marked SGB 1916, this indicates manufacture by the Stourbridge Glazed Brick and Fire Clay Co, Blowers Green Dudley and at Moor Lane Works, Brierly Hill. SGB cast, assembled and filled a number of grenade types during the First World War.

NOMENCLATURE: Grenade, Hand, No 19 (Trench Warfare Department Percussion Pattern)

SERVICE: Land **TYPE:** Hand, Percussion, Fragmentation **FILLED WEIGHT:** 11b 10oz

EXPLOSIVE CONTENT AND WT OF EXPLOSIVE: 2.5oz Ammonal, Amatol or Bellite

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 1st June 1917 (NOTE official introduction/ acceptance and actual introduction dates varied dramatically during the First World War)

DATE OBSOLETE 29 July 1920

MILITARY HERITAGE DAY AT AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Organised by the NZ Military Historical Society, this involved a number of additional displays by various groups in different parts of the museum. As in previous years both Northland and Auckland Branch members provided displays of arms and accessories.



Above Northland Branch Display

**Carbines in NZ Service
Plus bayonets for same.**

Left and next page Auckland Branch Displays

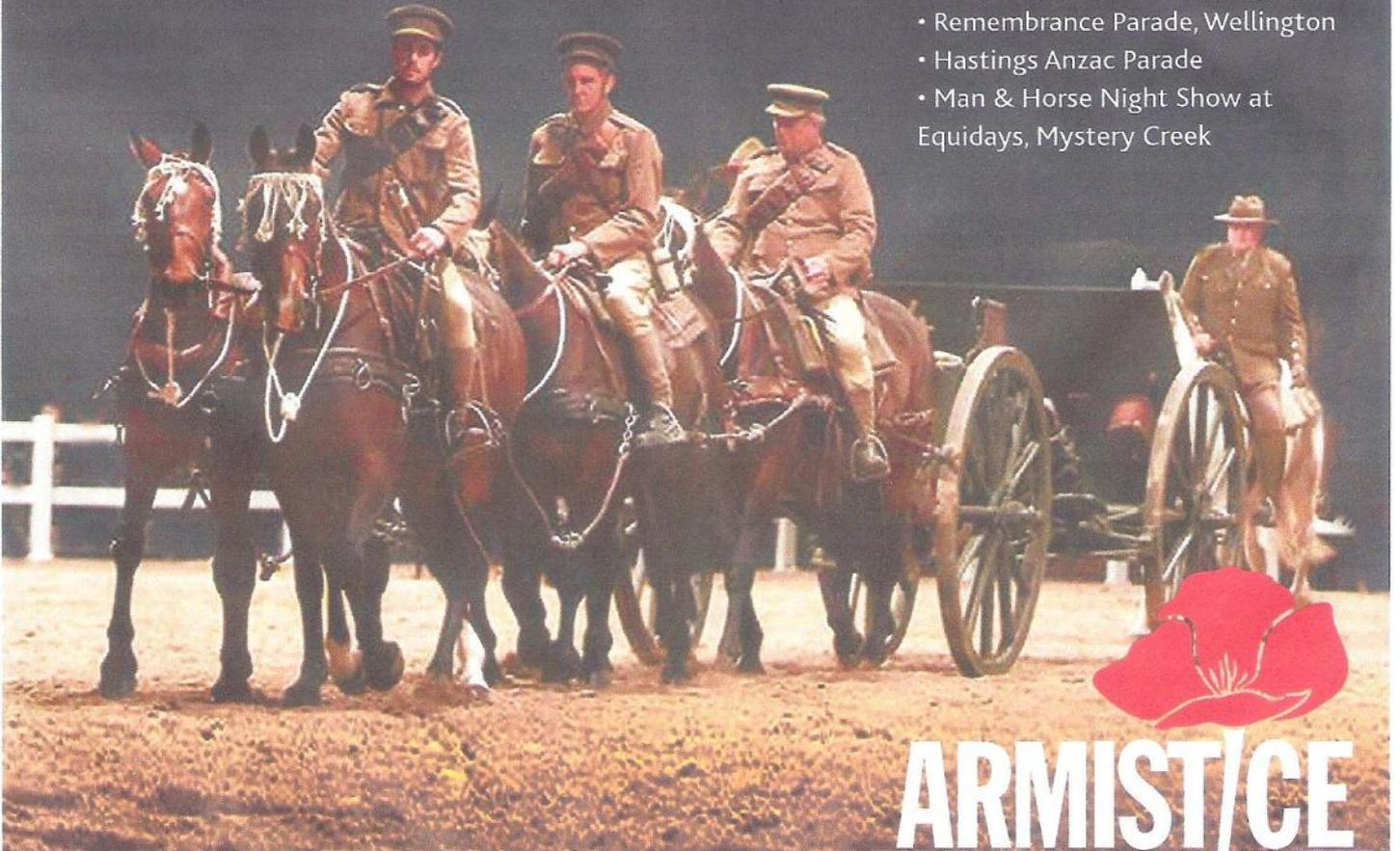
**Flags provided by another organisation
made a colourful backdrop.**





A New Zealand gun team on the move in France, May 1917

The Gilbert COMMEMORATIVE **BATTERY**



See the magnificent and authentic First World War New Zealand Field Artillery 18-pounder gun team in action at **Armistice in Cambridge**

- The team performed recently at:
- Remembrance Parade, Wellington
 - Hastings Anzac Parade
 - Man & Horse Night Show at Equidays, Mystery Creek



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**Above a practical solution to lost flint!
Below 21st Century flintlock**



A hint for making flat gun springs by Tony Bruce

I have a double action Italian Bodeo revolver.

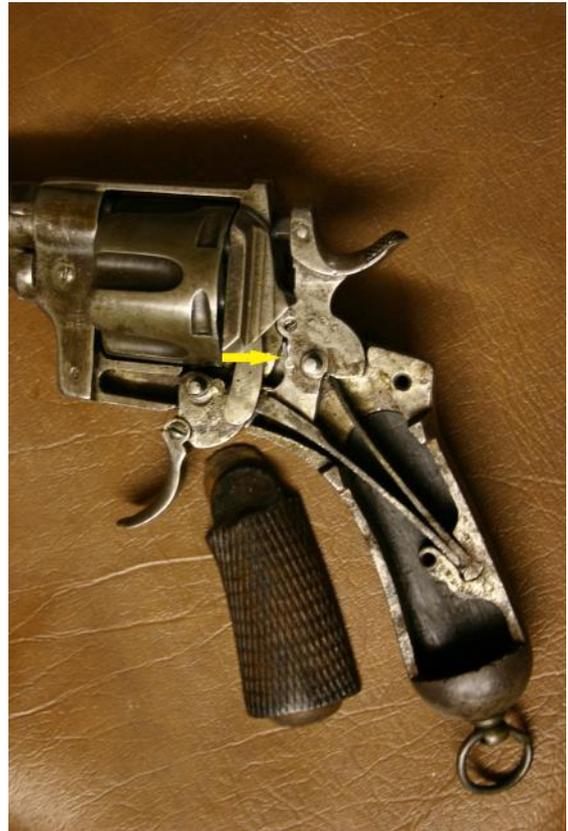
The hassle was that the small V spring that attaches to the hammer, and enables the double action to function had broken. So it only worked in single action. This drastically affected it's collectability and saleability.

The pistol was made in about 1926, so parts are really scarce to get.

Thinking creatively and keeping my eyes open one day I found a long narrow/thin bra spring on the gutter, and fashioned a replacement spring from that, and it works perfectly.

It took a couple of goes; and you have to hammer the spring gently to shape it. I then had to gently grind it to get a final fit. Just be careful not to overheat the metal or you will lose the spring tension.

I have also used old car distributor points springs for similar jobs.



CAN YOU HELP



Margaret Brown would like to know what this is.

I photographed it in the Polish Military Museum but it did not have any label with it and it would have been in Polish anyway.

It was next to an anchor so don't know if that has any significance. It is just something that I find curious.

Cheers

Margaret

More on the 7" 7 ton RML by Bill Lang

After an early start on Mon-day 21st Sept, our 7 inch RML was loaded & after travelling a short distance to TOSM, was unloaded for positioning, (easier said than done). Soon another truck crane was brought into play due to the doorway height & weight. So after some skilled lifting & jiggling (technical term) the barrel was placed in a compromise position on its display armature.

Otago members would have seen the RML the next day on the front page of the Otago Daily Times such was the interest in the barrels movement on Monday.

After many years buried then dug up with it's attendant publicity, it disappeared again out of the public eye to be conserved. This time after an official opening on Friday 25th as part of "Life on the Edge" exhibition the public can appreciate the size & touch a relic of the Victorian Military era. Exhibition to last five months.



This barrel is one of four that still exist today. Two are still buried here in Dunedin in Public reserves, & the other is on a full mount situated on a private property.

The existence of these still today makes one wonder just what could be done given time, money & the balls to make it happen. What do I mean by "happen"...dig them up, conserve them & bring them together as part of a Public accessible collection of military items from within our province.

This larger technology always draws high visitor numbers whether it being naval, air or land based, whatever period as those who have travelled looking at collections would attest.

The T.S.Waireka Gun Collection. Another Otago Branch acquisition

On the same date as the 7" RML TOSM install, the opportunity was taken to have a shuffle / pickup of our Branches 64pdr RML & to collect a Naval Gun just donated to the Branch for future display and stewardship here in Otago as part of our history.

Due to the T.S.Waireka building being out dated & requiring upgrading to meet current standards, the Cadets training has been moved to another site. After discussions we were given this 4" Naval Gun & other items that will be kept together.



Harold Woods Esq keeping an eye on the loading of a most impressive acquisition . (right)



GUNS, WHERE ARE THEY Photos by Stuart Leithead



This pair of 64 Pounder 64 cwt Mk III Rifled Muzzle Loader coastal defence guns is to be found at Kuriheka Estate, Maheno, just south of Oamaru. These guns were originally sited at Harrington Point, Taiaroa Heads and were acquired in 1918 by the estate owner Col Joseph Cowie Nichols VD CBE, who was Officer Commanding the Otago District throughout WWI.

See Great Guns by Peter Cooke & Ian Maxwell

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

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided by Rod Woods, who said: “It is an SMLE action wrench”. It is used in conjunction with the barrel vice illustrated.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Tony Bruce>> Restoration of a Seafire 15

<http://www.youtube.com/v/TneYPcyGbbY&autoplay=1&rel=0>

From Tony Bruce >> Trench Firing Training

<http://www.historicalfirearms.info/tagged/Rifle-Training>

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2015

- 7 & 8 November Armistice in Cambridge.
7 & 8 November Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
21 & 22 November Nelson Branch Militaria & Gun Show, Nelson

2016

- 9 & 10 Jan Northland Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe.
28 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga.
19 March Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
26 March Kumeu Militari Show, Kumeu, Auckland
2 April Northland Branch Auction and NZAHAA AGM, Whangarei
10 April South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
29 May Ruahine Branch Gun Show.
11 June Hunting, Shooting & Collecting Show, Whangarei
3 July Auckland Branch Gun Show
16 & 17 July Wellington Branch Auction
23 July MAMs Gun Show, Christchurch
20 & 21 August Tauranga Gun Show
3 September Ruahine Branch Auction.
10 September Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
12 & 13 Nov Armistice in Cambridge.

Please send dates for your 2016 events.

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

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Finnish ([SA] stamped) Mosin Nagants. Please phone/text Grant 027 212 9369

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FOR SALE : RARE Sartoris Breech Loading Flintlock Rifle (Refer Catalogue of Enfield Pattern Room British Rifles RB58); Sharps Model 1855 British Percussion Breechloading Carbine; Greene (British Type) Percussion Breechloading Carbine; German Model 1871 Mauser Carbine; German WW I 98 AZ Mauser Carbine fitted with WW II side mounted Hensoldt Scope all matching including Scope; German WW I 98 AZ Mauser Carbine all matching; German WW II 98 K Mauser Carbine fitted with ZF41 Scope all matching including Scope; Various German Military Rifle Accessories including Winter Triggers, Muzzle / Front Sight Covers, Sling Swivels, Slings & Stocks; Various Rifle Grenade Launchers including German, British Commonwealth, and U.S. Types, many of which are Quite Scarce; Extremely Rare U.S. WW I Model 1903 Sniper Rifle fitted with Special Offset Mounts and Winchester A5 Scope; Many Japanese Arisaka Rifles including Sniper Rifles & Type 2 Paratroop Rifle; WW I 1916 & 1917 dated Extremely Heavy .303 calibre Test Barrels used at Lithgow Small Arms Factory; Consecutive Numbered pair of Lithgow SMLE Rifles dated 1935; Australian Issue P.V.S. 1, P.V.S. 2 & P.V.S. 4 Night Vision Scopes; U.S. ART II Scope with original USMC Mounts & F/Glass Carry Case; Various Military Scopes including U.S. Warner & Swasey, Various Types for M1903A4 Sniper Rifles, British Aldis, & German Zeiss Prismatic, Oigee, Zeiss Zelvier, Certar, W. Bischoff, Gnomet, & D.R.P.

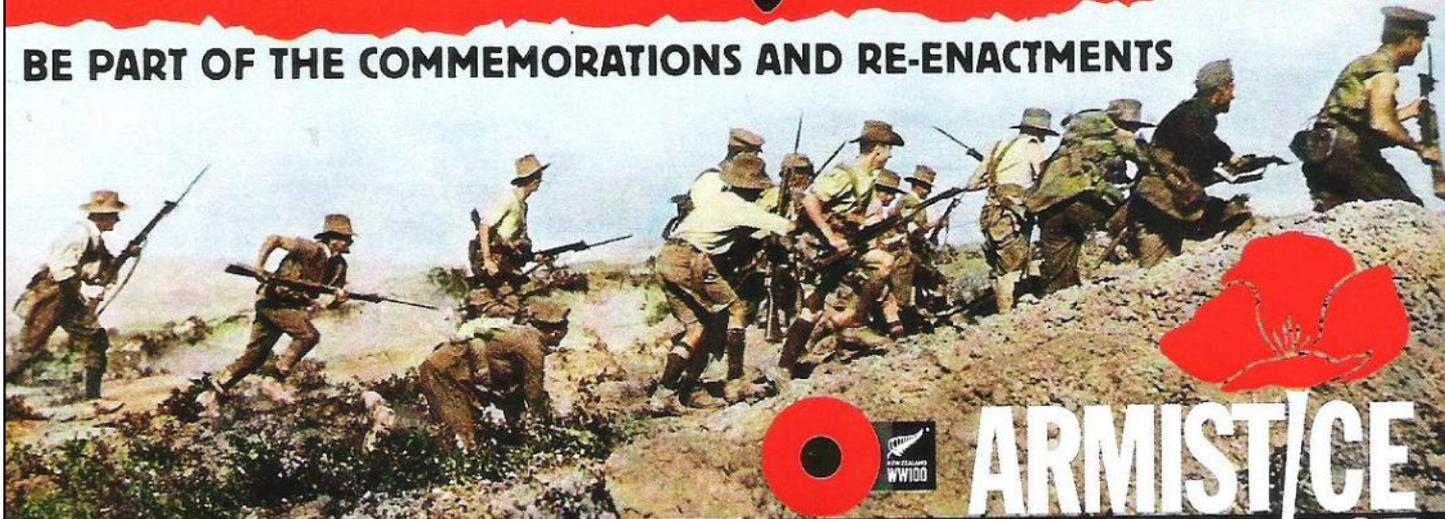
Colin Green, PHONE :61 3 98462070, EMAIL : colingreenaust@hotmail.com.



WANTED:. Belgium model 1889 Mauser in 7.65 calibre as used in WW1.
Barrel condition not important. Please phone Dave 0274957936 or email me on forkliftservices@clear.net.nz

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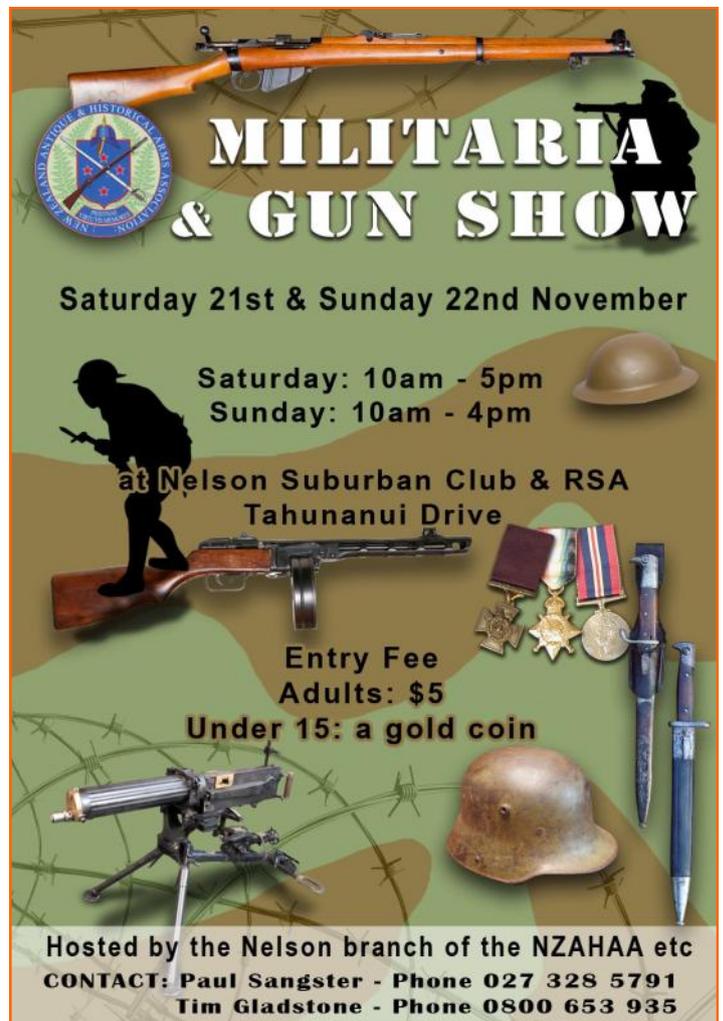
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