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EDITORIAL

Following the terrible terrorist attacks in Paris this month the EU has announced stricter controls on ownership of firearms, you can read more about it here: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6110_en.htm. I doubt this will prevent ISIS arming their people with AK 47s, but will no doubt ease the minds of the politicians that they are actually doing something to prevent terrorist attacks. Whether this will have a knock on effect here is uncertain, but it may make it harder to buy firearms from Europe.

I read an article that claimed that one of the attacks on a Paris restaurant was foiled by 3 armed drug dealers, who happened to be eating there, they shot and killed the terrorists when the attack started. Which perhaps makes the point that only armed civilians can actually protect the public when an unprovoked attack starts.

On a brighter note, I hope you have all had a successful year adding things to your collection, there has certainly been plenty of opportunity at the various gun shows and auctions, if you make the effort to attend them.

Don't forget to write and tell me about the things you collect or the interesting events and places you visit.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this and past issues this year.

Best wishes to you and your family for the festive season,

Phil



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TARANAKI GUN SHOW REPORT BY Andrew Edgcombe

The Taranaki Gun Show is done and dusted for 2015, the weekend of the 7th and 8th of November had us all together at the Plymouth International Hotel for yet another spectacular weekend of buying, selling, trading and socialising. As always the gun show is a good opportunity to catch up with our collecting community "family". We had fantastic support from exhibitors with more displays than I have ever seen before at one of our shows, we had our usual strong contingent from Central branch who have always been staunch Taranaki Gun Show supporters filling seven display tables. Ruahine members also came in support of our show taking five tables between them. Three Wellington members were displaying also. Our Taranaki guys made a great effort with their numerous displays. The quality of both the items on display and the presentation of the displays is absolutely first class. I was involved with judging the displays and it was a very hard call to make when faced with picking each category's "best" display as they were all superb! New Zealand Volunteer period items including shooting trophy's and helmet plates, Arms and accoutrements from the musket wars and land wars. Early sporting arms both percussion and flintlock. A cabinet display of great war items was museum quality and the Model 1900 Swedish Hotchkiss machine gun displayed (one of only thirty produced) is an item that would be seldom found anywhere around the globe. A great corner set up depicting a soldier warming himself by the fire was an innovative display for the humble .303. Hand crafted reproduction Vickers and .30cal Browning machine guns and an extremely interesting .50 rifle, the epitome of a "Big Boys Toy"!

Dealers and vendors came from far and wide, many of whom reported good sales over the weekend, some of these guys have been Taranaki regulars for 23 plus years, again your support is much appreciated. The flow of public through the door was steady all day Saturday and even though lesser numbers came in Sunday it was still steady. There were some great buys to be had and the odd gem make its way through the door.

Saturday evening had us together for refreshments, presentations and our micky mouse auction. We provided show exhibitors and stall holders with a sweet treat in the form of "Taranaki Gun Show 2015" pots of clover honey (Thanks Gavin)

Permitting was taken care of by Dave Pike who did a great job filling in as Arms officer due to Vaughan being unavailable, he also received a welcome insight into what we collectors are all about and was well impressed with the show and its many offerings.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to put together displays or pack up their surplus items and dealing stock and come along for the weekend of trading or selling, you and your participation is what makes our Taranaki Gun Show a great weekend, it is always a pleasure to share in your company over the weekend. Thank you to the local membership for your assistance with getting our signage out, putting out our posters, setting up the show, packing in or breaking down the displays and our overnight security. Thanks Zac for all the last minute running around and administration assistance. And thank you to Adrienne for your time and patience in dealing with ME behind the scenes, helping get the gun show work done whilst manning the door for two long days while keeping the kids fed, watered and entertained. The show is our annual opportunity to showcase to the public collectors and collecting in a positive light, our chance to demonstrate safe and responsible ownership of firearms. We gained some reasonable coverage via a Taranaki Daily News article posted on the Daily News Facebook page and also the Stuff Website (this will get a huge amount of coverage).

Central, Ruahine and Wellington branch's your support was much appreciated and as always I hope we can welcome you all back again for our 2016-gun show.

Presentations were as follows

Best Military Display "The Army Cup" Colin Arnold, Sniper Rifles

Best British Military "Corkin Memorial Trophy" Blair Horter, Musket Wars display

Best Non Military Ken Judd, Flintlock Fowling piece

Best Non Firearms "Benett Cup" Fred Horton, Trench Art

Best Individual Display "Scott Trophy" Greame Champion, Model 1900 Hotchkiss MG

Best Visitors Display Tony Matthews, land Wars Arms and Accoutrements

Best Overall Display Greame Polkinghorn WW1 Display

Best Taranaki Display "Foy Memorial Cup" Vaughan and Shannon Gould, Daryl Cave .303 display

People's Choice "Crowe Memorial Trophy" Ryan Shaw and Peter Garett Vietnam Display

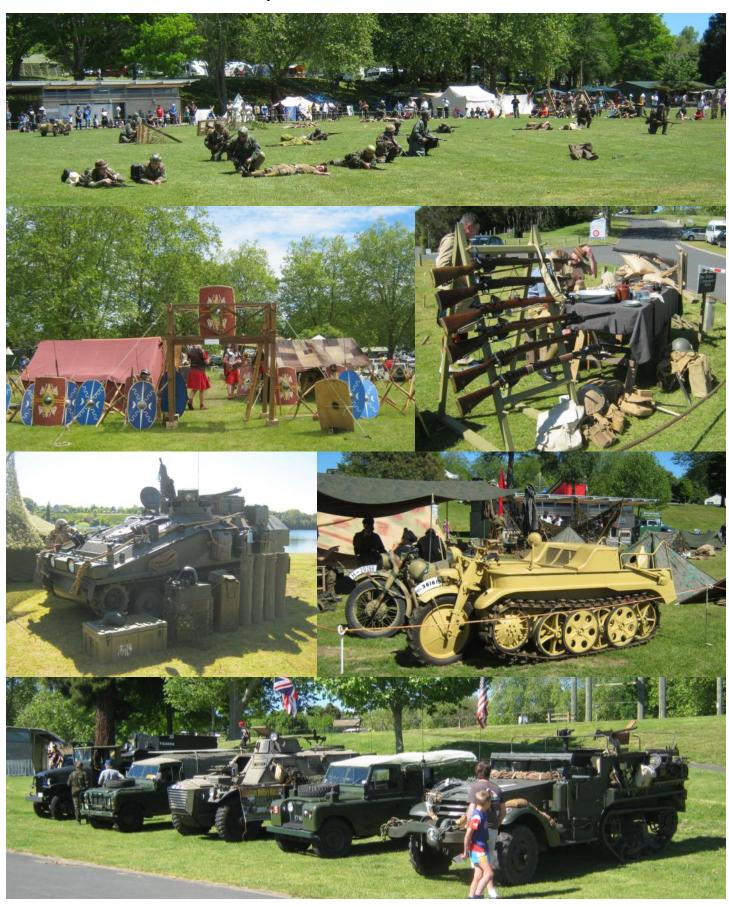
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ARMISTICE IN CAMBRIDGE By Phil Cregeen

Held at Lake Karapiro Domain on the weekend of 6 & 7 of November, fine weather made this a great family event, with re-enactments of battles from conflicts through the ages, from Romans to Vietnam. Static displays of combatants in camp with their arms and accoutrements, alongside a wide range of military vehicles, Vintage cars, a fly past by vintage aircraft and displays on the lake by the RNZN. Inside the hall were sales tables offering books, badges, medals, edged weapons, uniforms and accessories as well as some firearms. Displays included firearms from New Zealand's past and artefacts of two world wars.



On Sunday morning a parade was held at the "battle field" flag staff to mark a minutes silence at 11 o'clock, with the honour guard provided by the local cadet cops, all the military vehicle paraded and a fly past was made by three WW I bi planes. Of special interest this year was a live display by WWI Field Artillery with 18 Pdr gun and limber pulled by 6 horses.





You can watch a video of one of the re-enactments here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xufSA4ax5_w&feature=youtu.be

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Bellite

Kevin Hussey asked: I note that in the gazette article about the grenades, one of the explosives mentioned is Bellite. I always thought that Bellite was a mined raw mineral.

As I'm not familiar with this composition, can you or anyone shed any light on the composition of Bellite, the explosive, please?

Andrew Edgcombe replied: BELLITE -Composition: A series of high ammonium nitrate ex-plosives used for coal mining. Originally they contained nitrobenzene. This was later replaced by dinitrobenzene, which is preferable because it is solid and more effective.

Composition: Ammonium nitrate . . . 82.93 % Dinitrobenzene 18.7 %

Pattern 88 bayonet with a difference by Phil Cregeen

While at Armistice in Cambridge I was shown this Pat 1888 Bayonet, without an oil hole in the grip or pommel and no makers or inspection marks.





Referring to *British & Commonwealth Bayonets By Skennerton & Richardson* I discovered that Pat 88 Bayonets were made by the Birmingham Trade and were often unmarked, for sale with private contract rifles and carbines to various places including Ireland. Often they used surplus or reject government parts and did not always conform strictly to the government pattern in every detail.



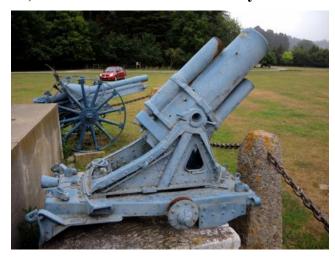
Volunteer bayonets are often found without the oil hole and may have other minor variations, although most of these were made by Wilkinson or Greener. Greener did not make any for the government.

Can anyone identify this cutlass?

It has a 23 ½" x 1 ½" wide curved fullered blade with hatchet point, and wire bound fish skin grip.



GUNS, WHERE ARE THEY Photos by Stuart Leithead





This 1917 24.5 cm sMW n/A schwere Minenwerfer neuer Art is to be found at Kuriheka Estate, Maheno, just south of Oamaru. It was originally presented to Oamaru and acquired 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

WELLINGTON BRANCH ANNUAL LUNCHEON Photos by Tony Bruce

Ninety members took part in the annual luncheon on Sunday 15 November and twenty of them provided displays. Here are a few images:



The Royal Navy Submarine Museum By Bill Lang

At Gosport, Portsmouth, UK - a brief insight from a visit in mid July 2015.

After a short boat trip across the harbour from the Historic Dockyard this entire submarine sits high & dry as the only surviving example of it's class. Along side the sub is a very modern building built to house the Royal navy's sub collection. Below map shows just where the Museum is located.



HMS Alliance (P417) is a Acheron class sub-marine. Designed in 1945 with completion & launching in 1947, this craft was modified many times to make it have a low sound signature when submerged. Finally after service ended (1979) she was prepared for lifting as a Memorial to those who died in submarine service. In 1981 it begun life as a museum ship and went on display at Gosport.

Restoration was completed in 2014 & the submarine was opened too the public in April 2014. It's possible to enter at the bow, walk (watching thine noggin) through the main living & work compartments & out at the stern. See right torpedo tubes & tight conditions for crew. Below - a hash replica on a stove in a real galley kitchen, talk about a small & cramped space for the cooks. Phil Cregeen would have fond memories of this cuisine style when serving in Royal Navy. The guides were genuine former serving members from the ser-vice & some from this boat. This is sub & muse-um is worth a visit & I rate it highly to anyone with an interest in things Naval. Take a camera.



Thankfully the food was generally better in my day, but there is nothing wrong with a good pot mess. The recent refit of Alliance cost 7 Million Pounds. Phil.





The Naval Museum Of Naval Firepower, Priddy's Hard, Gosport, UK by Bill Lang

As you may have noticed on the Historic Museum site map on pervious page, there is located an-other brilliant collection of Royal Naval items. Like the Submarine Museum this was a trip alone due to the sheer amount of fascinating hardware on show. So rather than charge into it hastily, this visit deserves a couple of articles in next few Gazettes. Apart from the usual public visit I was fortunately able to go behind the scenes into the storage areas. (funny that)

So where to start -

Briefly the Museum opened in 2001 by the Gosport Borough Council, then in 2009 it was taken over by the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust. The site is an old one having been a Naval Powder Magazine opening in 1771. The area around the base has been sold off slowly by the Defence Dept. with many older brick buildings demolished for Naval & private housing.

Staffed by a professional museum management team, it still has volunteers with overall supervision from the Historic Dockyard's management. The Volunteers are a mixture of retired ex-naval & tradesman with a passion & interest to restore some rare items. Sounds a wee bit like some of our branch members, they have a lot in common. I met some along with the Dockyard Volunteer Manager on the second trip to the collection.

Below some insights into the articles to follow with a small sample of Naval small arms displayed & only a few beefy projectiles.







NZAHAA MEMBER BREAKS RECORD AT THE PNZ BLACK POWDER NATIONAL SHOOT

Wellington Branch member and regular contributor to the e-Gazette Tony Bruce achieved excellent results at the Black Powder National Pistol Shoot over Labour weekend and broke a couple of records too.

He won 5 Golds and a Silver

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He also broke the **Pistol New Zealand Records** for the:

13 shot BP Cartridge was 90 now 91 Cartridge Aggregate was 351 now 353

Both old records had been in place since 2006

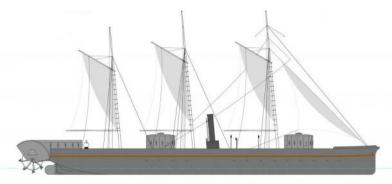


In both cases the PNZ Records: - were for the Frontier Class, which requires a pre 1900 revolver style with original type sights and grips and were broken with the same (HEGE made) Remington 1858 .44 Cal (Cap and Ball) revolver, fitted with a repro .45 Long Colt conversion cylinder.



PIONEER - NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST PURPOSE BUILT GUNBOAT By Phil Cregeen

Pioneer was a flat-bottomed, stern-wheel paddle-steamer of 304 tons, made of 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) iron. She was 42.6 m long; 6 m beam, and drew only 0.9 m fully laden for travel on the Waikato River. With twin 30 hp engines and a 3.7 m (12 foot) stern wheel she had a speed of 9 knots. She had two iron cupolas or turrets, which were pierced for rifles and cannon, . The cupolas were 2.4 m (8 feet) high and 3.6 m (12 feet) in diameter and had 5 gun ports.



PIONEER

She was built in Sydney to the order of the New

Zealand colonial government by the Australian Steam Navigation Company and cost 9,500 pounds. Launched on 16 July 1863, she was towed across the Tasman Sea by *HMS Eclipse*, leaving Sydney on 22 September and arriving at Onehunga on 3 October 1863. Here her main mast was removed and additional armour plate fitted. When she first arrived she was fitted with four 24 Pdr Howitzers but these were replaced by two 12 Pdr Armstrong guns from *HMS Curacoa*, one in each cupola. She also carried two 40 Pdr Armstrong field guns which were later offloaded at Whangamarino on the Waikato River. The following small arms were provided for the crew: 24 Terry Rifles, 24 Colt Revolvers and 24 Cutlasses purchased in Australia. Control of the ship was handed over to the Royal Navy.



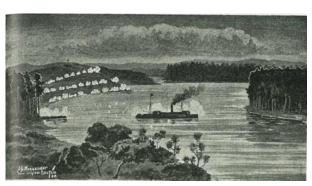
Naval Armstrong Gun

At this point she was manned by officers and men from *HMS Eclipse*, Lt Boughy in command and carried two companies of bluejackets and marines from HMS *Curacoa*; under the command of Commodore Sir William Wiseman. She proved of immense service in the battles on the Waikato River in 1863 during the Waikato Campaign of the New Zealand Wars, providing reconnaissance for General Cameron and firing on the Maori pa at Meremere and Rangiriri, and transporting troops. As the campaign moved deeper into the Waikato her two cupolas were removed on 1 December 1963 and she became a stores and troop carrier, making many trips up to Ngaruwahia, which was the limit of her navigation due to her length.

On 24 December 1867 she was wrecked on the Manukau bar, after dragging her anchor in a Waikato flood and being swept out to sea. The two cupolas are on display in Mercer (as part of the war memorial) and Ngaruawahia.







Pioneer Cupola at Ngaruawahia

Mercer

Pioneer in action at Meremere October 1863

Acknowledgments: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pioneer (paddle-steamer) J Osborne FSG, N Taylor FSG
The Waikato River Gunboats by Grant Middlemiss
Papers past

Can anyone provide: A good crisp photo of a Terry Rifle please?

The official powder load and bullet weight for a Terry Rifle.

The Pattern of bayonet used on a Terry rifle.

Wanted to complete an NZAR info page, Thanks, Phil

PERHAPS A LESSON CAN BE LEARNED FROM THIS

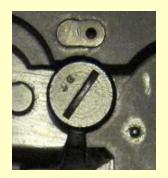
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MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided by Royce Bowler who said "the mystery object appears to be an oerlikon rear sight viewed from underneath"





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Polycase Ammo From Tony Bruce: http://www.polycaseammo.com/

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Made by a 10 year old! I wonder where he got the idea from??

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2016

9 & 10 Jan Northland Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe.

28 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga.

12 March Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier

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.

Annual Central Branch Gun Show.

28th February 2016 (Last Sunday of February) Otorohanga Club. Maniapoto St. Otorohanga.

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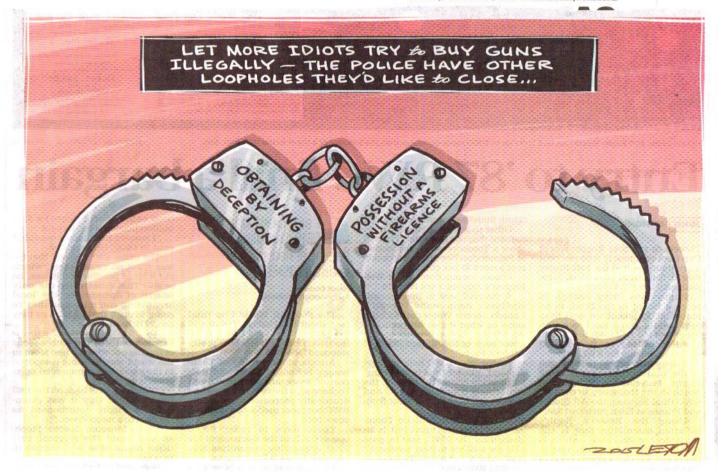
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Date change

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NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction - 2016

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South Island Run: We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime in January 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 January date is being finalised now so we need to know.

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