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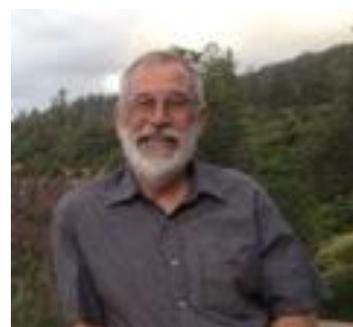
I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Looking at the calendar of events for 2016, there is plenty of opportunity for you to part with your hard earned cash and add to your collection and I haven't even listed the commercial auctions yet.

Coming some time early in the new year are changes to the Arms Act proposed by Police to the Minister. It is understood that the basic system of licensing owners rather than individual firearms will remain unchanged, but there will be changes to the way permits and licences are dealt with that should make the system more efficient, also penalties are likely to be increased. Be prepared to make submissions when the time comes.

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

Best wishes to you and your family for the New Year.

Phil



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**10 January 2016 is the 170th Anniversary of the Battle at Ruapekapeka Pa
 Ruapekapeka battle artillery positions, compiled by Dr John Osborne PhD FSG, Nov 2015,**



Centre of Ruapekapeka pa the screw elevated carronade mounted on a pivoting slide carriage pointing towards the two grassed clearings in the distance which were used by the British during the battle for their gun emplacements.



^^ ^^ ^ ^ 10 January 1846 ^^ ^^ ^^ ^ Painting by Cyprian Bridge courtesy ATL
 2x6pdr rocket tubes- 2x12pdr howitzers – 1x6pdr Field gun – 1x18pdr ships gun 4 x mortars lobbing bomb shells into the pa

The 4 mortars were firing from just outside the pa lower right side, the smoke trails showing the bomb shells curved flight
 The 2 x 6 pdr rocket launchers far left, 2 rockets in flight towards the pa carrying 6 pdr bomb shells on their nose.
 Next 2 x 12pdr howitzers firing bomb shells which explode in the Pa sending fragments of cast iron in all directions & causing fires
 Next 1 x 6pdr field gun firing bomb shells which explode in the Pa sending fragments of cast iron in all directions and causing fires
 Right next to the flag pole 1 x 18pdr ships gun crewed by the East India Company gunners smashed the 12pdr carronade in the pa
 The 3 x 32 pounder ships guns fired solid 32 pound cast iron round balls from the rear clearing over the heads of this battery, their objective was to smash the palisades at the front of the pa.



32pdr solid

24pdr bomb shell

18pdr solid

12pdr bomb shell

6pdr bomb shell

MAIL ORDER PURCHASE OF FIREARMS

As you should know by now the procedure for ordering firearms ,by mail order or through the internet, has been amended following the scam performed by TV 3 Story programme. You can find full details of the new process together with the Police order form at <http://www.armsregister.com/articles/legal.html> .

Here Andrew Edgcombe describes his first experience with the new process.

For those of you mystified about the sudden changes to the mail order purchase system I can relay the following having recently completed the mail order purchase of an A category firearm.

For convenience I downloaded the Mail Order Purchase form from the Police website and filled out the relevant details including the details of the firearm and the vendor's Licence number (No address details required for the vendor). The form was submitted on Monday to the local Police station, my license verified and the form rubber stamped by the Constable.

The form was then forwarded by Police to the Central District HQ where licensing and vetting is based for further verification by way of back ground checks to ensure I was still fit and proper and worthy of owning a firearm. I was expecting some delay with this process but by Wednesday the vendor had a phone call from CDHQ (missed call) he returned the call Thursday to find the person processing the application wanting additional information about the firearm (checking the status of the firearm as to whether it was A or E category as this particular firearm could be either depending on configuration). Their curiosity was satisfied and the application approved, they asked the vendor if he would like the notice of approval posted or emailed and he elected to receive this via email and within half an hour he had the approval confirmation sitting in his inbox.

So essentially the turn around was four days including the vendor taking an extra day to return his call from CDHQ. I made a point of seeking the vendor's view of the process and he was happy to report it was a painless exercise. I was suitably impressed with the efficiency and found the process simple and straight forward. If you think Media works and their stunt can take the credit for this think again, Police had been working on a procedural change for some time and were able to implement the new process without any major issues.

NZDF to Get New Glock Pistols

25 November 2015

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) military personnel are to be issued with new generation Glock 17 pistols to replace the Sig Sauer pistols currently in use.

The new pistols will be introduced into service across the Navy, Army, and Air Force in the second half of 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTCOL) Dean Paul of the Land Capability Delivery Branch said the Sig Sauer P226 pistols were introduced into service in 1992 and were due to be replaced.

“Ensuring we remain a force equipped to succeed means supplying our people with fit-for-purpose personal protection weapons. This is part of our 2020 strategy for enhanced combat capability and we are pleased to be rolling out the new pistols next year,” LTCOL Paul said.

Australian company NIOA Nominees Pty Ltd has been awarded the \$1.8 million contract to supply the NZDF with about 1,900 of the new pistols. The contract includes the pistols, ancillaries, and through-life support.

Cabinet approves \$59m rifle purchase - from NZ Herald

The Cabinet has approved the \$59 million purchase of rifles for the New Zealand Defence Force.

The Defence Force chose a rifle made by US manufacturer Lewis Machine and Tools (LMT) out of eight possible contenders.

Defence Minister Gerry Brownlee said 9000 of the LMT combat rifles would be bought. They would come into service next year and deliveries would be completed in 2017.

All three forces took part in the selection process, which involved live firing and technical examinations.



Mr Brownlee said the Special Forces, which previously used different rifles to the Army, would also be using the LMT. He said this was a strong endorsement of the weapon. He added that the New Zealand Special Air Service (SAS) "liked what they saw".

The procurement comes 28 years after the NZDF was equipped with Austrian-made Steyr 5.56mm rifles, which many soldiers disliked and which had been criticised as unreliable and under-powered.

Mr Brownlee said the LMT was a "combat-proven rifle" that been used in "the most arduous conditions".

"It gives our personnel a weapon they can rely on in any situation," he said.

The minister said the new rifle was part of a package that included day and night vision scopes, a detachable grenade launcher, combat torches, laser sights, and sound suppressors.

"Our personnel operate by day and night in conditions ranging from the jungle, to deserts, to built-up areas," Mr Brownlee said.

"The new rifle has an open architecture that allows it to mount different sights and other equipment depending on the operational situation.

"It can be adjusted to fit the user and incorporates the latest technology in a light, simple and robust package."

The LMT weighed 3.3kg, which was slightly lighter than the Steyr rifle. The \$59 million investment would cover the purchase of the weapons, support, simulation and training.

It was not yet known what the Defence Force would do with its 9000 Steyr rifles.

I am sure many of us would like one of the Steys, so start writing your letters to the Minister (Ed)

NORTHLAND BRANCH AUCTION

2 April 2016

The catalogue will be published in March and will only be circulated by e-mail

Here are a few of the lots



AUCKLAND BRANCH SUPPORT PAPA KURA RSA

On the 18 November members of Auckland Branch provided a number of displays in support of Papakura RSA Open Day, Photos by Kevin Hussey.

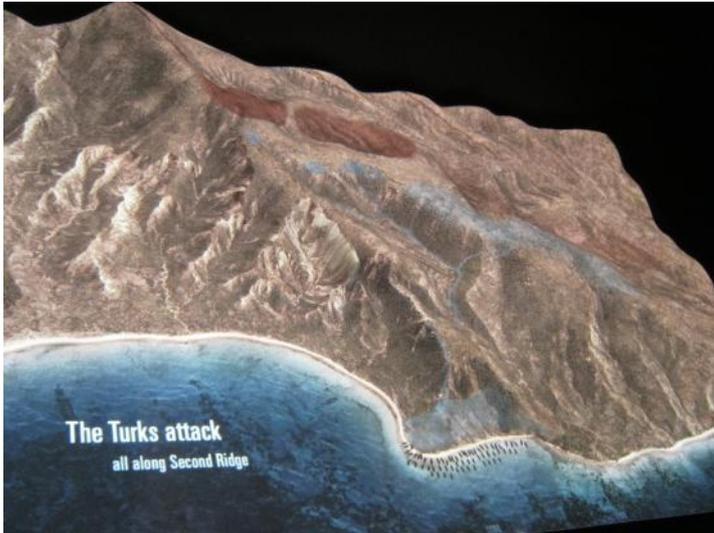


While in Wellington recently I took the opportunity to visit the two excellent WWI exhibitions in the city, **Gallipoli** at the National Museum Te Papa and **The Great War Exhibition** at the National War Memorial Domain Museum. Entry to both is free.

GALLIPOLI DISPLAY AT TE PAPA

Gallipoli was very popular on a Sunday morning which meant we had to queue for half an hour to get in, not that we minded but it meant the exhibition was full of people which together with low light and a ban on the use of flash made photography difficult.

The display leads visitors through the major events of the campaign and stories of individual Kiwis with story boards, artefacts including firearms, diorama and double size figures of a number of individuals together with a light display on a landscape model that showed the ebb and flow of the major battles.



This light display describes the action on the first day with audio commentary



These larger than life figures illustrate some of the individual stories



THE GREAT WAR EXHIBITION

Put together by Sir Peter Jackson this exhibition tells the story of the whole war from its initiation with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand to the Armistice in 1918. You enter through a peaceful Belgium village at the start of the war and follow its progress through models, artefacts and diorama. There are also many original photographs that have been digitally coloured and a guided tour.

Housed in the ANZ New Zealand Room is a huge diorama depicting the battle for Chunuk Bair, with thousands of tiny figures which brings the whole attack to life. Here too are many coloured photos of the Gallipoli campaign together with the names of those who gave their life.

More info at: <http://www.greatwarexhibition.nz/>





The Great War Exhibition



Gallipoli



Assault on Chunuk Bair



NZ 4.5 inch Howitzer



Turkish Maxim MG



Drip fired rifle to disguise the final evacuation.

Startling find in an old revolver

As reported in the Te Puke Times and passed on by Len King. A Te Puke collector purchased a 450/476 calibre Webley Mk III revolver (lot 16) at Carvell's recent auction, which came from the Rotorua RSA collection. When he stripped it down for cleaning he discovered inside the butt a letter dated May 23 1916. The letter was from Granville Holdsworth of Waikohu, Poverty Bay who was selling the revolver to Lieutenant W J Little.

"The enclosed revolver saw service in the Boer War. Your welcome to it and may it bring you luck. If you are Lieutenant Little from Moto you have in your squad platoon, army corps. or battalion of Maories (sic) one Charles Jones who was working for me. If he makes as good a soldier as he did a station hand, I hope all your men are like him. Give him the glad eye in memory of the cannon enclosed"

At the time of the Boer and First World War officers were required to purchase their own side arms.



Read more about the Webley Mk III revolver in NZ service at: http://www.armsregister.com/arms_register/arms_register_documents/nzar_314_webley_mkiii_revolver_455.pdf

GUNS, WHERE ARE THEY Photos by Stuart Leithead



This **15 pr BL EOC Mk IV 1900 s/n 1061** is another on display at the Kuriheka estate memorial, it was acquired by the colonel in 1928 from Central battery Dunedin where four had been in service. Note the wheels are not original.

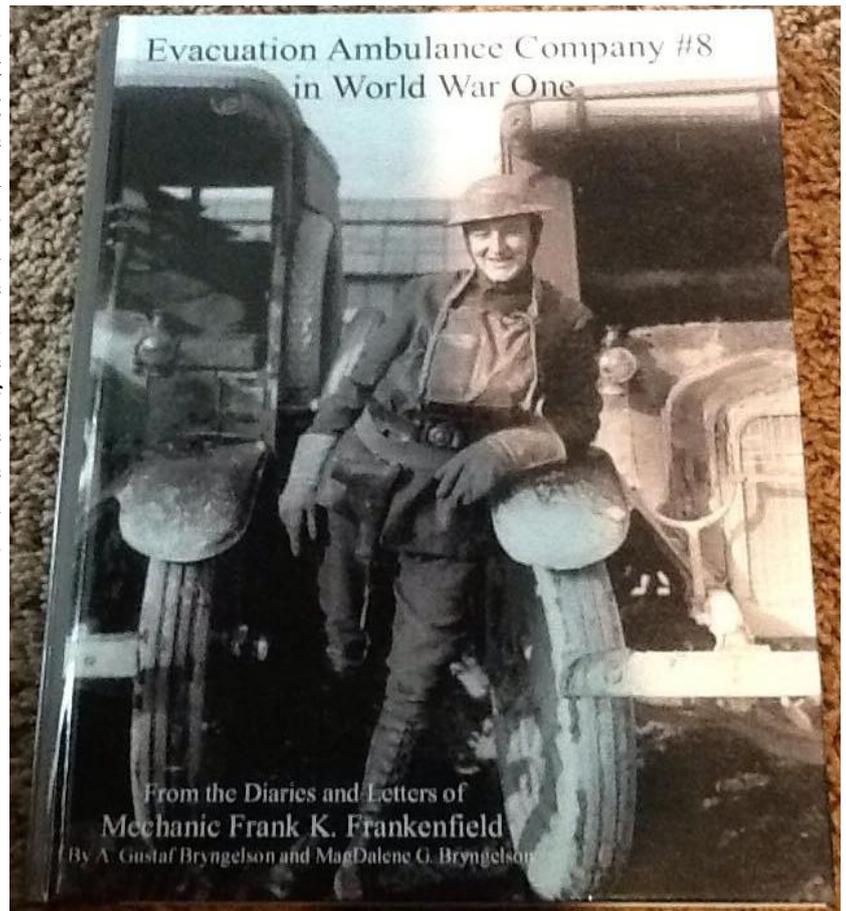
See Great Guns by Peter Cooke & Ian Maxwell

BOOK REVIEW by Andrew Edgcombe

Having just had the privilege of reading Gus and Maggie's book I can happily report that it is a fantastic insight into day to day life during the latter stages of the Great War from the perspective of the guys from Evacuation Ambulance Company No8 . The photographs are superb and having many captioned with subjects listed is the icing on the cake. The dairy entry's, letters home and references all bring the book to life. I feel that they have done an excellent job of ensuring the story of these people has been preserved for future generations. If you have an interest in the history of the Great War, in particular the story of the average man on the ground this is well worth a read.

Hard cover book \$49.95 USD available from the author's at the following address
magnus@safelink.net

Gus has a deal on and has offered free shipping on the first ten books sold out of the USA. Tell him Andrew sent you !



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 the hinge pin on an L1A1 SLR. And as Kevin Adams pointed out it is a British Pin in an Australian rifle and in the wrong way round.



FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

An interesting study for the AR fans. From Neville Dodd

<http://www.luckygunner.com/labs/brass-vs-steel-cased-ammo/>

Military books from UK contributed by Robin Horsfall

<http://www.naval-military-press.com/>

German Machine Gun Demo from Kevin Hussey

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e29_1352371125

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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
19 March	Kumeu Militari Show, Kumeu, Auckland
2 April	Northland Branch Auction and NZAHAA AGM, Whangarei
10 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
28 May	Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Palmerston North.
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.**

9.30 - 3.00pm

\$5 entry fee. Children under 12 free when accompanied by and adult..

**Contact: Kath Arnold. c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz
or phone :07 873 8853 regarding display or sales tables.**

BUY SELL OR SWAP List items free for two months

FOR SALE: Mosin Nagant 91/30 PU Sniper rifle, genuine 1944 manufactured sniper rifle with original PU scope and mount. \$2200 Andrew 027 3380840

WANTED: ANY MG08 Parts or accessories

Any MG08 Sled Mount, ANY condition or parts for restoration

Andrew 027 3380840 or mg34nz@gmail.com

FOR SALE : Lithgow SMLE Rifles with various dates from 1913 up to 1953, with most Rifles being in their original matching condition including two Sniper Rifles and two sets of Rifles with consecutive serial numbers. Most of the WW 2 dated Rifles are in near new condition; German 98B Sniper Rifle fitted with Luxor 3x Scope by Ogee Berlin, and also fitted with Winter Trigger Mechanism; German 98K Carbine fitted with Grenade Launcher, Special Rear Sights, and complete with Leather Carry Case; German 98K Carbine dated 1938 fitted with Winter Trigger Mechanism; German 98K Kriegsmodel late issue Carbine; Australian Issue L39A1 calibre 7.62mm Heavy Barrel Sniper Rifle used in Trials by the R.A.A.F.; U.S. Remington Model 1903 Rifle in new unfired condition; Finnish Mosin Nagant Sniper Rifle fitted with Eastern Bloc Lit Reticle Scope in near new condition; British WW 1 SMLE Sniper Scopes by Aldis and Periscopic Prism Co; German WW1 and WW 2 Sniper Scopes.



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

WANTED: Clearing (cleaning) rod for Remington-Lee Model 1885 rifle (it will be about 800mm (32") long). Also socket bayonet for same rifle. It's a N.Z. issue.

Ph. Wallace 03/9311454 . E-mail:- wallacelogan1@outlook.com

FREEBIE

Window Bars 1500mm wide 1400 High, 20mm Round Bar, 30mm x 10mm cross bars and heavy angle top and bottom 50mm x 65mm x 10 mm, heavy, bolt or weld into place ,well constructed set of bars ideal for a gun room ,Police compliant. They have been sitting in my paddock for a couple of years so will need a bit of a wire brush and paint. If you have a need for a set of heavy duty bars come and get them. Andrew 027 3380840





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Date change

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New date

SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2016

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*Auction Convenor : **Mike Carroll***

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Contact:

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NZ Antique Arms Association
(Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction – 2016

We are now accepting lots for our next auction on the 16/17 July 2016. We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convener, at the earliest possible time.

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.

Contact Steve and talk to him about what you wish to do.

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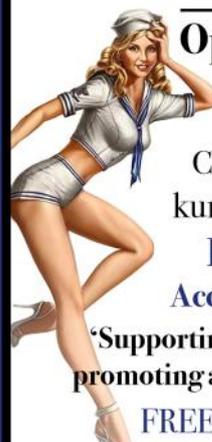
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