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EDITORIAL

At this stage nothing more has been heard from the Select Committee Inquiry into the Illegal Possession of Firearms, however oral submissions will be heard on 10 August. That does not mean that organisations such as ours should sit on their hands and do nothing. There are all sorts of negative issues affecting firearm ownership in New Zealand at this time.

Some of these issues may not appear to directly affect us as collectors, but any threat to firearm ownership should be considered as a threat to us all, only by supporting each other will we stem the tide against us.

A few of the issues that affect shooting are: revision of the Arms Act by Police, arbitrary policy decisions by Police that affect our ability to import or procure the guns we desire, possible further restrictions on the use of lead shot or ammunition, changes to the way that firearm safety training is delivered, restrictions placed on shooting ranges by district and regional councils and many more.

Ignore any of these issues at your peril, because if you do in a few years you will not be able to own the firearm of your choice or find anywhere to shoot it.

Please reply to the questionnaire on page 19.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this issues,



Phil

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AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW

Held on Sunday 10 July at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall the show attracted a good number of visitors and provided them with some interesting displays and a good range of sales tables.

The prize winners were: Pre 1900 - Murray Farrell - Gewehr 88 Commission Rifles, Post 1900 - David Fry - Finnish Military, Best In Show - Denis Culverwell - Japanese Military Sake Ceramics, Best Medals - Paul Farmer - NZ War Medals, Best Single Item - 2 Winners - Wayne Joseph - Flint & Flintlocks & - Trevor Marshall - Kennedy Controversy













Trevor Marshall - Kennedy Controversy



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Wayne Joseph - Flint & Flintlocks



Denis Culverwell - Japanese Military Sake Ceramics

FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe



Nebel Grenade selection left to right NbHgr, NbHgr NbHgr39 NbHgr39 and NbHgr39b

Nebelhandgranate 39 and 39b

The Stick grenade is universally recognized as being standard equipment for German Soldiers in both World Wars. Millions of Stick Grenades were produced between 1915 and 1945. The examples depicted here are Nebel-Nb(smoke) hand grenades (Hgr) the can of the Nebel grenade is the same as that used for the high explosive M24 grenade with the exception being the base plate of the can which has eight vent holes to allow the smoke to escape. The can is marked NbHgr 39 or NbHgr 39b the most common being the NbHgr 39b. The difference was in the chemical composition of the filling, the 39b was an improvement over the 39 and is by far the most often encountered Nebel grenade. Early examples exist with just Nb or Nb 39 on the can. The can

also had a label pasted onto the top warning of the dangers of using such grenades in an enclosed space. The early pattern stick was the same as the M24 Grenade with the addition of a white painted band, later models feature ribs added to the base of the handle to allow for easy identification. Ignition was initiated by unscrewing the base cap and pulling the fuse string to start the friction igniter burning through its 4 ¹/₂ second delay. The Nebel Grenades used heir own igniters which differed from the types used in HE Grenades, Nebel Grenades utilized a BZ38Nb or BZ39Nb igniter which fired the N4 type detonator giving two minutes of smoke to screen troop movement or disorientate a tank crew during an attack. Compared to the M24 grenade the Nebel grenades are quite hard to find and condition is often compromised by the chemical filling the can of the grenade once housed corroding cans from the inside out.



Nb can with warning label, BZ39Nb igniter tin, BZ38Nb and BZ39Nb igniters

DETONATION/THE SECONDARY EXPLOSION EFFECT

Neil Hayes QSM CEnv PhD FSG

In January 2016 another revolver detonation occurred in New Zealand; this was just one of well over 100 revolvers that have suffered from the detonation phenomenon since the mid 1990's when western action shooting started in New Zealand.

Prior to this there was identical occasional destruction of revolvers, which everyone considered was an overloaded cartridge.

In the USA, where western action started in the 1980's a guesstimated 3,000 revolvers suffered the detonation fate; with the same disastrous results - the top three chambers of the revolver blown off – and the top strap either blown off or peeled back! But it has also been know to occur in numerous other types of revolvers.



In 1992 Mike Venturino, one of the world's most highly respected shooting sports journalists, was 'the' pioneer in writing about the detonation problem, shortly after his favourite Colt 1873 detonated!

It was also in the early 1990's when the popularity of western action shooting action shooting in the USA was growing at a phenomenal rate and when detonation was regularly occurring in large capacity single action revolvers; such as, 44/40 and 45LC - and he

first wrote about this in Guns & Ammo magazine way back in 1992.

Prior to Mike's article in 1986 I'd read about the problem in the UK's "TARGET GUN" magazine, where the authors' claimed that with certain powders they could 'blow-up' any revolver 'on demand'. But, like Mike's piece it was almost totally ignored!

Both Mike and Guns & Ammo were in fact admonished by powder manufacturers for publishing the article and for many years powder manufacturers totally ignored the problem – until huge numbers of single action revolvers had been destroyed!

But the phenomenon is by no means restricted to western action revolvers. A friend who completed his military studies in the UK mentioned that during their studies they were informed that the 'detonation' scenario was known to occur with under loaded artillery shells – with devastating results.

Fortunately, there is no documented evidence to show that any pistol shooter has been injured during a revolver detonation



A New Zealand Detonation in 2013

Eventually a prominent ballistician spilled the beans to Mike Venturino, pointing out that what happens in large capacity cartridge cases loaded with small amounts of the wrong powder is that the primer flame passes over the powder as it lies along the bottom of the case and the powder starts burning at both ends – detonating in the middle.

Well over 90% of revolver detonation scenario is the same, in that the top three chambers and the top strap get blown-off – or severely 'modified'!

Only quite recently ballisticians' in the USA calculated that the pressure needed to do such damage is over 400,000lbs/sq inch, which is approximately five times the pressure that can be generated by overloads.

When S&W was developing its 50 cal revolver cartridge 92,000lbs/sq inch was achieved before the expansion of one chamber occurred. The standard factory 50 cal revolver cartridge is now just over 60,000lbs/sq inch.

The detonation phenomenon is very rare in rifles, but it is believed to have occasionally occurred in lever action and in a single shot rifle – resulting in very serious injuries!

Before powders, such as Hodgdon "TITE GROUP" & ADI "TRAIL BOSS" were introduced to eliminate detonation it was strongly recommended that re-loaders use filler wad over the powder - and this worked very successfully.

Soon after Tite Group became available I carried out a series of velocity test: by bringing the revolver, with cartridges loaded with just 5 grains in a 44/40 case and a 200 grain projectile - up to the chronograph, bringing it down to the chronograph and simple holding the revolver horizontal: there was only a 12 ft/sec variation between the three positions of the revolver. By contrast with several other revolver powders the variation was as high as 300 ft/sec; this is when massive variations in pressure occur.

(I have copies of Mike Venturino's 1992 Guns & Ammo article available)



My Flobert Pistols By Kevin Hussey

When I was a little bit younger, I used to go with a friend to stay at his Uncle's farm. When we were there, we were often asked to cull out the blackbirds that would eat the plums in the orchard. I remember that we had a .22 that we used birdshot in. It may have been a smoothbore, but I'm guessing that it was just flogged out. We also used another gun that used a slightly larger cartridge. At the time it didn't mean much but I've since learned that it was probably a 9mm garden gun. In later years, I guess this was responsible for my interest in garden guns.

This in turn, led to interests in different actions associated with these guns and rifles with a lot of the actions being designed by Flobert.

Again in turn, I discovered that there were a lot of pistols with similar Flobert actions, most notably, the saloon or parlour pistol. These utilise small 6, 7 or 9mm cartridges (BB Caps) which were basically just a cap with a lead ball stuck into it. No additional powder was used, so consequently, were very low power. The pistols were utilised in saloons and bars (perhaps before darts became popular) and also in more upper class homes. You'd sit down in front of the fire in the parlour with your dinner guests. With cognac in one hand and pistol in the other, you'd practise target shooting.

Here's a few pics ...



NEW CARBINE FOR AUSIE FORCES from John Osborne

Thales has been awarded a AUD100 million contract to deliver 30,000 new-generation bullpup assault rifles and around 2,500 integrated rifle grenade launchers to the Australian Defence Force Initial batches of the new rifle are being issued to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, with deliveries to the rest of the service to follow.



Carbine F90 , Caliber 5.56x45 NATO. Length 700 mm 802 mm. Barrel length 407 mm 508 mm Weight 3.25 kg 3.39 kg. Rate of fire 850 RPM. Magazine 30 rounds.

US WW II Posters from Tony Bruce.

US WWII Posters which were put in public places to collect civilian binoculars for the war effort. The binoculars were to be "loaned" and returned after the war. A few were returned. The solicitation for German Zeiss binoculars helped establish a quality image for Zeiss and a brand identity in the US among a huge number of people who otherwise knew little about binoculars.







After twelve years of research and writing, I have finally completed the book on the unsolved murders of two soldiers, Roy Willis and John Hulston, near Fort Queenscliff in 1942. One reason why it has taken so long is that the story has more twists and turns than the Great Ocean Road. It turned into a real murder mystery complete with false confessions and a military cover up that extended all the way to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office!

I just wanted to give you a heads up that Big Sky Publishing will be releasing the book in early October. Big Sky is one of Australia's biggest publishers of military history and true crime, so it was a good fit for them.

Cheers, Bob Dr Bob Marmion

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Select Committee Inquiry into Illegal Possession of Firearms

As reported in our last newsletter COLFO was <u>invited</u> to brief the Law & Order Select Committee as they prepared their Terms of Reference. We followed this by inviting the Committee to a morning at the range. The members were shown a variety of firearms and got to shoot some of them. They were also encouraged to ask questions about all aspects of our chosen pastime.

We have since made a comprehensive written submission to the Select Committee which can be read at: <u>https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-nz/51SCLO_EVI_00DBSCH_INQ_68642_1_A516760/</u> dbafb19a51f53256a9bdbceb42e9bc22727ef15d

We are now preparing to make an oral submission on 10 August to reinforce what we have already said and also rebut some of the more outrageous claims and proposals made by a few of the other 96 submitters.

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Annual Conference

Our Chairman Paul Clark represented COLFO at the annual NZDA Conference which was hosted by the Auckland Branch of NZDA on 16 and 17 July 2016. We feel it is important to speak at the NZDA Conference as a full representation of the NZDA membership attends and they form a major part of our membership base. It is imperative that COLFO keeps all members up to date with our achievements in order to cement the support needed to campaign on members behalf.

Going Global

Our organisation is known around the world and 20 years of lobbying and representing New Zealand firearms users has ensured our presence is taken seriously.

We have taken pride in our ability to meet with Ministers of Parliament both in New Zealand and in Australia. We strongly represent the New Zealand case to the United Nations Programme of Action and Arms Trade Treaty meetings; have an ongoing formal relationship with Sporting Shooters Association of Australia; have recently become a full member of the WFSA (the World Forum of Shooting Activities); are participating first hand in global information sharing and participating in workshops that identifies and acts on issues.

Recently while visiting Australia COLFO Chairman Paul Clark attended the SSAA Gun Show and met with SSAA President Geoff Jones. While there, Paul also met with pro-firearm Australian MPs and established relationships with them.

Plans are currently underway to send Board Members to the next WFSA meeting in America and the SSAA Conference on Sustainable Hunting in Australia.

Meeting with NRA America

COLFO Chairman Paul Clark will soon be meeting with Tom Mason from the NRA of USA. Tom has been the NRA's representative to the United Nations for 21 years. He is also an Executive Secretariat to WFSA. They will be discussing the impact of what is happening in the United States and its affect on New Zealand. Paul is reminded of a time in 1992 when the then President of the NRA Mr Corbin visited New Zealand. He came to offer support and solidarity with the firearms users of New Zealand prior to the introduction of the 1992 Arms Regulations. COLFO is looking forward to taking the opportunity of renewing those contacts and discussing our ownership and licensing differences.

Protecting the Interests of New Zealand Firearm Owners for the Past 20 Years

Case Law Database

COLFO has employed Barrister Nicholas Taylor to prepare a database of useful firearms case law. There are approximately 100 cases Nicholas believes will be relevant to the firearms community. Research has been conducted around the most common case law. These examples should be helpful to firearms owners if they need legal precedent in any matter likely to be before the courts. Over half the cases identified now have a commentary adjacent to the case details outlining its relevance to NZ firearms legal history. As soon as Mr Taylor has completed all commentaries we will publish the information on our COLFO website. We believe that this reference database is a world first by a lobby group specifically focused on firearms matters. COLFO thanks Nicholas Taylor Barrister for his work and of our membership for their financial support.

Lead Shot Ban

We are aware of moves to extend the ban on lead shot for water fowl for all shotgun gauges and other issues around the use of lead ammunition. We have been advised of Resource Consent being refused for a clay target range because of possible lead contamination.

We see the opposition to lead ammunition as a major threat to all forms of shooting and we will do what we can to oppose this development.

Renewing your Firearm Licence

Check the expiry date of your licence and renew it at least 3 months in advance. Many people have been caught out by waiting for a reminder from police and then not getting the new licence before the old one expired. As a consequence their shooting activities have been put on hold until the new licence arrived.

Appeal for Funds

The members of the COLFO Board are volunteers who give their time freely to undertake the work of lobbying on the members behalf. However the more we achieve the more our costs escalate. We ask the firearm owners and dealers of New Zealand to put their hands in their pockets and make a donation to COLFO funds. Although we represent the largest body of New Zealand firearm owners COLFO is not the NRA of America or even the SSAA of Australia.

COLFO is a volunteer based organisation made up of representatives from various national shooting related associations and a couple of independent volunteers. COLFO is funded by contributions from its member associations and a relatively small number of individuals and clubs.

Through the good offices of past and present members of the Board COLFO has built up a good working relationship with various government agencies and politicians. By making well researched and fact based submissions we have gained respect and achieved NGO status. This has enabled us to attend various international meetings as part of NZ government delegations.

COLFO cannot make firearm laws or policy. We can only hope to influence policy and law makers by presenting sound and effective arguments at every opportunity of the due process of our parliamentary system. We also advise and encourage our members to do the same.

What you can do?

Give your support to COLFO to make our voice stronger. Donate here: <u>http://colfo.org.nz/</u>

Go and visit your local MPs and voice your concerns over any legislation or policy that affects you.

Stand for election in your local council and community boards and be part of the decision making process.

What you should **NOT** do is sit on your butt and do nothing expecting others to do it for you.

If we could get more support we could be more effective – worldwide

Who Originally Spread The Idea That Carrots Improve Night Vision?



Answer - The British Government

During World War II, British pilots began downing an unusual number of German aircraft and with uncanny precision.

The secret of their success was the British development of radar systems which made locating incoming German aircraft easy regardless of the time of day or atmospheric conditions. The existence of radar, however, was a closely guarded secret.

As such, when the press questioned how the British pilots were so successful, the British government and the Royal Air Force responded that it was all the carrots their pilots ate. While it's true that carrots are packed with vitamins (like Vitamin A) that are critical for optimum eye health, eating plate loads of them won't improve your vision or give you the ability to spot Nazi planes ten miles out.

The British did such an excellent job keeping a straight face (and supporting their lie with propaganda posters and supporting documents) that the idea carrots improve your vision (especially your night vision) remains firmly embedded in popular lore over half a century later.

The above thanks to Tony Bruce. Airborne Intercept

The *Luftwaffe* took to avoiding intercepting fighters by flying at night and in bad weather. Although the RAF control stations were aware of the location of the bombers, there was little they could do about them unless fighter pilots made visual contact.

This eventuality had already been foreseen, and a successful programme by Edward George Bowen starting in 1936 developed a miniaturized RDF system suitable for aircraft, the *Air Interception* (*AI*) set. (Watson-Watt called the CH sets the RDF-1 and the AI the RDF-2A.) At the same time Bowen developed AI sets for aircraft to detect submarines, the *Air to Surface Vessel* (*ASV*) set was also developed, making a significant contribution to the Battle of the Atlantic defeat of the German U-boats.

Initial AI sets were available in 1939 and fitted to Bristol Blenheim aircraft, replaced quickly by the Bristol Beaufighter. These measures greatly increased Luftwaffe loss rates. Later in the war, Mosquito night intruders were fitted with AI Mk VIII and later derivatives, which with "Serrate" allowed them to track down German night fighters from their *Lichtenstein* signal emissions, as well as a device named "Perfectos" that tracked German IFF. As a countermeasure the German night fighters employed Naxos ZR signal detectors.



Chain Home -British WW II Early warning Radar tower

Waipawa 105mm German Field Gun m1896 No 6426

World War One Memorial, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay, NZ. Compiled by Dr John Osborne AA,MG,DTT,PhD FSG





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 in 1920 to towns and cities throughout New Zealand.





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

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided by Andrew Edgcombe who stated it is a mag loading bracket for the 20mm Oerlikon gun





FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

How many of you remember Davy Crockett? From Tony Bruce

http://www.truewestmagazine.com/davy-crocketts-ol-betsy-found/

Of course Davy Crockett was played by John Wayne in the film the Alamo (Ed)

Lead Ammo not to be banned in the UK. From Dave Craze

http://www.shootinguk.co.uk/news/lead-ammunition-will-not-banned-72359

STAGES IN MAKING A STEEL HELMET Photos from Graeme Champion

WW I helmet from the German Historical Museum in Berlin







UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2016 please advise <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u> 2016

20 & 21 August	Tauranga Gun Show	
3 September	Ruahine Branch Auction.	
10 September	Canterbury Branch Auction & NZAHAA HYGM, Christchurch	
25 September	Military heritage day, Auckland War Memorial Museum	
8 & 9 October	Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie	
5 & 6 Nov	Taranaki Gun Show, New Plymouth	
12 & 13 Nov	Armistice in Cambridge.	
Time to think about dates for 2017, if they are already booked please let me know.		

- 2 April South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
- 10 June SSANZ Guns Show , Whangarei

Tauranga Gun Show 20 & 21 August Prizes Awarded for the Best Displays



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***WANTED:** Rear sight for a Calisher and Terry military Carbine and also a NZ Pattern Whitworth Rifle. Contact Terry, <u>shanty@paradise.net.nz</u>

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WANTED: Cleaning rod for Japanese type 99 and type 38 rifles, Contact Mac mack12@xtra.co.nz

FOR SALE: Webley civilian revolvers and pistols. Including - RIC, .22 Target models, .38 Mk III and VI Contact: Phil <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>





Western Front Military Weekend 29th & 30th of October 2016

A joint venture between Lone Pine Military Museum and Collector Grade Arms (Clayton and I). Held at the Kumeu Showground.

Clayton and I will be running a two day Gunshow at this event. The Lads from Lone Pine will be co-ordinating everything outside the sheds.

Early Registration via email from Vendors wishing to sell or display is welcomed as we sort out the formalities over the next few weeks.

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We look forward to seeing you there

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