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EDITORIAL

Politics and firearms remain at the forefront of our news, with Select Committee oral submissions being heard during August in the Inquiry into the Illegal Possess of Firearms by Criminals and Gangs. Our members are well served by our COLFO rep who made a submission on behalf of NZAHAA and also several of our members who made submissions on behalf of other organisations.

From the questions put by the Select Committee it would seem some at least favour more controls being placed on licensed firearm owners, but we wont know for sure until their report is made public.

Response to the questionnaire in last months issue indicated that everyone is happy with the content of our publications, so there will be no changes to the Gazette or e-Gazette. A couple of ideas for articles were suggested, see page 7 & 8.

A plea to Branch officials - please send me photos and reports of your events.

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

Phil



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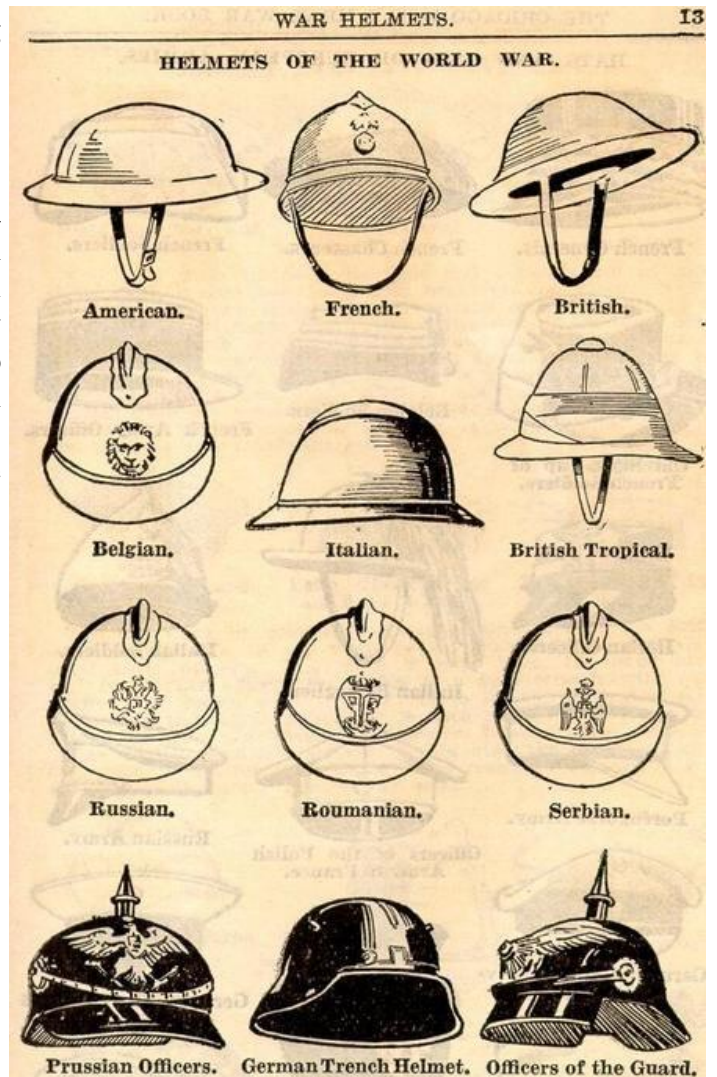
FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

When you are a collector you eventually learn that patience is indeed a virtue. When I was still a schoolboy I dropped into an antique shop in Wanganui's Rutland Street, well before eBay and the Internet were to evolve in the days when you trolled antique and junk shops always on the lookout for some elusive treasure. This was one of those days and to me this shop was loaded with goodies, Helmets, hats, caps and bayonets including a felt ersatz Pickelhaube and a Camo M16 helmet. The pickelhaube was well out of the reach of my meagre finances but it left a lasting impression on me at the time, the Camo helmet had a big dent and a split in the shell and at \$35 no one was going to rip me off! I settled on an affordable Prussian Fieldmutz or "pork Pie" hat.

A number of years down the track the shop had long closed and I had a chance encounter with the former owner, we discussed the Pickelhaube and the Camo helmet and yes he knew who purchased them, they both resided in Wanganui. After 20 years I was able to purchase the Pickelhaube and the former custodian of the Camo helmet passed away a couple of years ago allowing it to re-enter the market place at the recent Wellington Branch NZA-HAA auction. I purchased the Camo helmet and it now resides in my Gunroom along with its old stable mates the Pickelhaube, a battle damaged bayonet and pork pie hat....thirty plus years later.



The helmet its self is a nice Camouflaged M16 helmet with a concussion fracture and dent from shrapnel which reinforces the reality of warfare, it is far from glamorous! The paint is superb and the colours bright due to careful handling and storage over the years, Camouflage applied to German steel helmets was a late war innovation, it was decreed that a disruptive pattern painted on helmets, field guns and machine guns would better conceal them. The individual soldiers often applied paint so there is a great deal of variance in the patterns encountered. In general three or four colours in a block pattern with finger wide black borders are the most commonly encountered but many other variants exist. Camo helmets make a very interesting field of collecting and there are no two alike, they were a popular souvenir as were the standard field grey helmets so they can still be found if you look hard enough but as always fakes abound so do your homework.



Of present day war helmets the German trench helmet is the heaviest. The French helmet has served as a model for the steel headgear of five allied armies. The American helmet was made to embody the best features of the British, French and German helmets.

War Helmets (right) provided by Tony Bruce



Law and Order Select Committee inquiry into the illegal possession of firearms in New Zealand Report by Andrew Edgcombe COLFO Rep.

We are all well aware that the select committee has been involved in an inquiry relating to the illegal possession of firearms in New Zealand. The NZAHAA has had direct involvement in this process by participating in a day at Kaitoke Range in Wellington along with representatives of other firearms organisation through our association with COLFO. The NZAHAA also presented a submission being one of the total of 98 submissions made.

I was able speak to the NZAHAA submission on the Illegal Possession of Firearms in New Zealand at Parliament on Wednesday the 17/8/2016. This despite being a fantastic opportunity to reinforce the content of our submission in person was a rather daunting prospect. I was confident enough with the content of the submission its self but had no idea what was expected when I was put under the spotlight in person. I had to brush aside my trepidation as I scaled the steps to Parliament and focus on the task at hand, I had arrived an hour or so early so as to observe other submitters and try and get a feel for what was about to come. Adrienne came along to provide much appreciated moral support and encouragement. On entering the room Phil Cregeen (Our Gazette editor) was speaking to the SSANZ submission by telephone and answered questions from the committee then Chaz Forsyth followed again by telephone. Debbie Wakker (Pistol NZ) and Rachel Dean (Rural Woman NZ) both of whom are fellow Colfo and Police Community Firearms Forum representatives were there in Person, all adding tremendous value to their submissions by giving clear and concise answers to the questions fielded by L&O Committee members and also the Police Firearms and Policy team which were sitting in on proceedings also. All to soon I was called, I was now fair and square in the firing line and it was no longer about me it was about the entire NZAHAA membership I was representing as well as the wider firearms community as a whole.

I was warmly greeted by the committee members most of whom had attended the previously mentioned range day and they commented to this effect, they stated they had quite a few questions for me. The questions asked indicated that the submission had been read thoroughly and well digested. I answered questions relating to the lack of any real deterrent for the criminal misuse of firearms, what constitutes an antique firearm, security requirements and responsibility's surrounding the ownership of pistols and restricted weapons. We touched on Trade me and online sales then the mail order process itself, also the ability to manufacture firearms at a local level. I stressed that any legislative or regulatory changes would only impact those that already comply. I found the questions to be sensible and constructive, the committee members were professional and respectful, they showed genuine interest in what I had to say and I trust my answers were well received. Attending and speaking to the submission despite being totally new territory for me was an outstanding experience I would not hesitate to back up any future submissions in person and I have confidence that our voice was heard and our contribution deemed to be constructive.

Official duties dispensed with for the day we had a quick debrief before winding down for the day. Thanks to President Steve we were accommodated for the night prior to attending the Police Community Firearms Forum at Police National Headquarters on the 18/8/16. I was pleased to receive very positive feedback on the NZAHAA and other submissions of the previous day from two members of the Police representatives; they were impressed with both the constructive content and how we had conducted ourselves.

Police Community Firearms Forum

The Police Community Firearms Forum meetings are progressing well. Official minutes will be out in the next few weeks, in brief.

There was discussion on the POL 43a forms (Mail order) there are still some issues with this to be addressed, this was set down as an action point to be reported on at the next PCFF meeting (December 8th)

Trade me data base access request, if this happened it would only be a yes or no confirmation of the validity of a persons licence and this would not be exclusive to trade me so as not to give any commercial advantage.

MSC updates.

Issues surrounding safes and certification of same. A paper is expected to be released in the next few weeks pertaining to this. I will circulate this when available.

Import permit delays, still 60 or 70 permits in the "old" format to catch up on, new applications should expect a one-month turn around.

FAL renewal delays, back log being worked through, now (mostly) down to a one month turn around.

Rumoured dealer licence fee increase, police happy with status quo.

I have more detailed notes on this and will be happy to discuss in person.

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Select Committee Inquiry into Illegal Possession of Firearms

Oral submissions took place in Wellington on 10 & 17 August. We reinforced our written submission and challenged some of the comments made by others and answered question put by committee members. Questions put to SSANZ revolved around internet sales, registration and micro chipping of all guns, MSSAs and deterrent sentencing. You can read the SSANZ submissions on our website [Article page](#). Our case was well supported by others including COLFO, NZSRA, PNZ, NZAHAA, and RWNZ. Feedback from people attending suggests our submissions were well received.

The Future for Semi Autos

We are hearing a lot of concern from firearm owners about the Police stated intention to push for all semi auto rifles to be re classed as MSSAs on E Cat. Licence.

SSANZ will oppose this for the following reasons:

1. The whole concept of E Cat and the definition of an MSSA are flawed because it is based largely on cosmetic appearance rather than function.
2. Through the dubious legislation of 1992 and Police handling of semi-automatic rifle matters since then, any changes to the legislation relating to self-loading firearms would be a nightmare for owners and Police Arms Officers who are already overburdened.
3. It would be unfair on all those people who have legally acquired A Cat semi autos to be faced with this additional cost and inconvenience.
4. It may also impact on current E Cat owners who may have their magazines restricted to the same as A Cat. otherwise all A Cats would then be able to fit a 20 or 30 round Mag.
5. Also we doubt that there would be 100% compliance, so more semi autos could be driven on to the illegal black market, which would be detrimental to public safety.
6. There is no justification for such a change.

Lead Shot Issues

In reply to our OIA request DOC have stated that they have not instructed the Fish & Game Council to extend the lead shot ban to Sub calibre gauges, but rather asked them why it should not be extended to these gauges. An OIA request to Customs has shown that there is no increasing trend in the importation of sub calibre shot shells, to indicate that these are being used more in preference to 12 gauge, by water fowlers attempting to circumvent the lead shot ban. This was also backed up by an informal survey of spent shot cases left behind by duck shooters at mai- mais.

Meanwhile in the UK the government has rejected a call to ban all lead ammunition, claiming that there is insufficient evidence to support such a ban. And a lead shot ban for the next Olympics has also been rejected.

In New Zealand the Wellington Regional Council is causing problems for clay target clubs, claiming lead shot is a toxic contaminant despite it being a common element in the ground, that must be dealt with before the range may granted consent to operate.

Gun Safes

We have heard several stories of some recently imported gun safes not meeting the specification required by Police. Before you buy one check that it has Police approval, apparently police are insisting that gun safes are certified by a qualified engineer, we believe that this should be the importers responsibility in order for it to be fit for purpose.

We have been advised that existing safes that have been approved in the past will be honoured by Police.

Permit Issues

Import Permits: In spite of Police employing new staff at Police National HQ we are still hearing reports of long delays (up to 3 months) for import permits. In one case this was simply to reissue permits that had expired due to the often long delays in shipments held up by all the red tape in exporting and transit countries.

We have to ask are these delays caused by genuine administrative reasons or is it a deliberate move by Police to discourage importers and to slow down the flow of firearms into the country.

Mail Order Permits: Initial reports indicated that the new mail order process, instituted by Police following the fraudulent mail order purchase of a rifle by TV 3 present Heather du Plessis Allan, was working well. We have since received reports that some customers have been getting the run around from Police staff, partly we suspect because counter staff are not always familiar with the process, added to that many local Police stations are un-manned. If you need a mail order permit we recommend you make a point of visiting your District Arms Officer where any issues can be resolved face to face.

Lawful Behaviour Draws Armed Response from Police

A man lawfully walking along a Christchurch street with a gun in a carry case was pounced on by armed police and forced to lie on the ground while police approached with loaded weapons pointing at him. A Police spokesperson stated afterwards that while the man was doing nothing illegal Police wanted to encourage people “not to carry firearms in public like that”.

SSANZ comment: If we are not encourage to carry firearms in public in a gun case how are we meant to carry them, when we need to take them to or from a gun shop, the police station, or on public transport?

Is this a sign that our police are getting extremely jumpy around firearms and how long before their inadequate firearms training gets another innocent person shot?

We have voiced our concerns to the Commissioner of Police and received a comprehensive reply which stated that Police responded to a report received by a concerned member of the public and on very limited information had to assess the situation as to whether a crime was being committed and at the same time safeguard public safety. In conclusion Police stated:

“Licensed firearm owners across New Zealand mostly apply excellent judgement when it comes to carrying and transporting firearms, especially in public.

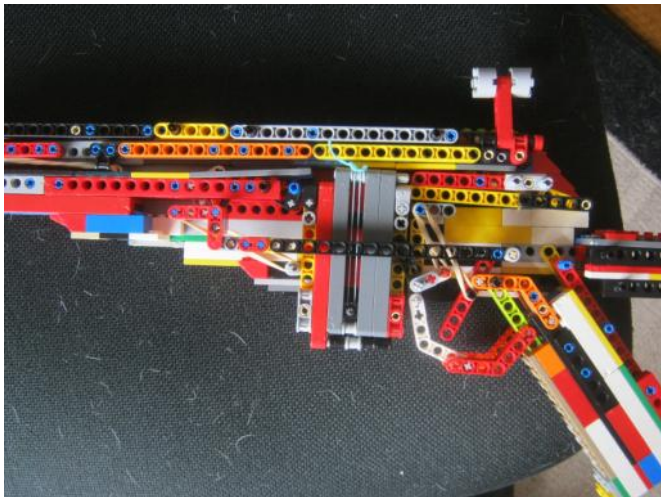
I want to assure you that police did not over react to this one incident and we do not over react to the lawful carriage of firearms by fit and proper people who have a lawful, sufficient and proper purpose for carrying a firearm.

We will however, respond appropriately to the concerns and fears of the public. Given situations where it cannot be established what the intent or purpose is of a person carrying a firearm (air rifle in this instance) and, on reasonable grounds it appears an offence is committed, police will respond in a manner that puts the defence and safety of the public and police first and foremost.”

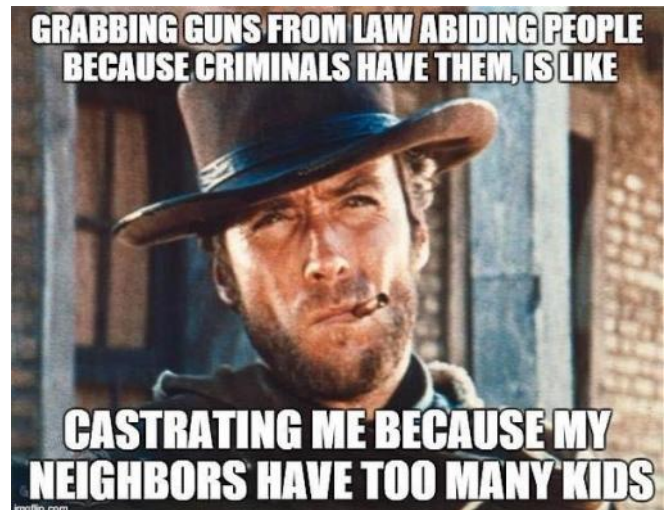
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LEGO BOLT ACTION MAGAZINE RIFLE

This bolt action, 7 round magazine fed Lego rifle was designed and built by my 11 year old grandson, I wonder do we have another budding John Moses Browning here? The rifle is powered by elastic bands and launches a Lego projectile about 15 ft.. Of course I insist he obeys all the 7 basic rules of firearm safety.



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LETTERS From Our Readers

GOOD OLD NEW ZEALAND POST a letter from Keith Mitchell

Dear Sir,

“You can!” states the new, and doubtless expensive, advertising campaign by New Zealand Post. In actual fact, often “you can’t!”. Included in their long list of prohibited items are firearms, parts of firearms, “whether working or not”, and “bullets”. I presume by bullets, New Zealand Post means “cartridges”, a bullet just being the inert piece of pointed metal that sticks out the top of a cartridge case – unless they mean an explosive bullet in which case it would be a “shell”.

It surprises me that New Zealand Post can afford to turn down any potential customers at all because they only made an after-tax profit of \$110 million in the second six months of 2015. They are so close to the breadline in fact that they have had to increase the cost of a postage stamp to a dollar, thus making a mockery of our supposed ultra-low inflation rate. Hallelujah to our beloved SOE’s.

It is a little bit hard to understand why New Zealand Post are against transporting firearms, they are after all merely inanimate pieces of steel and walnut – and these days, plastic. Perhaps New Zealand Post think that at some point in their journey, they will wriggle free of their packaging (Houdini could do it, so why not a firearm), jump out of their truck or plane, bounce down a city street pogo-like (firearms with rubber butt pads would be at an advantage) until they find a gun shop, open the door and bounce in, find the cartridge display cabinet, load themselves and go on a shooting rampage.

There could be another reason. New Zealand Post may not have confidence in their sleek new yellow Volvo trucks “getting through” to their destinations. Perhaps they are regularly being held-up by gangs on our highways and their contents ransacked in the search for weapons.

The most likely reason for the prohibition of these items though is that it is merely ideologically driven, “all firearms and their ammunition are bad, therefore we aren’t going to transport them!”

Out of interest’s sake, I asked a couple of gun shop owners who their most reliable couriers of firearms are. The answer in both cases, “Um, probably Courier Post”.

I found this answer surprising.

“Is not Courier Post a creature of New Zealand Post?”

“Yep”.

You’ve got to laugh.

Yours faithfully,
Keith Mitchell.

From Lex Severinsen

GOOD article on revolvers. (*last month*)

Just bought this in USA, as a curio to go with my 1858, New Model Remington revolver (.44).

Only 2 chambers intact! Chainfire.



Could you please ask someone to write an article about "auction Value of guns in NZ over 30yrs".

I tell my wife, that buying a gun is 'better than money in the bank'....and she rolls her eyes! So I need PROOF! Do they really go up by 10%? Or is it just 2%?

I'm a beginner. But Paul Shoebridge talks of buying Flare pistols, for \$30, and Tony Mathews, about Sniders for pig hunting...long ago...at prices that make me feel ill!

Would need someone to look at 30 Wellington auction results and then make a graph with prices. Maybe 3 or 4 common NZ guns? Like a Snider....WW1 rifle....etc

Who is a NZ, Norm Flayderman who would enjoy doing that article ? (*Any takers? Ed.*)

A MEMBERS FAVOURITE GUN

Lex Severinsen,, suggests that members send in a picture and a few lines about their favourite gun. Here is his contribution.

Manby Mortar.

On 18 February 1807, as a helpless onlooker, George William Manby witnessed a ship, the *Snipe* run aground 60 yds off Great Yarmouth during a storm, with a total of 214 people drowned. Following this tragedy, Manby experimented with mortars, and so invented the MANBY MORTAR, a line thrower. Once a light line was thrown over the ship heavier line with a pulley and buoy or boat could be set up.

He petitioned Parliament for funds and developed a string of 45 Life Saving stations around Britain which were a great success. Later the mortars were replaced by smaller, lighter, 'Lyle' type life-saving cannons.

The Calibre is just under 6" and here it is shooting a concrete ball 300m.



Send me a photo of your favourite gun and a few words about it and I will publish it on this page, tell me if you don't want your name published. Ed.

This picture from Ivor Howitt - A bit of Nostalgia!



“A Good Vintage” – Francesco Vinea 1845 -1902

A FAMILY STORY OF WORLD WAR I AND AFTER By Ivor Howitt

My Dad was one of the first volunteers to join the Royal Flying Corps because his expertise with wood was of value in repairing and assembling aircraft. He was one of only two survivors from a 'pole bomb' which exploded in their crowded sleeping quarters.. In Canada, shrapnel was still being removed from his brother forty years later.

My wife Mary's father William Barber was one of five young sons of English parents who owned a large 'estancia' near Bahia Blanca in the Argentine. Not wishing their sons to be conscripted by General Rosas when they came of military age, the family returned to England in 1898 and to Palmerston North New Zealand in 1899. Sadly it was "out of the frying pan into the fire" when WW1 began. Four brothers volunteered to go to France, after convincing the youngest to stay at home and look after the farm. Hardened by life in the trenches they became indifferent to the carnage. Mary's father described how passing along a trench they each in turn shook hands with the hand of a corpse sticking out of the wall. Trench humour!



Taken before they left for France shows Left to Right:

Back row - Charles suffered shell shock. Mary's dad "Bill" survived Passchendaele, later gassed and returned to the trenches after sick leave in England. Front Row - Valentine killed at the Somme in 1916. John stayed in New Zealand to run the farm. Hilary invalided out of the trenches with pneumonia.

After recovering from gas, Mary's dad used his sick leave to look up old family relations in England and introduced himself at the door of a retired colonel. The colonel's lady returned to say that if he wasn't an officer her husband did not wish to see him, and closed the door!

Nor was there always sympathy upon their return to New Zealand. Charles, still suffering shell shock was allocated a small block of land in the King Country, in a narrow valley not unlike Fiordland, the only grazing on the high tops. The loneliness got to him and his behaviour became erratic, presenting a gun to approaching police as "the enemy", and he spent the rest of his life "in care". Mary's dad Bill had a block in Taranaki but on his own it was quite a struggle and he feared failure. His lawyer offered help "I'll buy the land from you" and ownership passed to the lawyer's son! Later, an official said "You were doing well Bill, we would never have put you off the land!" One spinster's comment. "Oh, Bill's got a chip on his shoulder about the war!"

CANNON AT AKAROA Photos by Alister Sprott text from John Osborne



My understanding is that it is a c1800 British 6pdr field / boats gun (cast 1808) of the type carried on HMS Britomart and one similar was used by the colonial artillery at Ruapekapeka in 1845/46 which had arrived in NZ from Australia in July 1845.

It is mounted on a later pattern c1850s? replica field carriage Similar to the carriage used with the Armstrong 6pdr introduced in 1859. During the NZACF's South Island tour in 1989 we spent some time in Akaroa and got a special tour of the museum and inspected the 6pdr field gun.

It also seems to have been modified at the vent block with a new vent tube and screwed for a percussion ignitor / lock. The percussion ignition lock ignition system was fitted to some Naval ships guns from 1831 The land service field guns generally used the friction match ignition as used in the BL Armstrong and still in use in the Boer war. The friction match ignition was rarely used by the R N they used the flint and percussion locks for safety.



HMS Britomart was a small 10gun (probably 18pdr carronades) sloop / brig warship and was still in active service when she left NZ and in my opinion she would not have left one of her 6pdr boat guns at Akaroa in August 1840 for the French settlers to use.



French Soldier's Room Untouched 96 years After His Death in First World War Contributed by Tony Bruce

Until now, the name Hubert Rochereau was a random French name, and B el abre, a random tiny village in Central France. But the recent revelation of the young soldier's bedroom, was preserved for 96 years, after his death in the first world war, on a Belgian battlefield brought huge recognition to both. His room with his personal belongings in the large family house in the village, stayed untouched for almost one century.



His parents turned his room into a poignant memorial, leaving it exactly the same as it has been the day he went off to war. The lace bedspread is still on the bed, his military jackets still hanging on the hanger, his desk chair faces the window in the room where he was born on 10 October 1896.

When his parents decided to move in, in 1935, they stipulated in the sale that the room should not be changed for 500 years.



The second Lieutenant Hubert Rocheau, 21-years old, graduated from the elite French Saint-Cyr military school, died in an English field ambulance on 26 April 1918. His parents didn't know where he was buried until 1922 when his body was discovered in a British cemetery and repatriated to the graveyard at B el abre. *Read more here:*

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/oct/14/french-soldier-room-unchanged-first-world-war>

TAURANGA GUN SHOW by Phil Cregeen

Held on the weekend of 20 & 21 August at Greerton Hall, this was another good opportunity for collectors willing to travel, to hunt for new treasures. While many of the traders also travel around to gun shows all over the country, so you see a lot of the same stuff turning up for sale, the advantage of the going to far away shows is that you get to see what the local guys have to offer. Four of us made the 5 hour trip from Northland and we all came home with a few bargains. One of our number, who shall be nameless, scored a couple of nice shot guns, and a Winchester rifle off a guy who walked through the door looking to sell his guns. The other valuable aspect of attending gun shows is the people you meet and over the years establish friendships with.



LEMAT REVOLVER

THIS LE MAT REVOLVER WAS FOUND IN THE TONGARIRO RIVER BED IN 1998 BY JAPANESE TOURISTS STAYING AT A BACKPACKERS IN TURANGI.

IT WAS A LUMP OF RUST AND RIVER PEBBLES.

IT WAS FOUND DROPPED BESIDE A VEHICLE OF A LOCAL BUILDER WHO WAS WORKING AT THE BACKPACKERS.

AFTER TWO DAYS THE BUILDER PUT IT IN HIS VAN WHERE IT STAYED FOR A FEW MORE DAYS. THE BUILDER AND A COUPLE OF FRIENDS CHIPPED AWAY AT IT OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BEFORE A RETIRED FARMER FRIEND FINISHED IT TO WHAT IT IS TODAY. THE 20 GAUGE SHOTGUN BARREL WAS STILL LOADED WITH BLACK POWDER.

IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW HOW IT FINISHED UP IN THE RIVER.

THE LE MAT WAS DEVELOPED BY JEAN ALEXANDER LE MAT OF NEW ORLEANS IN 1856 IN 42 AND 36 CALIBRE PLUS A 20 GAUGE SHOTGUN BARREL.



Goodbye to the greatest pilot ever: How Eric 'Winkle' Brown helped liberate Belsen, interrogated Goering - and, oh yes, test-piloted more planes than anyone else on earth. He died in February 2016.

The following is abridged from a report on the Royal Navy's tribute to their outstanding pilot published in the Daily Mail. Contributed by John Osborne. ED

The legendary Royal Navy pilot, Eric 'Winkle' Brown. No one will ever surpass the records set by Captain Eric 'Winkle' Brown CBE DSC AFC, the test pilot who flew more types of aircraft than anyone in history: 487 in total. During a long career in which he was torpedoed in the Atlantic, helped to liberate Belsen, interrogated Goering, survived 11 crashes, landed the first jet on an aircraft carrier and went on to set the world record for number of carrier landings, Capt Brown won admirers all over the world, from astronaut Neil Armstrong to the Royal Family.



Having been in charge of capturing enemy planes towards the end of the war, he ended up flying more Luftwaffe aircraft than almost any German pilot, even surviving a flight in a lethal Nazi rocket plane. Yesterday, a Bucker Jungmann and Bucker Bestmann, in full Luftwaffe livery, joined the crowd. From the old Soviet stable came a Yak-3 and a MiG-15. Capt Brown had flown several varieties of both in his time. After the war, he was deputed to work with inventor Frank Whittle on early jet aircraft before Britain sent him on a diplomatic mission to fly with the U.S. Navy, for whom he would fly another huge tranche of aircraft. The U.S. would try very hard, in vain, to surpass his world record of more than 2,000 aircraft carrier take-offs and landings. To this day, no one has ever come close.

Capt Brown would get to know the Royal Family long before he was appointed aide de camp to the Queen in the Sixties. By the time he was 28, he had been to the Palace so many times to be decorated that, on the fourth occasion, King George VI greeted him with the words: 'Not you again.' Capt Brown's contribution to aeronautical progress has benefitted passengers as well as generations of pilots. He once revealed that one of the least enjoyable periods of his career was being ordered to fly planes into the middle of thunderstorms to discover what made them fall apart.

It was his son Glenn, 67, who explained that his father's success as a test pilot was partly down to meticulous preparation but also to a pulse rate half that of the average pilot, which prevented him from blacking out. Glenn revealed that his father's life was saved by a double stroke of fortune when his aircraft carrier, HMS Audacity, was sunk by a U-boat in the Bay of Biscay in 1941. First, he had dashed back to his cabin to retrieve his logbook and the black negligée he had bought for his fiancée in Gibraltar. By the time he returned, all the aircraft on deck had tipped over the side and landed on the survivors already in the water. And it was only because Eric was a pilot that he had a Mae West lifejacket which kept his head above the freezing water for three hours. He was one of just two survivors who made it home.

Another defining moment of Capt Brown's life came while he was collecting enemy aircraft during the Allied advance through Germany in 1945. Near Hanover, he bumped into Brigadier Glyn Hughes of the 2nd Army, who was heading to investigate reports of a concentration camp at Belsen. Having studied German at Edinburgh University, Eric spoke it better than the brigadier's own interpreter and was seconded to the unit. What he found would haunt him for the rest of his life. 'He always said the thing he could never get out of his mind was the smell,' said Glenn.

Royal Navy tribute flypast De Havilland Sea Vixen and Vampire



MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), how many can you ID answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided Mike Carrick who said it is the cylinder retaining device on certain Webley revolvers. I have it on some my WGs and Webley-Fosberys. Unscrew the screw with the broad slot using cartridge rim or coin, pivot down the piece above, and pull the cylinder from the revolver.



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From John Osborne - Some fabulous firearms at a US auction

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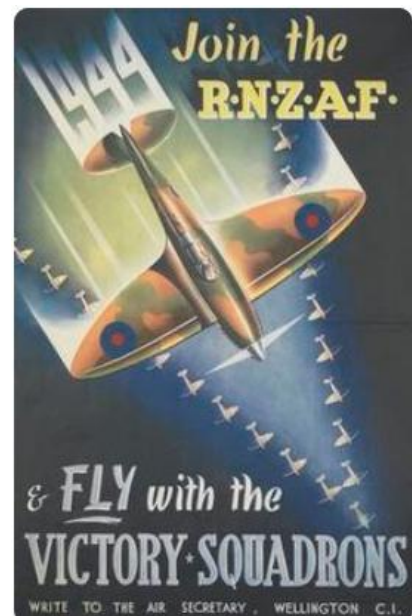
From Tony Bruce - Cache of German Saboteurs Weapons Found 70 Years After the War

<http://englishrussia.com/2016/02/22/cache-of-german-saboteurs-found-70-years-after-the-war/> also

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From Neville Dodd - The Pakistan firearms industry

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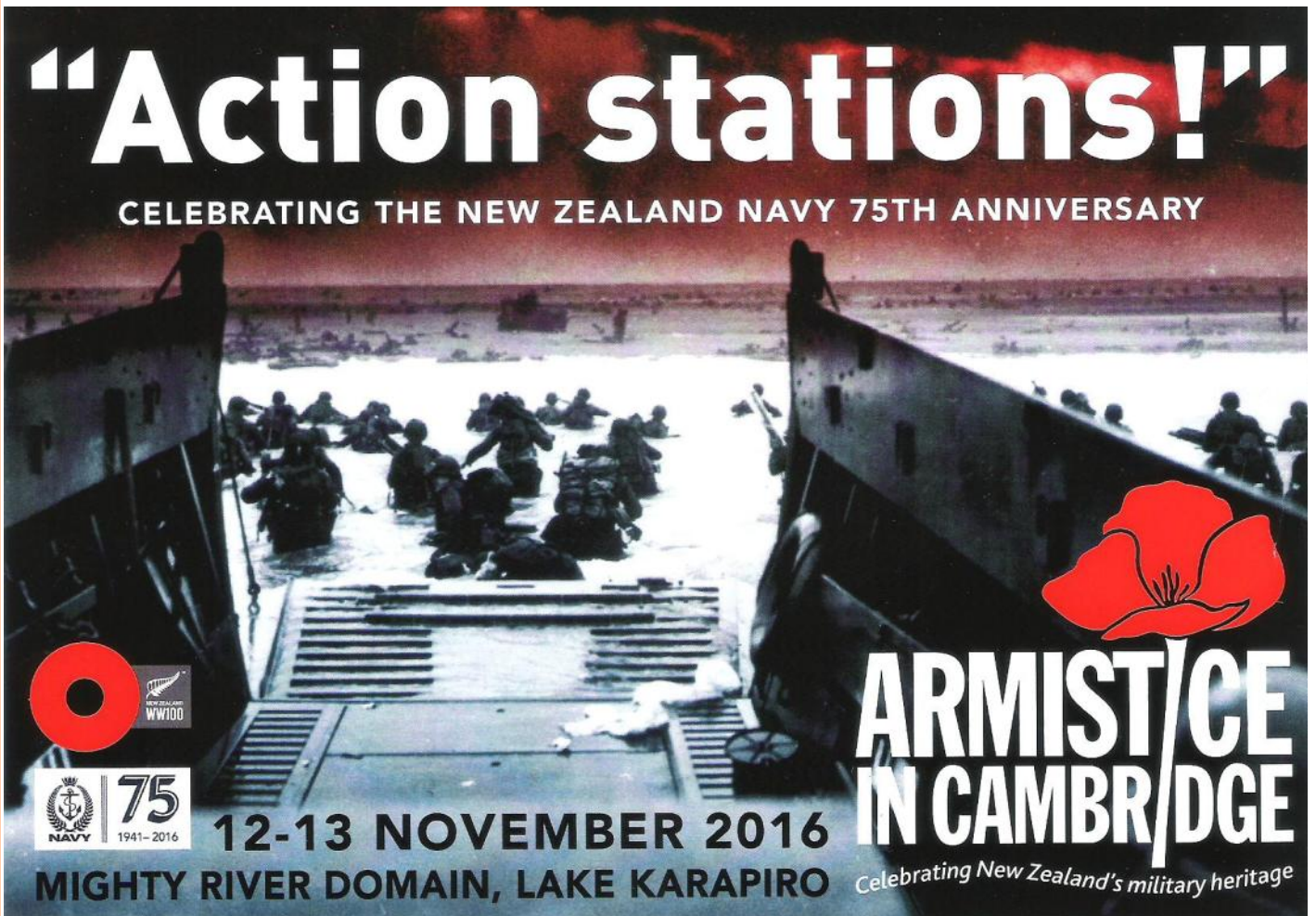
UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2016 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2016

- 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
- 29 & 30 October Western Front Military Weekend, Kumeu
- 5 & 6 November Taranaki Gun Show, New Plymouth
- 12 & 13 November Armistice in Cambridge.
- 13 November Carvell's Auction, Auckland


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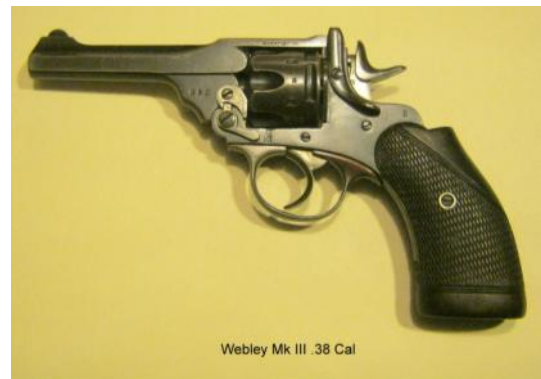
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