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EDITORIAL

As law abiding licensed firearm owners one has to wonder why the NZ police are so arrogant towards us. I refer to their recent imposition of retrospective certification of endorsed firearms safes without any prior consultation with the firearm owning community (see SSANZ News page 8). I am aware that a number of firearm owners have already run foul of this new requirement. SSANZ, COLFO, PNZ among others are taking this matter very seriously and are collectively working to resolve this issue.

It is also disappointing to see the newly elected President of the NZ Police Association, Chris Cahill, calling for ALL firearms to be registered. Does he not realise that this grossly expensive exercise with no tangible benefit would result in less resources for front line police work.

There are lots of good collecting or viewing opportunities coming up in the next few weeks: Western Front Military Weekend at Kumeu, Taranaki Gun Show in New Plymouth, Armistice in Cambridge, Warbirds at Ardmore, and Carvell's Auction in Auckland all with our members involved at these events.

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

Remember this is YOUR newsletter.

Phil



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New Info Pages being worked on

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

My Trip on a Tiger Moth By Chrissy Matthews

On Saturday 6th March we went to see the Tiger Club Meet that was happening at the Dannevirke Airport. The planes were amazing, I said to Tony (my husband) that to fly in a small plane was on my bucket list ha ha ha.

Unbeknownst to me my brother in law Peter overheard my conversation and was having dinner with the pilots that night so he asked them if one of them would take me up, and so it was organised, I was to have a plane ride the next day which just happened to be my birthday. I was over the moon and absolutely terrified all at the same time.

I have flown a few times in bigger planes but was always petrified of the take-offs and landings and any bumps that might occur.

Anyway the time came and we went out there, I was shaking like a leaf but because of my big mouth saying it was on my bucket list I couldn't back out now. So I was strapped in the front seat by the pilot, which surprised me as I thought the pilot always went in the front seat, but he had taken the flying stick out, (don't think he trusted me to fly??), the leather helmet and flying goggles (wow!! the whole nine yards) were placed on my head (exciting) and the pilot got everything ready and then the next minute we were off. I was shaking but not with fear this time but with excitement, it was the most exhilarating time I have ever felt. Instead of being petrified it was absolutely fantastic and the weird part is I felt more in control than I ever did in the bigger planes. It was the most exciting thing I have ever done. We were in the air for about half an hour, we flew over my house and I felt like I was free, the air all round me rushing past my ears, I thought I could reach out and touch the clouds as we past them. The take-off and landing were incredible, I felt so in control which seems weird as I was out in the elements, I can't explain why but I think it was because I wasn't stuck in a steel tube of a plane and that I could see what was going on. I will never forget the feeling of absolute freedom that I felt up in the sky. My next thing is a Helicopter ride.

Tony hinted to the pilot that he would love to go up as well and the pilot replied 'I love strapping the ladies in but the men..... and he walked off laughing.

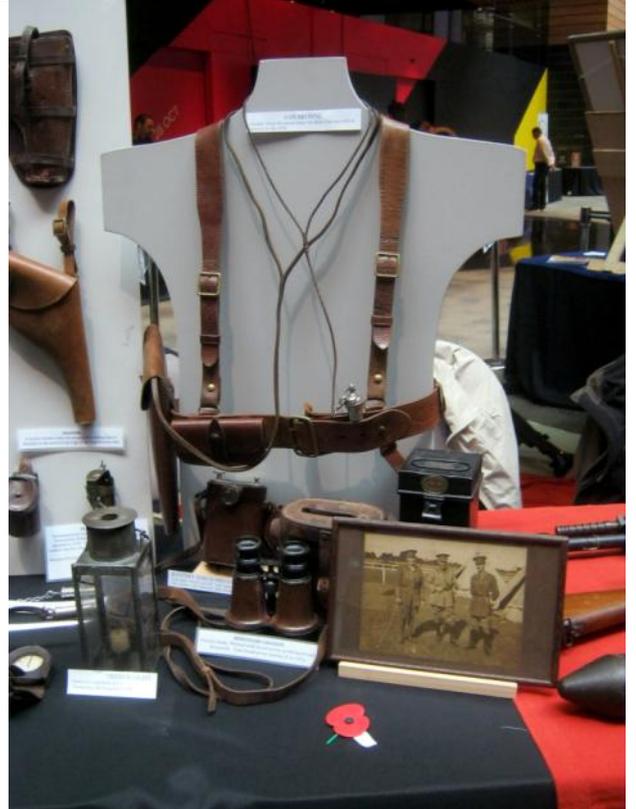


MILITARY HERITAGE DAY AT AUCKLAND MUSEUM

This now annual event was held on Sunday 25 September, Jeff Atkinson event organiser commented “it was the best one yet with a huge public turnout and some of the best displays we’ve seen. The weather was a problem for the vehicle team unfortunately but it did drive people indoors for sure.

Members of Auckland and Northland Branch NZAHA provided displays of various types of firearm and were complemented by the 65th Regiment re-enactment group and displays from the Military History Society.





More pictures to view here:

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WANTED

TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OF THE TREATY OF HAWKES BAY

SIGNED 20TH JULY 1863

BETWEEN MAORI CHIEFS & THE HB PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TREATY CANNOT BE TOO HIGHLY ESTIMATED AT THAT JUNCTURE OF AFFAIRS IN THE COLONY.

ON THE 20TH OF JULY 1863 A LARGE MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN AND MAORI INHABITANTS IN THE SELF-GOVERNING (1858-77) PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND, WAS HELD AT PA WHAKAIRO, WAIOHIKI ABOUT TEN MILES FROM NAPIER, SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF THE MEETING. THE MEETING REPORT AND THE ENGRAVING BELOW RIGHT APPEARED IN THE *ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS*, ON 31 OCTOBER 1863.



ABOVE LEFT: ONE OF THE PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE PA WHAKAIRO MEETING 20 JULY 1863, COURTESY MTG, NAPIER.

IN JULY 1863 THE MAORI POPULATION IN HAWKES BAY PROVINCE WAS ABOUT 3600, AND EUROPEAN POPULATION ABOUT 2600.

AN AGED CHIEF, NAMED POROKURU, SEATED IN A WHEELBARROW, WAS THE FIRST TO ADDRESS THE MEETING, AND, IN DOING SO, EXPRESSED HIS HEARTFELT PLEASURE AT SEEING SO MANY OF HIS WHITE FRIENDS GATHERED AROUND; DECLARING, IN A SONG WITH WHICH HE OPENED HIS SPEECH, THAT THE HB MAORIS HAD ONLY BEEN PRESERVED FROM TOTAL EXTINCTION AS A PEOPLE BY THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF THE WHITE MAN. MANY CHIEFS, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS HAPU (FAMILIES), ADDRESSED THE MEETING, AND ALL EXPRESSED THEIR UNALTERED DETERMINATION TO LIVE IN PEACE AND AMITY WITH THEIR WHITE NEIGHBOURS. BUT THEY SAID THE MEASURES THEN BEING TAKEN BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GAVE THEM MUCH UNEASINESS. "WHY," SAID THEY, "ARE STOCKADES BEING ERECTED AND MEN BEING DRILLED? THERE CAN BE NO NECESSITY FOR THESE PREPARATIONS HERE. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN YOUR FRIENDS, AND HAVE NEVER GIVEN YOU CAUSE TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF US, NOR HAVE WE EVER MISTRUSTED YOU; BUT NOW WE ARE IN DOUBT AS TO THE MEANING OF THESE PROCEEDINGS."

THEY WERE ANSWERED BY HIS HONOUR DONALD MCLEAN THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HB PROVINCE, WHO INFORMED THEM THAT THE MILITIA WERE CALLED OUT PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR; THAT THIS WAS USUAL AMONGST ENGLISHMEN IN EVERY COUNTRY, EVEN IN TIMES OF PEACE; THAT IT HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE IN EVERY OTHER PROVINCE IN THE NORTH ISLAND; THAT WARNING LETTERS WERE CONTINUALLY BEING RECEIVED FROM LOYAL NATIVES IN OTHER DISTRICTS OF MEDITATED ATTACKS UPON THE TOWN OF NAPIER BY THE WAIKATO'S, NOW IN ARMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER DISAFFECTED HAPU; AND THAT THE STOCKADES, THEREFORE, AND ALL THE OTHER PREPARATIONS, HAD NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO THEM, BUT WERE MERELY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO GUARD AGAINST THREATENED INCURSIONS OF HOSTILE CHIEFS AND THEIR FOLLOWERS.

THE RESULT WAS THAT THE NATIVES WERE FULLY SATISFIED, AND A TREATY WAS DRAWN UP BY THEM, AND SIGNED BY ALL THE PRINCIPAL HAWKES BAY CHIEFS, DECLARING THEIR FIXED DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE PROVINCE AND TO ASSIST THE "PAKEHAS" (EUROPEAN SETTLERS) IN REPELLING ANY HOSTILE NATIVES. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE SPEECHES OF THE CHIEFS, WAS AFTERWARDS PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN THE MAORI LANGUAGE, CALLED THE *TE WAKA MAORI O AHURIRI*, AND IN ENGLISH IN THE *HAWKES BAY HERALD* AND THE *ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS*

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT IT HAD ITS DUE EFFECT UPON OTHER CHIEFS AND THEIR FAMILY SUPPORTERS (HAPU). SOME EMISSARIES OF THE HAPU IN REBELLION IN THE WAIKATO WERE PRESENT, AND THEY WOULD REPORT BACK TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE OF THE PEACEFUL RESOLVES OF THE HAWKES BAY NATIVES AND HAD THE EFFECT OF SOMEWHAT DAMPENING THEIR ARDOUR OF REBELLION. PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO RESEARCHER DR JOHN OSBORNE PHD AT JOSBORNE@XTRA.CO.NZ

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At Portsmouth
Historic Dockyard
Images from John Osborne





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Gun Safes for B, C & E Cat firearms

In our last newsletter we reported that Police are now insisting that gun safes are certified by a mechanical engineer before Police will approve them for use and stated *“We have been advised that existing safes that have been approved in the past will be honoured by Police.”*

We have since received a further statement from Police National HQ: *“Police require that the manufacturer or importer have the safe inspected and certified by a registered mechanical engineer (or holder of a relevant trade certificate with current experience) and a certified lock smith (a member of the Australasian Master Locksmith Association), to show that the minimum standards required, as set out by the Arms Act 1983 and the Arms Regulations 1992, are met. Safes that do not have a product report that shows that the safe meets the required minimum standards, or a safe Police know does not meet the minimum standard, will not be approved. This also applies to previously approved safes.”* SSANZ has been advised that Mechanical Engineers are not “registered” in New Zealand.

We noted that the 1992 Arms Regulations do not actually specify the minimum specification required, so we applied to Police for a detailed specification against which safes may be assessed together with the qualification required for those carrying out the certification and were sent a very ambiguous document which started with the following: *“Where a safe is manufactured outside the standard 6mm mild steel (this implies that if the safe is 6 mm, certification is NOT required) or cannot be inspected by the police prior to installation, (this implies that ALL safes currently installed and previously approved by Police now also need certification) an engineer’s certificate will be required to certify their materials and their performance”*. The document goes on to detail how locks should be tested including *“You would need at least 40 bags of potatoes piled on top of each other before the lock would give way”*; but does not specify how big the bag should be!

We note that Section 28 of the 1992 Arms Regulations requires that Pistols, MSSAs and restricted weapons are *“c) locked in a steel safe or steel box or steel cabinet (being in every case a safe, box, or cabinet of sound construction and of a type approved in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police)”*.

Our advice is if your security arrangements have already been approved by Police then you should ask them for a copy of your written approval. If Police have approved your firearm security in the past regardless as to whether you hold a “certificate” for your safe, how can they now refuse to approve it, provided nothing has changed to make it less secure?

SSANZ fully supports sensible and practical security arrangements for all firearms, but does not support retrospective certification of previously approved safes; this is an unnecessary imposition on firearm owners and goes beyond the requirements of the 1992 Regulations.

Burglaries

Burglaries involving firearms have been in the news recently and of course law abiding firearm owners are frequently blamed for being the source of guns used by criminals, so it is pleasing to see that Police are now giving a higher priority to attending at household burglaries. We hope that this will result in more stolen firearms being recovered.

Mail Order Permits

Are serial numbers required on the form? We were recently asked this question by a member and put it to the Police National HQ, who replied that all boxes on the form must be completed; this allows them to check whether the firearm is lost or stolen or is an MSSA. We then checked the Police information leaflet that announced the new mail order process introduced in October 2015 and discovered there on page 5 “All firearms and ammunition are to be fully and correctly described. In the case of firearms: Make; Model; Calibre are required.”

So in our view when buying by mail order, if you do not have the serial number just refer Police to their own document, “guide-for-applicants-for-mail-order-sales-plus-form.pdf” found on the Police website.

Firearm Licence Testing

Following the news that the Mountain Safety Council was planning to make most if not all of its volunteer firearm instructors redundant, we are very pleased to see that the Police have now announced that they will put the contract for Firearm licence testing out to public tender. As a consequence the MSC has put their plans on hold and asked all their volunteers to continue instructing for the time being.

SSANZ will be happy to support any new organisation that is awarded the contract based on using a nationwide network of volunteer instructors. Not only do these volunteers fulfil the task of licence testing, they also provide firearms safety training and advice in their local communities, especially in remote rural areas.

Select Committee Inquiry into Illegal Possession of Firearms

Since our last report the Select Committee has now taken Oral submissions from both those supporting and those opposed to the private ownership of firearms, with suggestions of registration of all guns and the banning of internet sales put forward by some. We note too that the Mountain Safety Council was questioned at length on their plans to ditch the volunteer firearm instructors.

When the Inquiry is completed the committee will present their report to Parliament with recommendations it will then be up to the government of the day to determine if there is a need for further legislation around firearms ownership. When any future firearms legislation is presented it is vitally important that ALL firearm owners make their concerns known.

Public Perception

New Zealand has some of the most practical and sensible firearms laws in the world, so it should be of great concern to us all that a recent poll commissioned by TVNZ indicated that 83% of our population think our gun laws should be tougher. No doubt this perception has been encouraged by all the media hype around gun laws in the USA, and a number of shooting incidents here. It is apparent that criminals are resorting to the use of firearms more frequently and so too are the Police with often serious consequences. Hardly a week goes by without images of AOS officers in black locking down some neighbourhood appearing on our TV News. Little wonder that the public at large are nervous about guns.

It is up to us as responsible firearm owners to do all we can to counter this negative public perception of firearms and counter the often biased stories that appear in our media.

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Dating Powder Flasks

by Ian Ford

One of the problems with flask collecting is the difficulty of accurately dating the year of their manufacture. With experience you can put specimens into fairly broad date bands, but without factory records to show when new designs were first introduced, exact dating cannot be made. Even when on rare occasions such information is discovered it may not give the full answer as many popular "models" were in production for many years.

In one case however dates can be applied to within three years. These relate to flasks marked J Dixon and Son. This marking was first used in 1830, soon after the Company first started flask production in 1828/29, and only lasted to 1833 when the much more common J Dixon and Sons mark was used.

The three flasks shown are all marked DIXON & SON, with the addition of IMPROVED PATENT on the patent top specimen.

The first is a standard 8oz. size with an inside spring patent top marked on the top

plate and spout. The second is of a similar design in 2oz. pistol size. This has a common fixed top and is marked on the spout only. Both have 3 position spouts with unmarked graduations. This design was known as the "Double Flute" and although made in the early 1830's, are still offered for sale in Dixon's 1883 catalogue some 50 years later.

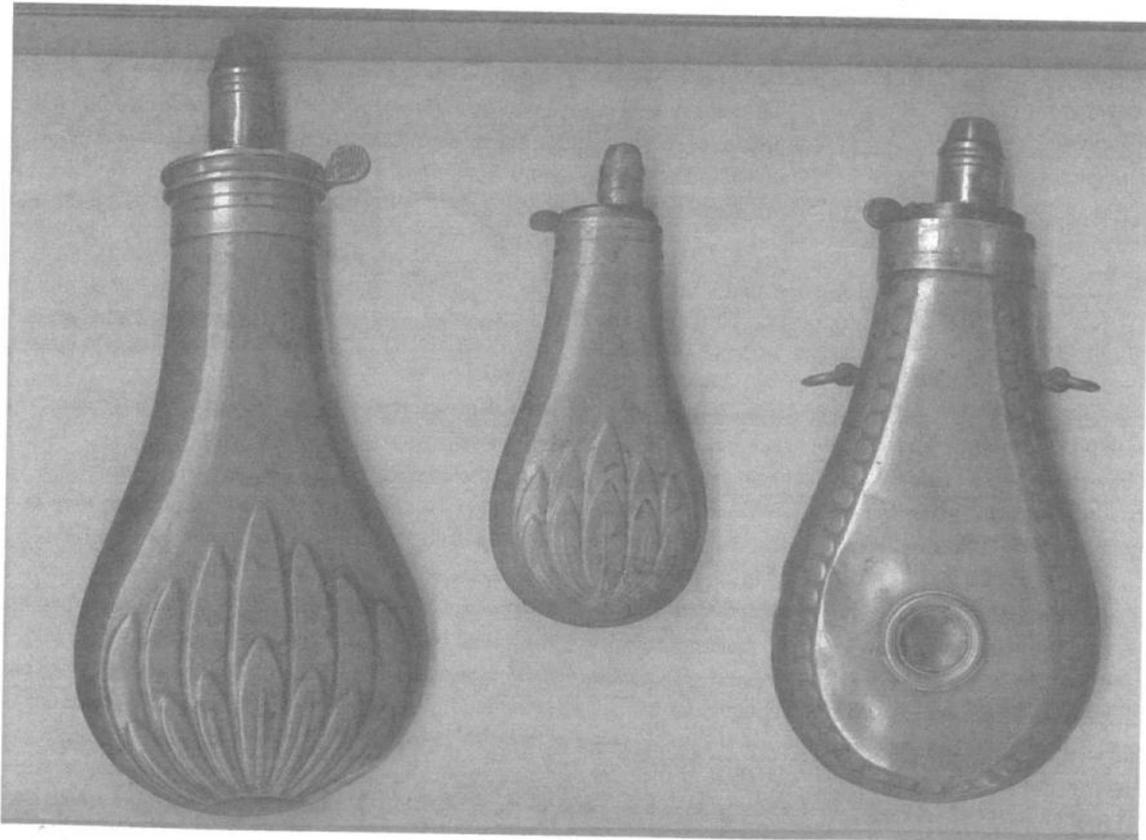
The third flask again has a fixed common top and is marked Dixon & Son on the spout only. However, this flask has some extra features. It has two carrying rings, which although an optional extra, are scarce on flasks for English use, and are much more common on American and Continental ones.

This may well have been an export model, as I have another with an identical body, but without the carrying rings and window. However, it is unmarked as far as maker's name. The horn window is of added collector interest. In the 1842 edition of "The Modern Shooter" Captain Lacey mentions these windows during a

long discussion on the best type of flasks to use. He says, "Some of the copper flasks have a circular piece of horn or what is technically known as a transparency in the centre of each side, to afford a peep into the interior, these are amusing for boys".

Surviving examples of these are quite scarce as the horn is brittle and easily broken, and I have only seen about three over the years. I have been shown, by a fellow collector, a contemporary repair on a flask where the pieces of horn were presumably damaged, which rendered the flask useless. A suitable sized piece of brass tube had been soldered into the window apertures, through the body of the flask, which made it powder tight, and if desired a cord could be threaded through the tube for carrying purposes.

Apart from the three flasks shown I have only seen two others marked Dixon & Son, both with plain copper bodies, so they are not common, and an example is well worth adding to your collection.



James Dixon and Son – Three Examples

Late Flasks

by Maurice Taylor

While the bulk of the copper flasks we collect or study are likely to be from the main period of the use of muzzle loading guns (which may have begun to decline by the 1860s when the breechloading guns became more general but by no means universally given up and even well into the 1940s) the muzzle loader was in common use in Australia, let alone such as India (where incidentally about 7 out of 10 guns made for Indian use are muzzle loaders or were in the late 70s). New muzzle loading guns were offered in pre-war catalogues and doubtless a lot of demand was filled by good second hand guns. Accordingly, where went the gun so needed were the flasks to supply it. Again good second hand ones were commonly had but new flasks were offered. Dixon and Sons bought Hawksleys out in 1947, so presumably these late Hawksleys were their last offerings in the early 20th century. If by selling off the remaining stock to Italy about 1915 had effectively decided the demand was of little value commercially as by then only India or Asia markets still flourished if met by local products (I saw mostly India made 'poor man's' powder tin types but was assured the reproduced 'dog and deer' export flasks were also in demand locally – by locally I should say the Kanpur (Cawnpore) and Lucknow region though Bombay shops had a very similar mix but mostly muzzle loading guns with a few BSA (Biswas Small Arms), Metab and Raulax and other locally made

breechloaders though every shop sign offered Webley or BSA, Eley Cartridges, etc. often against a background of 'bled to death', lions, tigers, etc. None actually had the products of these firms. Such Eley cartridges that did grace their grubby shelves were invariably LG large grape and eagerly sought at 5 times the local product, as a cure for dacoits or bandits! Though I've known 7 shot loads converted to LG by the simple process of unpicking the roll crumps and slipping in a wad marked LG. Quite what transpired when our enraged dacoit copped a load of 7 shot or some man eating tiger got his ounce of dust, I have often wondered, but 'a sale's a sale' and scruples or ethics had no part in an Indian Bandook Wallahs day. But I digress though I shall return to India only first making the point that the famous Dixons 1883 catalogue offers a wide range of flasks in all qualities. So still by 1883 there must have been a worthwhile UK demand.

When in Calcutta in 1969 (over landing back to UK from Australia) I found moulds and flasks still for sale. NC Daw had 4 Hawksley shapes and I bought them all still in unsold condition though not stamped Hawksley they were undoubtedly from their dies and externally finished in neat style, all nicely lacquered yet internally were flat and still rough as sand cast. I have one other I bought in the UK, similarly made and showing very little use, whether Hawksleys or Dixons put these out

late and preferred not to mark them, regarding them as secondary articles I can only speculate, but there they were in Calcutta as old stock. Undoubtedly English work right where you expect to find them; and the one Riling 1345 I bought in Sheffield in the 70s may suggest some were sold in UK, though the dies were again used about this time when Dixons contracted to supply Wm Bennetts and a range of late Dixon/Hawksley styles were made up through Dixons and outworkers. These, whilst valid enough flasks are 'revival' flasks rather than 'continuance' flasks and are quite different. Revival flasks be they English, Italian or Indian are quite worthy of study, they're a piece of flask history in their own right, but I will save them for a future article. Suffice now to point out that amongst our collections may well be a number of late flasks made well into breechloading times and only a certain provenance like the four old stock from Calcutta could identify them for what they are. Unused condition is not an infallible guide, I'm sure many pristine flasks owe their state to being presents, but our shooter recipient, quite happy with his beat up old bag flask just set it in a drawer and kept on as before. Conversely a 1930s flask might get worn to death. It reminds me of a friend who, importing a mint Manton rifle got static from Australian customs for describing it as the antique it was, "Don't come that mate, this gun's new" "no rust or pitting on it"!

NZAHAA POSTAL SHOOT

Please note that all targets must have been received by the Hawkes Bay Branch no later than 13th March 2017 to be collated in time for the April AGM.

STOLEN FIREARMS

Unfortunately one of our Southland NZAHAA members has been burgled on 27/ 9/16 and there has been seven firearms taken, this happened in the Central Southland area, if you could all keep a look out for the following firearms that you may be offered for sale.

Sako 85 Finnlite – Serial number H08469 with a suppressor and a Swarovske Optic Scope Z3 3-9X36-L Plex

Winchester 1892 44/40 - unknown serial number – This gun has inlaid paua shell on forewood and butt which is quite distinctive

ATA Arms Shotgun semi auto 28” barrel - serial number 12/D23430

Ruger 10/22 with scope and suppressor – unknown serial number

30/30 Winchester 94 Serial number 4251194

22 Marlin 1892 lever action 24” round barrel, these never had a serial number

Old side by side shotgun

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Playmate of the Month

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The FP-45 Liberator Pistol



During WW2 someone had the brilliant idea of parachuting millions of simply constructed pistols into Nazi-occupied countries. The idea was that they would fall into civilian hands so they could shoot some off-guard Kraut and steal his Schmeisser, which would enable them to do even more damage and hence on to victory. Hence the name. It was hoped that it could have an added advantage more as psychological warfare - the sheer numbers of these in civilian hands would demoralise the enemy.

It is very simply and rather crudely constructed, as you can see from the illustration. It was a single-shot design of .45 ACP calibre. Ten spare rounds were kept in the grip. Reloading was achieved by pulling back on the cocking piece and twisting it to expose the chamber. You'd have to poke out the fired round somehow, if you lost the dowel provided. It was accurate to about 6 inches. It was not branded or serial numbered. Cost to produce was \$2 each, including box with instructions (in pictorial form because nobody on the Continent understood the English, let alone English), but not including the cost of quality control – there wasn't any.

So without telling anybody they rushed into production, in great secrecy. They wanted to disguise the fact that these were being mass-produced, so the plans didn't show a barrel. It was a "tube". The trigger was a "yoke", the firing pin the "control rod" and the trigger guard was the "spanner". It was produced by the General Motors Guide Lamp Division, not the Inland Division, which was keen to keep up production on the M1 Carbine. In six months they produced a million of these things.

But no-one thought of consulting the Top Brass on this project. Eisenhower and his generals stopped it dead. They could see a number of disadvantages where weren't factored into the hopes of the designers. For one thing, there was no control over who could get hold of the pistols, once delivered. It could be children, or jilted lovers or even Germans – they had done enough damage with their guns already. Even if it was fired by a resistance fighter, and it missed, in the time taken to reload, Jerry would get off 32 rounds in his direction, all of which would have to miss. The real crunch came when someone who actually knew maths showed that in order to drop a million of these as intended, all bombers would have to be taken off their usual raids for a significant time, and this would be of immense benefit to the enemy. A few, perhaps just a few thousand Liberator pistols were delivered by true believers, but the resistance was clearly wanting something better. Nearly all the FP-45s were dumped at sea, almost \$2,000,000 worth.

A few survived and enthusiastic collectors are apparently prepared to pay \$5000 for a "good" one, an extra \$1000 in the original box and \$10,000 if the original instructions were included. (Its Water Marks made it hard to photocopy, so no easy money there). On a per page basis the instruction sheet is as valuable as a Gutenberg Bible.

Replicas are made today by several makers, e.g.: <http://www.liberatorpistol.com/> .

There is a great YouTube presentation on this pistol at www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvEHu0O-5nw and there is a firing demonstration on <http://www.guns.com/2012/07/28/vintage-ordnance-llc-fp-45-liberator-pistol-replica-video/>

A MEMBERS FAVOURITE GUN
Please send a photo and tell us about it.

No Contribution this month !

Well if you cant help with that how about this ?

Noel Taylor would like to know what this magazine is for.

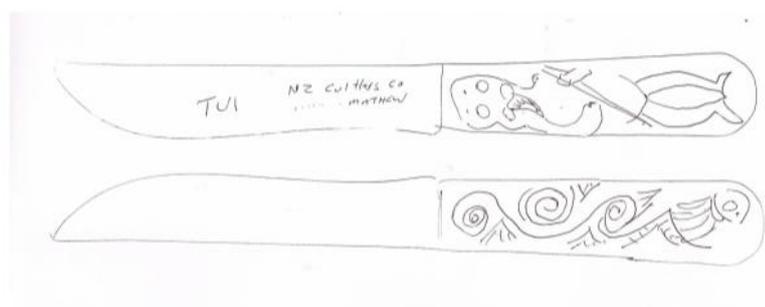


Tony McKinnon asks:

NEW ZEALAND KNIFE - I have brought a NZ knife at the auction, this knife is marked "NZ cutlers co ----- mathew", and also "TUI"

The is well made and shows its age, the handle has a Maori figure carved on one side and a wave pattern on the other as per photo and drawings.

Questions - has anyone seen a knife with the same marking, as I have only seen knuckle knives with this TUI mark.



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

Last month (below left and centre), Rod Woods provided the only correct answer: a BESA trigger group, viewed from the top.



There are no prizes to be won, the only point to this game is to see if you are correct. So go on have a go, who cares who is first.!

From the Web, cut and paste the link or ctrl+click

Contributed by Tony Bruce - From WW100

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Among the more than 2000 New Zealanders who died on the Somme was Sergeant Donald Forrester Brown. He was the first member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force to receive a Victoria Cross for action on the Western Front. On 15 September 1916, Brown captured key German machine-gun positions, enabling the New Zealand forces to push through the lines. According to the official citation for his Victoria Cross, Brown's 'utter contempt for danger and coolness under fire' helped keep up the morale of his companions. Following a further act of gallantry on 1 October, he was hit in the head by gunfire from a sniper or machine-gun and killed.

Donald Forrester Brown was born in Dunedin on 23 February 1890. Prior to enlistment Brown was a farmer in the Totara district near Oamaru. He was unmarried, and his Victoria Cross was posthumously presented to his father at Oamaru by the Governor General, Earl of Liverpool, on 30 August 1917.

Courtesy of Archives New Zealand (Archives Ref: AALZ 25044, F530, R24184747)



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

2016

- 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
- 13 November Warbirds, Ardmore Aerodrome.

Time to think about dates for 2017, if they are already booked please let me know.

- 7 & 8 January Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
- 26 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
- 2 April South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
- 8 April NZAHAA AGM & Auction, New Plymouth
- 10 June SSANZ Guns Show , Whangarei
- 15 & 16 July Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
- 22 July Mainland Arms and Militaria Gun Show at Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch.
- 23 September NZAHAA HYGM and Auction, Wellington

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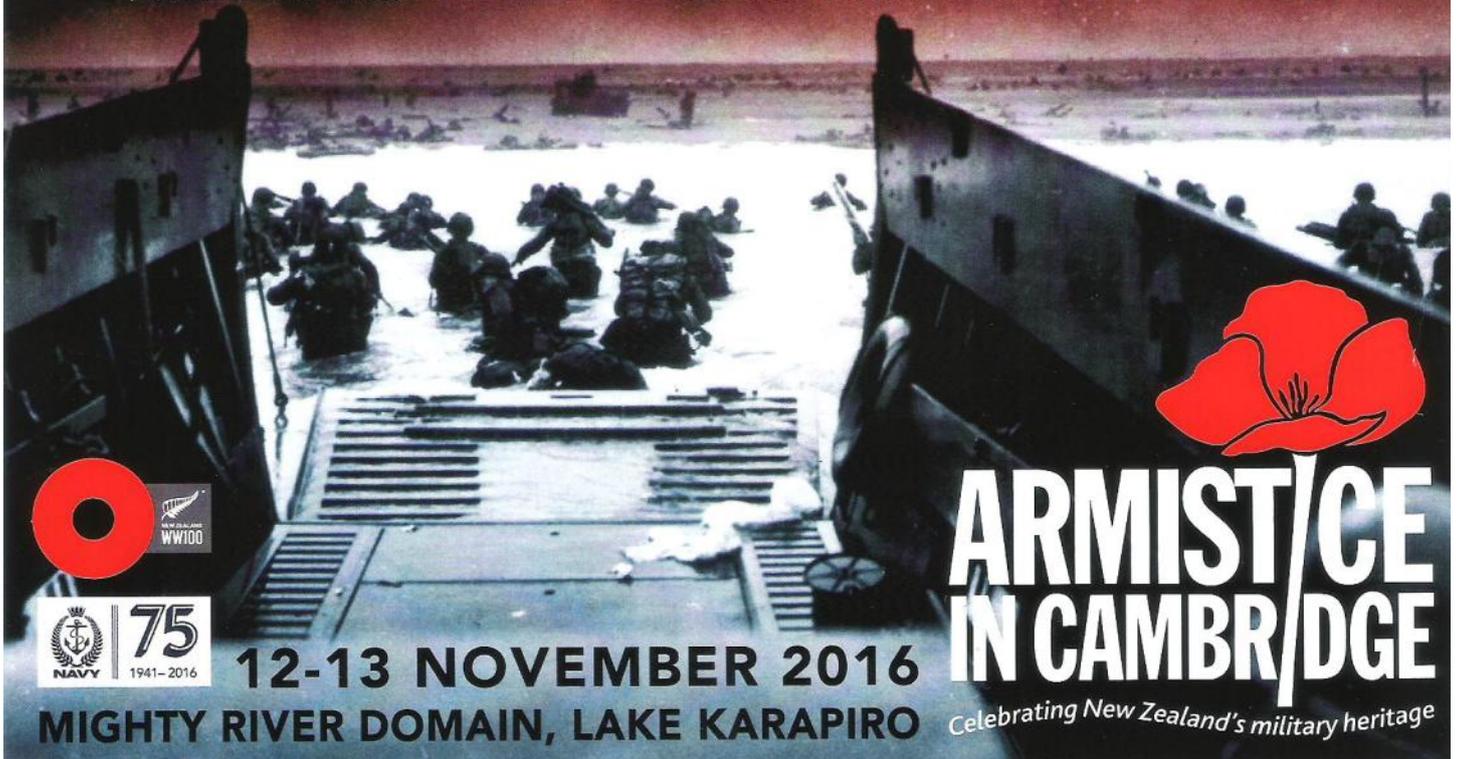
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Contact Grant phone 03 327 7005 or gjwilkins@clear.net.nz

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Annual July Auction - 2017

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We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convenor, at the earliest possible time.

South Island Run

We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island some time 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 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 want to do.

He can advise you of our very friendly vendor commission rate.

Steve Privett

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