



E - GAZETTE MK II

New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. # 72 January 2017

<http://www.antiquearms.org.nz/>

EDITORIAL

This has been an interesting year for our firearm community and is likely to get more so in 2017.

We have had to deal with the Select Committee Inquiry into how Criminals access guns, in addition Police requiring gun safes to be certified, dealer to dealer transfers to use the mail order process, changes to the OA length of MSSAs with retracting butts, and long delays in issuing import permits, plus Fish & Game banning lead shot in sub gauges.

2017 will see the Select Committee report presented to Parliament with recommendations to solve the problem of illegal guns in the hands of criminals. We already know that Police are in the process of reviewing all aspects of the Arms Act and its administration. Based on submissions made to the inquiry we could be faced with registration of all firearms, which would entail a permit to procure each time you buy a new gun (at what cost?), much tougher security for storage of firearms, together with more restrictions on the sale and purchase of firearms and ammunition.

Whatever develops in the way of changes to our current arms legislation it is us collectors who have the most to lose, it is therefore most important that we as individuals make the effort to let the politicians know our views and concerns with any new legislation. We can do this by talking or writing to our local MPs and Ministers. A large number of individual firearm owners making their voice heard in Parliament will have a greater impact, than form letters and petitions, especially in an election year.

Best wishes for 2017,

Phil



The e-Gazette Mk II is a monthly news-letter circulated free to members of the NZAHAA and their friends by e-mail only. It may be copied and forwarded to fellow collectors, we ask that any material used by others is acknowledge to this publication.

Copyright where indicated remains with the contributor of the item.

Views expressed here are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the NZAHAA or its Branches.

All correspondence relating to the e-Gazette should be addressed to:

The Editor, Phil Cregeen at: oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

To unsubscribe e-mail the Editor.

All correspondence relating to NZAHAA membership should be addressed to the **National Secretary**:

NZ Arms Register
www.armsregister.com

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.

New Info Pages being worked on

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

NA & A Co SNIDER SHORT RIFLE New Zealand Contract

The National Arms & Ammunition Co was formed in Birmingham in 1872 to compete with BSA & M Co and LSA Co for small arms contracts. They applied for a share of government contracts and in 1876 out bid BSA for an order to supply the government of India with 2,875 Snider Rifles.

In July 1878 agreement was reached between the three firms to share government contracts on the following basis: BSA&M Co Ltd - 40%, NA&A Co Ltd - 33 %, LSA Co 27%. At the time they were all manufacturing Martini Henry Rifles.

In August 1879 the Agent General for New Zealand accepted a tender from the cartel to supply 2,000 Snider Short Rifles and sword bayonets at a cost of 3 Pounds 7 Shillings each. Of these NA&A Co manufactured 462 rifles and BSA&M Co the remaining 1,178, LSA Co having given up their share to BSA & M Co for a consideration of 8 shillings per rifle.

The rifles arrived in New Zealand and were dully marked N80Z and rack number on the breech and wrist of the butt stock.

NA & A got into financial difficulties and went into liquidation in 1883.

A recent enquiry to the NZ Arms Register Team from an overseas collector, who has what appears to be a NZ contract short rifle that has had all traces of NZ issue removed, has highlighted the fact that the NA&A rifles are marked with a serial number (927) on the underside of the breech block, latch, extractor, barrel tang and shoe. Two other New Zealand NA&A Sniders have been noted with serial numbers 538 and 596. Which begs the question do the BSA&M Co Snider Short Rifles marked N80Z also have these serial numbers?



If you own a N80Z marked Snider short rifle made by either NA&A Co or BSA&M Co we would be pleased to hear from you with details of the NZ Issue number and serial number as described above.

oilrag@xtra.co.nz

Powder and Shot Measures

by Ian Ford

Although not strictly muzzle loading accessories, these measures are of sufficient compatibility to be of interest.

With the growing acceptance and use of breech loading guns during the late 1850s many shooters reloaded their own cartridges, and the Victorian love of gadgets and inventions demanded special tools for the job. The Sheffield and Birmingham shooting accessory manufacturers were quick to recognise this new market and began to add breech loading implements to their more traditional products.

Adverts in 1858 by Hattersley and in 1862 by Bartram, Dixon, Hawksley and Spencer & Atherton all claimed new and improved reloading tools, with every maker trying to convince the customer that their product was the best. The range and complexity of these tools was huge, (see David J Baker's book "British Handloading Cartridge Tools" previously reviewed in Black Powder), but most required some method of measuring the powder and shot load to be put into the cartridge.

These measures, like other shooting accessories, came in a large variety of sizes and grades from quite crude fixed charge scoops on a wire handle to very extravagant gold plated adjustable measures with ivory handles. Most had boxwood, ebony or horn handles, depending on quality and were adjustable to a degree. Some were available in pairs, one for powder and one for shot, or were multi purpose with the same graduations marked for powder or shot, by volume.

James Dixon and Son's catalogue of 1883 lists a choice of some 30 variations of measure, hard or soft soldered, with various shapes of handle varying in price from 8 to 75 shillings per dozen.

These prices gave Dixon's a considerable profit, as examples from his "costings book" show:

Best Quality (Hard Soldered)

Model 1103/1104 in brass

Production cost = 6 shillings 11 pence per dozen
Sale price = 14 shillings per dozen

Model 1103/1104 in best nickel silver

Production cost = 9 shillings 4 pence per dozen
Sale price = 20 shillings per dozen

Model 1108/1109 in brass

Production cost = 5 shillings 10½ pence per dozen
Sale price = 13 shillings per dozen

Model 1108/1109 in best nickel silver

Production cost = 8 shillings 3½ pence per dozen
Sale price = 19 shillings per dozen

Model 1107A in brass

Production cost = 6 shillings 1½ pence per dozen
Sale price = 27 shillings per dozen

Model 1107AB in best nickel silver

Production cost = 8 shillings 7 pence per dozen
Sale price = 36 shillings per dozen

Second Quality (Soft soldered)

Model 2103/2104 in brass

Production cost = 5 shillings 8 pence per dozen
Sale price = 12 shillings per dozen

Model 2108/2109 in brass

Production cost = 5 shillings 2 pence per dozen
Sale price = 11 shillings per dozen

Whilst thousands of these measures were made and sold, they were not a vital part of cartridge reloading, as most shooters of the period would have a powder flask and shot pouch, which would do the job equally as well as a special measure.

I remember watching my grandfather reloading 12 bore cartridges using flasks, together with a simple turn over tool, clamped to the dining table, for the closure crimp. I do not remember how he pushed out and replaced the primer; I was only about 4 or 5 at the time. In later years I have loaded many cartridges using a suitable nail to punch out the old primer and a piece of dowel to push in a new one. Load the powder from a flask, push in a wad with the dowel, add shot from a pouch and press in an over card. A crimping/roll over tool will make a neater job of closure; however, the case can be closed using finger nails and a dowel, especially if the cartridge is to be used in a single barrelled gun.

The picture shows a selection of measures:

At the top a pair marked G & JW Hawksley. The shot measure marked for 1, 1⅛ and 1¼ ounces. The powder measure marked 2½, 2¾, 3, 3¼, 3½ drams.

Below, left to right:

Unnamed measure for powder marked 2¼, 2½, 2¾, 3 drams.

Unnamed – using the 5 graduations, powder in drams, shot in ounces, by volume

1oz shot/2½ drams, 1⅛ oz shot/2¾ drams, 1¼ oz shot/3 drams, 1½ oz shot/3¼ drams, 1½ oz shot/3½ drams.

Marked James Dixon & Sons. 1104 (Catalogue number)

Marked shot/ounces; Graduated 1, 1⅛, 1¼, 1¾, 1½.

Unnamed – using 22 graduations. Vertical slot marked on one side shot ounces, 1, 1⅛, 1¼, 1¾, 1½, 1⅝, 1¾, 1⅞, 2, 2⅛, 2¼. The other side marked powder drams, 2¼, 2½, 3, 3¼, 3½, 3¾, 4, 4¼, 4½, 4¾, 5. This measure is unusual for two reasons, firstly because of the number of graduations, and also because unlike most measures the inner tube move upwards in the outer sleeve, not downwards. In the picture it is set at the largest charge.

A very similar measure as regards graduation marks was made by the American Company of Bridgeport Gun Implement Co. but this opened downwards as is more common.

Unnamed – extra large capacity measure for powder, with unusual uneven graduations, marked drams 5½, 6½, 7¼, 8, 9.

The last 4 measures pictured have square cut handles with a turned “stop”, and were made to use as a press for seating wads and over cards in the cartridge, Dixon refers to these as “ramrod” handles.

These measures are not hard to find at Arms Fairs etc. and like most shooting tools are interesting for their variety. Due to the practice of cartridge reloading being more common and continuing for longer in France, there are many continental measures about. Most of those I have seen are of rather inferior quality and construction to the Sheffield made ones.

With thanks to Maurice Taylor and Martin Hinchcliffe for their assistance.



NEW ZEALAND ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE REENACTMENT SOCIETY INC ARTILLERY UNIT
6 POUNDER ARMSTRONG GUN, GUNNERS WITH REVOLVERS, SNIDER CARBINES & BAYONETS
OFFICER WITH SWORD AND REVOLVER C1869
DURING THE FILMING OF THE DOCUMENTARY “THE HORSE IN NEW ZEALAND” AT MARAEKAKAHO STATION 2000
IMAGES COURTESY WAYNE VALLER, COMPILED BY JOHN ODBORNE JCOSBORNE@XTRA.CO.NZ



A SALUTARY TALE

We have all seen the videos or perhaps even witnessed it in real life, that is someone being given a gun that is too big or powerful for them to safely handle. This story contributed by Tony Bruce.

“Negligent Suicide” with a .500 Smith & Wesson revolver

The overwhelming super-majority of gun owners are thoughtful, kind, and generous individuals. They’re good people and fun to be around, which is why almost every kind of rifle and pistol shooting sport is experiencing significant growth in recent years. Unfortunately, in every large group there are jerks, and the shooting sports are no exception.

One particular kind of jerk is the sadist that delights in giving a new shooter a powerful, punishing gun to shoot, knowing that the shooter lacks the skill and experience to handle the recoil. The Internet is full of “funny” videos of this kind, where people are battered, bruised, and cut open by guns they have no business firing, like this woman nearly killed after a jerk put a [Desert Eagle chambered in .50 Action Express](#) (.50 AE) in her under-trained hands. If you watch the video, you’ll see how the handgun spun around in her grasp, and the barrel hit her in the face. You’ll also note that the gun did not lock open on an empty chamber; the idiot had provided her a gun that cycled and put another round in the chamber before it was pointed at her head. It was only through dumb luck that she didn’t take the top of her head off.

Unfortunately, a woman visiting from South America just went through a nearly identical experience with a revolver chambered in .500 Smith & Wesson Magnum, except for the fact that she did manage to pull the trigger a second time while it was pointed at her. [She is now dead.](#)

The Ralls County Sheriff’s Department says the shooting happened Sunday at the Salt River Gun Range near New London. Authorities say 25-year-old Andrea Jinneth Corredor-Rivera of Colombia died at the scene. Corredor-Rivera died of a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Ralls County Sheriff Gerry Dinwiddie tells WGEM-TV that the woman was shooting a .500-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun when the strength of the gun’s recoil caused her to lose control. She was visiting family in the area. The sheriff said the gun spun around in her hand, leading to a second fatal shot.

The Ralls County (Missouri) Sheriff is not expected to file charges in this case, which frankly infuriates me. If someone put to an inexperienced driver behind the wheel of a 865-horsepower NASCAR Sprint Cup Car and turned them loose, and that inexperienced driver killed herself, would the person who knowingly put an inexperienced driver in the car not be held responsible for a criminal act?









While the specific charges would depend upon prosecutor’s discretion and local laws, several possible felony charges could be brought against the person who or persons who created the situation. Society would demand for charges to be brought for such gross irresponsibility ending in death.

In this situation, giving a .500 Smith & Wesson Magnum—the most powerful commercial sporting handgun cartridge made—to an inexperienced shooter with multiple rounds in the gun, is roughly the equivalent of putting an inexperienced NASCAR car behind the wheel with a half tank of gas. The odds of a shooter without substantial experience firing and controlling heavy magnum handgun is incredibly low. As a result, loading the firearm with more than one round, when knowing that the shoot has little to no chance of controlling the gun after the first shot, is criminally negligent.

Andrea Jinneth Corredor-Rivera is dead by her own hand, but she was put in the situation where she died by the negligent, idiotic and frankly barbaric acts of someone who loaded multiple chambers of a gun that she had little to no chance of controlling.

The person who handed her that firearm should face charges for her death.

Arisaka Type 99 Estimated Serial Production

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	Manufacturer		
	イ	ロ	ハニ	ホヘト	チヌル	ヲ	 Nagoya
ネ	ナ	ラ	ム	ウ		ヰ	 Kokura
マ		ケ	フ	コ	エ	テ	 Toyo Kogyo*
	サ			オ			 Tokyo Juki Kogyo*
			ニ	リ			 Izawa Jyuko*
			メ				 Jinsen
				リ			 Howa Jukogyo*
				モ			 Hoten
1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	* Subcontractor Will be displayed with Nagoya or Kokura Symbol		

Data provided by Don Voigt, Author *The Japanese Type 99 Arisaka*



Colorized Image

New Zealand gunners firing the Ordnance QF 4.5-inch howitzers in an orchard near Le Quesnoy, France. 29 October 1918. The capture of the French town of Le Quesnoy by the New Zealand Division on 4 November 1918 has special significance in New Zealand's military history. This is not merely because it was the last major action by the New Zealanders in the Great War – the armistice followed a week later.



Firearms Community Advisory Forum 8th December 2016 and General Update

FCAF Meeting

Meeting held at Wellington Central Police Station due to disruptions following the recent earthquakes. The following is my personal summary, When the official minutes are available I will circulate them also. The atmosphere of the meeting was a very positive one; I feel that we must continue to support the forum with continued attendance and participation.

UN Arms Trade Treaty update and a bit of a summary of the progress to date which included an explanation that the ATT has no direct impact on domestic ownership or trade and only applies to international trade/ shipments or brokerage involving weapons, parts and ammunition which has come about due to a lack of cross border controls leading to arms trafficking. ATT Article 10-Brokering- Voluntary registration scheme for brokers in New Zealand. If you have any doubt as to what constituted brokering essentially from if you arranged from New Zealand for a shipment of arms/ammunition or parts to be sent from (as an example) The Czech Republic to the United States that is what constituted brokering. If your shipment came to New Zealand before going onto its final destination that is not considered brokering as you would be doing import and export permits for the transfer through New Zealand.

Arms Safety and Control (Firearms Review) there has been a rollout of a new name for the Arms Review being conducted by police "Arms Safety and Control". The review team has requested a meeting with representatives from the FCAF in early 2017; this is a positive step and an opportunity to relay our needs with regard to the review. There has been no indication to date of any potential changes or recommendations. Safes and Security issues were discussed and it appears to be a work in progress

Permit delays, an update was given on this and Police are working through the permits as usual. Most issues stem from lack of resources and obviously there are now disruptions post earthquake and with Christmas upon us. There are currently 8 permits to be processed for firearms and 250 "parts" permits still in the system. Police have requested that your first point of contact for any permit issues be your district arms officer who then has to report to the team at PNHQ. They have asked if importers could contact their Arms Officer and remain in regular contact to ensure permits are progressed.

Select Committee update, the select committee is meeting on a regular basis, called upon Police to advise, police summarised submissions and commented on reports made. Nothing to report at this stage, awaiting further information and the select committee will resume enquiries mid February.

Universal Registration- There is currently no proposal for registration of all firearms.

There was a suggestion made to consider the forum being involved in the review of firearms security, this was accepted with the comment that it look at all storage and security requirements in coordinated, rather than piece meal basis.

This concludes my report on the FCAF Meeting.

Andrew Edgcombe

WHAT ELSE?

The following is given as a viewpoint only; it is solely my view and may not necessarily be correct, this is not related in any way to the Firearms Community Forum or the above report.

There has been a lot of discussion and numerous emails circulating from various sources including postings on face book. Issues include security safe requirements, permit delays and requirements and rumours about the Select Committee all of which are or could become very real issues for Firearms owners but when put into perspective the biggest issue we face collectively is apathy from the firearms community.

Lets go back to the select committee enquiry, a total of 98 submissions and not all pro firearms. Less than 98 people from the 241,000 licensed firearms owners out there actually bothered to try and make their voice heard. The rest didn't know about it, didn't care about it, thought it wouldn't impact them or thought someone else would do it for them. Numbers are everything and the select committee should have been swamped by submissions in support of legitimate firearms ownership and use. I believe that the perception is that firearms that are in criminal hands come from licensed firearm owners that lack security or worse integrity. This as we should all agree is completely wrong. The Select committee is following due process but again we are a minority when compared to the population as a whole, and it's the risk/impact on the entire population as a whole that any decisions or recommendations will be weighed against. Maybe this could be used as political leverage for select committee members as its an opportunity to be seen to be making New Zealand a safer place by restricting ownership and use of firearms? Anything is possible, as when the support from the firearms end user is taken into account there seemingly was none at submission time other than the small number of submissions received.

Current Select committee members are as follows:

[Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi, Chairperson, National Party List MP](#)

[Todd Barclay, Deputy Chairperson, National Party, Clutha Southland](#)

[Mahesh Bindra, Member, NZ First List](#)

[David Clendon, Member, Green Party List](#)

[Peeni Henare, Member, Labour Party, Tamaki Makaurau](#)

[Ian McKelvie, Member, National Party, Rangitikei](#)

[Su'a William Sio, Member, Labour Party, Mangere](#)

[Lindsay Tisch, Member, National Party, Waikato](#)

[Jonathan Young, Member, National Party, New Plymouth](#)

In particular if the member is a local MP, it is critical you approach them and let them know you are active, responsible and safety conscious member of their community. In the New Year COLFO will develop messages to approach your MP with. The Police submission was "confidential" and while we are not privy to them, apparently it carries a lot of weight.

There have been many people active on various shooting and hunting forums complaining and asking that something should be done, I agree there should be something done. If you have time to face book concerns than you have time to email your MP or even call in and discuss the issues that you as a law abiding firearm owner is facing. You face potential restriction of the hobby that you are passionate about when you already comply, any legislative changes will only have an effect on you and wont impact criminal ownership and use of firearms. We all need to make the effort and make our voice heard, what you do could help decide the future of your interests and pastimes as you know it. Get onto your MP, phone them, email or visit them. Email the PM or other ministers, Get out there and make a difference. Invite them to view your collection, discuss your interest, as a branch/club host a range day and invite your MP along, invite them to attend your gun show, its all about positive engagement and interaction to change perceptions. And put a human face to the issues at hand (a vote casting human face).

We face negativity every time there is an article in the media, every time someone misuses a firearm. Mostly this is criminal misuse but we as firearm owners are tarred with the same brush, as it's always the firearm that is the problem. Be that an air gun or an imitation it is still perceived as firearm and media reports are digested by the uninformed public as being gospel. This is yet another reason why your efforts are important. We need to be seen as being responsible owners and users of firearms, ambassadors for our hobbies and interests and positive contributors to society. It may be a big ask but if we make the effort now it's better than regretting doing nothing if things were to change.

Andrew Edgcombe

NZAHAA FCAF representative

SSANZ News January & February 2017

www.sportingshooters.nz SSANZ, PO Box 275, Whangarei 0140

Follow us on Facebook



Recently reported firearm thefts and burglaries

Much has been made of the “arsenal” of firearms taken recently from Dunedin, when the specific address was given out as part of the report. That the “arsenal” consisted of five MSSAs and 23 handguns, all registered and securely stored seems to have been overlooked by University of Otago Peace and Conflict Studies Professor Clements, who from Washington DC, repeated his calls for full firearm registration and increased storage requirements. Perhaps far more serious was the theft during the same incident of the club records, presumably containing details of club members and of their property.

Firstly, an arsenal is “...a building for storing and making arms and ammunition”, and “a store of anything regarded as weapons.” (Hanks, 1990: 38). This is an emotive term beloved of the news media, and the Otago Daily Times journalist Shaun McAvinue did not disappoint: his choice of words was repeated in a follow-up article published a week later. The, Professor Clements called for club members to store their firearms at a central store, arguing the fact of the theft highlighted “major deficiencies” in the firearm control legislation of New Zealand. (His views have been challenged by more than one reader). Worse, Professor Clements believes that licensed firearm owners do not routinely keep records of their firearms. The fact that the firearms were all registered should of course make them easily recoverable.

SSANZ Is pleased to see that Police have arrested two men in relation to the Dunedin burglary in October, it is to be hoped that all the firearms will be recovered and returned to their owner.

Certifying Gun Safes for B, C & E Cat firearms - Confusion Reigns

The people who drew up the 1992 Arms Regulations recognised that no level of security would defeat a well prepared and planned burglary, as seen in Dunedin in October and Dargaville earlier in the year. The regulations simply intended to prevent theft by opportunist burglars seeking valuables. That is why the regulations are non specific, simply stating:

“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) bolted or otherwise securely fixed (in a manner approved in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police) to the building within which the pistol or military style semi-automatic firearm or restricted weapon is kept.”

This issue of certifying safes is still causing confusion among importers and firearm owners. Various organisations and individuals have been engaging Police in an attempt to get the ambiguous information contained in Police Form POL67N (November 2015) sorted out. Rather than confuse you more by stating the various stories we have been told we will simply say to NZ Police **it is time you sorted this out** and produce clear unambiguous guidelines as to what is required of both importers of new safes and owners of existing safes and containers. One would think if a firearm container is made of 6 mm mild steel and fitted with two five lever security locks then no certificate would be necessary.

Meanwhile a Trust Fund has been set up by a number of organisations and dealers who are contemplating legal action in order to obtain a judicial review of this new Police policy. **SSANZ has contributed to the trust fund and will be part of any such legal action.**

Permits to import firearm into New Zealand

The ongoing delays in the issue of permits to import have been explained in part because of Police staffing limitations and partly because of the volume of permits sought under the current import regime. However, the need for repeating the complete application after three earlier ones had not been resolved seems to be placing unnecessary bureaucratic impediments in the way of licensed people seeking the import of firearms and parts through the proper channels. It gives a bad name to Police bureaucracy and places an unworthy slur upon their integrity and competence. SSANZ has sent a letter of complaint to the Commissioner of Police and suggest all other firearm owners who have experienced unreasonable delays do the same.

US Presidential election

Casting aside the ‘shock, horror’ outcome of an underdog unexpectedly becoming the ‘overdog’, the view is now a lot brighter for firearms ownership in America and ultimately, for us in New Zealand. It is possible that the news media, long accustomed to painting a somewhat unlikeable candidate in a losing vein, had for too long believed what it had written about Mr Trump. The pollsters of public opinion, a significant industry in the USA, perhaps relied for too long on landline telephones and ignored the impacts of the digitised media of cell phones, twitter and facebook?

Realistically, the possibility of candidates for the judiciary of the US Supreme Court are likely to be more positively oriented to retaining the enshrined American right to bear arms. Mr Trump, already endorsed by the NRA of America, is very likely to support concealed carry arguments in the few states where this responsibility has not yet been approved.

World Round up

The failure of Australia’s tough gun laws is revealed as a Firearms Amnesty is announced to recover an estimated 260,000 illegal guns in the country. In spite of the toughest gun laws in the western world London’s top cop admits that 714 firearms were seized in London in 2015, most smuggled in to the UK from Europe. Meanwhile in November the EU Commission announced its intention to ban all AK47 and AR15 derivatives and restrict all magazines to 10 rounds.

AGM Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Sporting Shooters Association of New Zealand will hold an Annual General Meeting at 2.00 pm on Saturday 18 February 2017 at the Bounty Room, Forum North, Rust Avenue Whangarei. This meeting will be followed by the AGM for Northland Branch. All members are invited to attend.

Annual Subscriptions

Subs fall due for “regular” members on 1 January 2017, subs for NZG&H subscribers fall due on the anniversary of initial subscription.

***Help Make SSANZ Stronger and More Effective
Be proactive – encourage your mates to join SSANZ***

A small stock remains of this once in a lifetime offer
NZAHAA Northland Branch 25 Year Commemorative Publication

LEC 88 (NZ)

A study of the unique New Zealand issue
Lee Enfield Carbine



The Last of the Dustcover Enfields

By

Douglas Munro, John Milligan, Noel Taylor

This in-depth study of the unique New Zealand issue Lee Enfield Carbine has been undertaken by two of our own NZAHAA members , John Milligan and Noel Taylor both from Auckland, together with Doug Munro from Maryland USA. By collecting and analysing data on surviving carbines from around the world they have been able to put together a comprehensive retrospective overview of the carbines that made up this special New Zealand order.

In addition to a detailed analysis of the survey results the book includes a section on shooting the carbine and also its service history, answering the question was it used in the Anglo Boer War.

This book is a must for all owners of the New Zealand issue Lee Enfield Carbine and Lee Enfield enthusiasts.

This special limited edition (300 numbered copies only) is published by NZAHAA Northland Branch to commemorate their 25th Anniversary.

Produced in A4 soft cover format, it has 30 pages of text with 47 colour and 7 b & w images, and is priced at an affordable NZ \$ 20 plus \$ 5 P & P.



ORDER FORM

Order by e-mail to: oilvrag@xtra.co.nz and pay by direct credit to A/C 12- 3099 – 0815608 - 00 please use your name and LEC 88 (NZ) as reference. Or

Mail to: LEC 88 (NZ), NZAHAA, PO Box 275, Whangarei 0140,
(cheques payable to NZAHAA Northland).

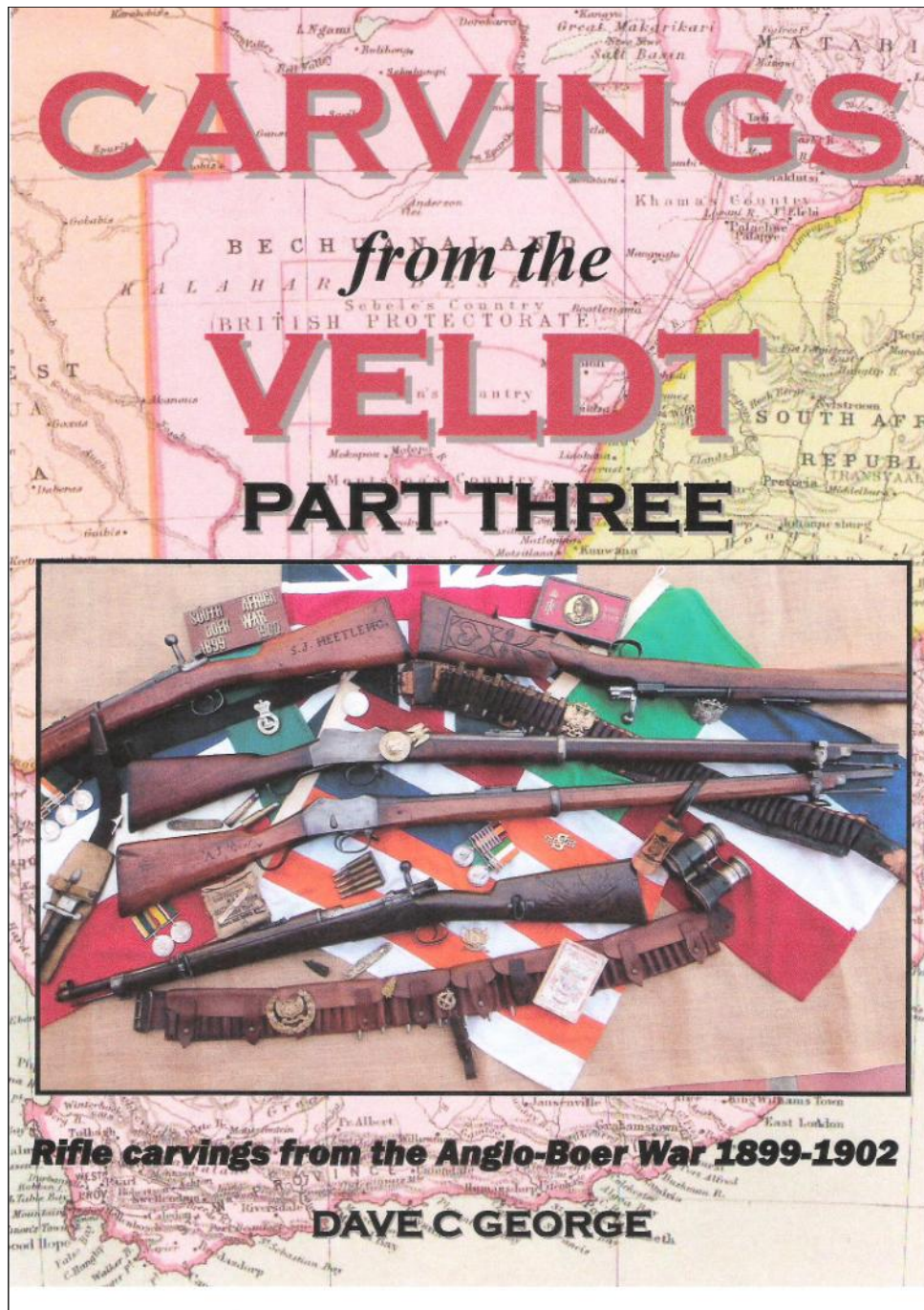
Please supply ____ copies of LEC 88 (NZ), I enclose payment of \$ _____ (inc \$5 P&P NZ only)

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____

Post Code _____

NEW BOOK from Dave C George



Book is A4 size, 344 pages, 338 more named weapons,
List of Serial Numbers on over 520 x M95 'Boer' Mauser rifles and carbines.
The first **100** books will be a Numbered series.

Prices: Hard Cover = Aud \$89.00 Soft Card Cover = Aud \$69.00 plus post
Airmail: 1 book = Aud \$45.00, 2 books = \$60.00, 3 books = \$69.00, 4 books = Aud \$75.00
5 books = Aud \$83.00 (NB:...all post is quoted in Aussie Dollars).
As can be seen, try to combine orders with a few mates to save on postage

To Order: **Email:** david.george7@bigpond.com

Website: www.boerwarriflecarvings.net

MEMBERS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Can any one provide evidence that Pakistan Ordnance Factory manufactured Mk 5 Sten guns in the 1960s?

No answers on these two queries below yet

Can you help?

Kurt Stancl would like to know if anyone can identify what these marks mean:

On the butt of a Long Branch No 4 Mk I Rifle*



MYSTERY BAYONET from Nick Perry



It appears to have a Lithgow L1A2 blade with a No 5 Mk I hilt.

Do you have any thoughts on its origin?

Answers to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

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

Last month (below left and centre), no answers for this one, which was the eye piece for an Oerlikon sight.



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

From Tony Bruce

A reminder of why shooters must use the correct type of gunpowder in their firearms

<https://m.facebook.com/icodistrict7/photos/a.1495098270766083.1073741828.1495007814108462/1510799485862628/?type=1&fref=nf>

<http://bearingarms.com/bob-o/2014/12/10/rfm-man-loses-fingers-gun-explodes-due-using-wrong-powder/>

A Useful web site for those interested in medals:

<http://medalsreunitednz.co.nz/medals-gallery/>

An impressive restoration by Nelson Sea Cadets from Darren Hills

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/87310991/nelson-talisman-sea-cadet-unit-revel-in-restoration-of-centuryold-gun>

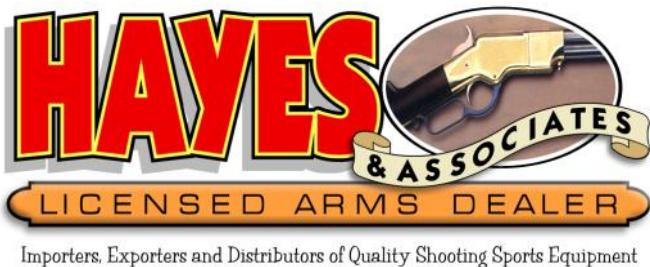
WANTED

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

ARTICLES, NEWS, PHOTOS

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2017 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

7 & 8 January	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
21 January	Dargaville Gun Show, Kaipara Hall Dargaville
26 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
25 March	Kumeu Militaria Show, Kumeu
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.
19 & 20 August	Tauranga Arms and Militaria Show
2 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North
23 September	NZAHAA HYGM and Auction, Wellington



**Discounted sales to Members of
NZAHAA**

**Actual discount will depend upon the value of
the sale.**

**HAYES & ASSOCIATES LTD
P O BOX 188
CARTERTON 5743
06.3796692**

www.hayes-associates.co.nz/index.htm

Presents...

**The Kumeu
Militaria
Show**

Saturday 25th March 2017

NZ's Largest Gun Show

New Zealand Defence Force - Militaria Displays
Historical Re-enactment - Military Vehicles
Vendors & Sale Tables - Expert Valuers
Entertainment for the entire family
FREE PARKING & EFTPOS ONSITE

Open to Public 9am - 5pm
Adults \$10 - Children under 12 Free

Kumeu Showgrounds
Access Road, Kumeu, Auckland NZ

Danny - 021 336 207 & Clayton - 021 034 0605
or email us at - kumeumilitariashow@gmail.com

**SOUTH CANTERBURY
AUCTION & SWAP DAY
2ND April 2017**

ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR OUR 2017 CATALOGUE AUCTION
LISTING FEES ONLY APPLY.

Contact Mike Carroll Auction Convenor
Email midipages@hotmail.com
Cell Phone 027 895 6561 (or Text for a reply)
Nights 03 686 0876
All Inquiries Confidential

**Northland Branch
Invitation Shoot 2017**

7th & 8th January

At Oromahoe Range, as per last year.
(shoot programme TBA)

Camping at the range encouraged, but you must be self sufficient. Spit roast supplied on Saturday night.

Organised events on Saturday with prizes, and the usual evening auction. So bring along your excess stuff!

All members and families are welcome.

Fee \$30 for weekend.

For details contact:

Paul Deeming
Branch Secretary
09 435 3232
gunnerpwd@gmail.com

NZAHAA CENTRAL BRANCH

ANNUAL GUN SHOW

WHEN: SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2017

**VENUE: OTOROHANGA CLUB.
MANIAPOTO STREET
OTOROHANGA**

**OPENING TO PUBLIC:
9.00 AM – 3.00 PM**

**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 PER ADULT
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS FREE WHEN
ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
RE TABLES ETC.**

KATH. 07 873 8853

EMAIL: c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz

RUAHINE ANTIQUE ARMS INC

**WE ARE TAKING QUALITY ITEMS,
COLLECTIONS ETC FOR OUR**

**AUCTION
ON
2 September 2017**

**PICKUPS CAN BE ARRANGED AT YOUR
CONVENIENCE**

**PLEASE PHONE TONY MATTHEWS
On 06 374 9164 or 027 244 5186**

**OR EMAIL
ruahineauction@hotmail.co.nz**

BUY SELL OR SWAP *List items free for two months*

WANTED: Bayonet lug, oil bottle and sling for US M1 Carbine. Contact John rapan7@xtra.co.nz

FOR SALE: Norinco SKK, E Cat \$1260, Contact John: rapan7@xtra.co.nz

#WANTED: New Zealand knuckle knives
Contact Graham: grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz



#WANTED: NZ Reinforcement Badges
Numbers **11,12,13,14,15,17,19,30,33.**
Contact Graham: grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz Phone: 094117779, 0274759246

***WANTED:** Breech bolt for Marlin Model 39 star 22 Lever Action Rifle will consider buying whole Rifle.
Contact Grant phone 03 327 7005 or gjwilkins@clear.net.nz

#WANTED: Cleaning rod & bolt cover 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 model, .and more.
Contact: Phil oilyrag@xtra.co.nz for full list.

***WANTED:** Adams MkIII parts, Cylinder pin. main spring and internal trigger parts required. or a really rough revolver so parts can be salvaged or copied. Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com

***WANTED:** ANY MG08 Parts or accessories, Any MG08 Sled Mount, ANY condition or parts for restoration, Cheap or unwanted .177 Air Rifle (kids need another one)
Andrew 027 3380840 or mg34nz@gmail.com

***WANTED:** Spot light and post for Vickers Aiming Lamp Mk III (I already have the box)
Phil oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED :** to complete two Instructional Piece projects.
One MH/E Butt – Butt Plate not required but Butt Bolt is
One No. 5 Jungle Carbine Butt with Rubber Butt Plate. Any reasonable condition considered.
Contact Noel at 021 187 2106 or njtaylor@ihug.co.nz

WANTED: Japanese Arisaka type 38 6.5 cal Carbine in good condition, with cleaning rod & bolt dust cover". Contact: Ross Tantrum, E-Mail: tanuki@paradise.net.nz Tel: 04-569-9579, Mob: 021-1472549

WANTED : Canadian R.E.L. No 32 Scope with Mount; E-MAIL : colingreenaust@hotmail.com

FOR SALE : U.S. Model 1903 Military Target Rifle fitted with Massive Heavy Barrel and Lyman Target Spot Scope; U.S. WW I VB Rifle Grenade Launchers for M1917 Rifle with Inert VB Grenades; Australian RAAF Issue L39A1 calibre 7.62mm Heavy Barrel Sniper Rifle; Australian WW II Issue MK I and MK II Machete Bayonets; Rifle Grenade Launcher for No 5 Jungle Carbine; German 98/40 Rifle; German 33/40 Mountain Carbine; German KKW calibre .22 Training Rifle; German WW I Rifle Grenade Launcher for GEW 98 Rifle. ; E-MAIL : colingreenaust@hotmail.com





The New Zealand Antique and
Historical Arms Association inc.

RUAHINE ARMS FAIR

Sponsored by

Manawatu

Hunting & Fishing

NEW ZEALAND

**MODERN & HISTORIC ARMS,
MILITARIA, COLLECTABLES,
SHOOTING SPORTS,
DISPLAYS & SALES**

**Saturday 27th May 2017
CONVENTION CENTRE
PALMERSTON NORTH**

9am - 4pm

**Entry \$10. / \$15. family
12 & under FREE**

NZAHAA AGM & AUCTION 2017

HOSTED BY TARANAKI BRANCH

NEW PLYMOUTH APRIL 2017

Now accepting items for inclusion
in our auction NO VENDOR COMMISSION

PLEASE CONTACT

ANDREW EDGCOMBE 027 3380840

mg34nz@gmail.com

DENNIS LALLY 021 2833082

dennislally@xtra.co.nz

We look forward to welcoming you
to the Taranki region

BUNDUKI BOOKS

Your one stop shop for all your Firearm Reference Books

Firearms Reference, Big Game Hunting, Shooting Skills,
Gunmakers, Ammunition Reference, out of print books,
plus much more.
Over 1000 Titles

New titles constantly being added

www.bundukibooks.com.au

Contact - Roger and Pauline

austoil@bundukibooks.com.au

C/- Post Office

1 Queen St

Katandra West

Victoria 3634

Australia

03 58655583

Firearms and Military Books

www.skenneron.com

Now available directly in NZ at the AUD price in NZD plus GST/P&P

Avoid the expense of importing directly from Australia

The Lee-Enfield (Skenneron)
Hayes Handgun Omnibus (Hayes & Skenneron)
The Broad Arrow (Skenneron)
.577 Snider Enfield Rifles & Carbines (Skenneron)
Martini Treatise Volume 1 & 2 (Temple & Skenneron)
The .380 Enfield No2 Revolver HC & PB (Skenneron & Stamps)
.303 No.4 (T) Sniper Rifle HC (Laidler & Skenneron)
British Small Arms WW2 (Skenneron)
Australian Service Machine Guns HC & PB (Skenneron)
Boxer Cartridge in the British Service (Temple)
WW1 Armament and the .303 British Cartridge HC & PB (Temple)
British Machine Gun Cartridges pb (Temple)
Accurising & Shooting Lee Enfields (Skenneron & Labudda)
Textbook of Small Arms 1929 (HMSO)
Treatise on Ammunition 1887 (HMSO)
List of Changes in British Service sets Volume I-V (War Office)
Guns of the Gurkhas (John Walter)
Tin Hat for Tommy (J Anthony Carter)
Military Ink-The Pen at War (Scott Novzen IMA)
Identification Manual on the .303 British Service Cartridge (Temple)
A Sure Defence - Bowie Knife book (Burton)
Winchester Catalogue No 83 (WRA Co)
Collector Magazine (back copies) 1-29
Sparrow Force DVD/CD set (Skenneron)
Plus most of the SAIS #1-24

Full List at <http://gunshows.co.nz/wordpress/>

All enquiries to NZ Distributer Graeme Barber

of Mainland Arms and Militaria Shows Ltd

ph 027 435 1940

graeme.woodend@xtra.co.nz

ANTI-LEAD SHOT MYTHODOLOGY

By Neil Hays

In this updated paper Neil describes how so called environmentalists and anti-shooting and hunting groups, including government organisations are using poorly researched and false information to promote the banning of lead shot and ammunition.

However it is not all doom and gloom, in some countries this flawed information is being rejected.

If you would like a copy send a large SAE to

Neil Hayes
PO Box 188
Carterton 5743

NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc.

Annual July Auction - 2017

We are now accepting lots for our next auction, 15 & 16 July 2017.

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

Tel: 04 934 2756 Fax: 04 934 2963