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EDITORIAL

On the 8 April the association holds it's AGM in New Plymouth together with the Taranaki Branch Auction. Judging from the e-mail version of the catalogue there are some great items to be bought at this auction, I hope you will be able to attend.

Since the previous issue a number of people, myself included, have had opportunity to speak with new Police Minister Paula Bennett to raise our concerns over the police handling of firearms administration. Paula comes from a shooting family and has therefore given us a sympathetic ear. It is clear that she shares some of our concerns and has indicated that she has no wish to target the licensed firearm owning community.

Meanwhile preparations for legal action against some of the Police's recent "policy" changes have been instigated, with COLFO, SSANZ and Pistol NZ being major contributors to the trust fund, see following page.

It would be nice if this organisation could make a contribution as ultimately this legal action could benefit all firearm owners. But that is a decision for our Management Committee.

Best wishes ,

Phil

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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.

FIREARMS USERS TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST POLICE

The **New Zealand Licenced Firearms Dealers (NZLFD) Trust** has instructed **Barrister Nicholas Taylor** to be preparing for a Judicial Review proceeding (pursuant to the Judicature Act 1908) to be filed in June of this year against the Commissioner of Police. The NZLFD Trust is a registered legal entity for the purposes of this action. It has now received for legal services, from a total of **28 licensed firearms dealers, organisations and individuals** in New Zealand, a total of approximately \$30,000, the trusts target is \$50,000. As with any litigation that is commenced, it is critical to have enough funds to pay for legal costs, court fees, witness expenses, but in addition, to have sufficient available if the decision goes against you to pay for costs if awarded. Obviously if successful, then an award of costs will be folded back into the Trust for potential action for another time, or appeals if appropriate. The Trust seeks Nicholas Taylors' advice and guidance on the matters that **could benefit all New Zealand licensed firearms holders**.

The current issues that the Trust is asking Nicholas to seek clarification on, by way of declarations from the court, are:

1. Is the police policy in regards to "Safes and Security" lawful or ultra vires their authority under the Arms Act 1983 or Arms Regulation 1992?
2. Is the police policy in regards to the measurement of MSSA firearms by police lawful or ultra vires their authority under the Arms Act 1983 or Arms Regulation 1992?
3. Is the police policy in regards to the imposition of conditions on the importation for restricted firearms and air guns and other standard firearms by the police lawful or ultra vires their authority under the Arms Act 1983 or Arms Regulation 1992?
4. Is the police policy in regards to the mail order form, in regards to both standard firearms and restricted air guns, lawful or ultra vires their authority under the Arms Act 1983 or Arms Regulation 1992?

Nicholas is currently in the process of filing three individual funded appeals/originating applications in the District Court in Auckland pursuant to s 62 and s 62 (1) (c) (ii) of the Arms Act 1983, (right to appeal official decisions) to which there may be a certain degree of overlap possible. Otherwise he has begun to draft and correlate information, affidavits and documentary evidence to support each of the above mentioned issues for the June (target) action to commence.

If you have had any issues or have documents in support of any of these issues please contact Nicholas by e-mail.

Nicholas Taylor: n.taylor@civicchambers.co.nz

If you support this legal action and would like to make a donation you can do so by direct credit to the trust fund:

Please deposit into the Trust bank account number: **06 0193 0122740 04**

Using reference: 16110001 – NZLFD – your name

COLFO, SSANZ and Pistol NZ have already made substantial contributions to this trust fund, it is up to the rest of us to see that it reaches its target.

A Tribute to Brian Anthony Redwood

Friend and Mentor
New Zealand Gun Maker Extraordinaire
1945 - 2012

By Vic McDonald

"The Auckland Line" manufactured by Redwood Arms Company

A series of Replica Percussion Firearms of the type used in the early days of settlement in New Zealand



- #1. Is our hand carved Pocket Pistol set. Note the wooden tops (brass knobs) in the top left and bottom right corners, which are "wells" for shot and caps. Also the cleaning rod in front is a combination nipple wrench/cleaning rod and ball extractor.
- #2. (In front of Pocket-Pistols) is the Vest Pocket Derringer w/folding trigger. It will be "cased" w/ all accessories the same as the Pocket Pistols -- both .32 cal. ball.
- #3. The Belt-Pistol .36 cal. ball will also be cased w/complete accessories. Approximately 10 1/2ins., overall.
- #4. We like to call this the Mutiny Muter - otherwise known as "Ducks Foot", "Crows Foot", etc. Sea Captains used to wear a "brace of these - probably to put the fear of the Almighty into their crews. Will be boxed only at the present time, but plans are now in the making to have it w/all accessories.

The above were retailed by:
The Colony Arms Company. PO Box 985 Lenox Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015, United States Of America

These fine quality reproduction firearms were hand made by Brian
for an export market he had created in the USA however a few were made available to local collectors.

I met Brian through his dad Peter (Peter Redwood Ltd) in 1966 when he designed the first Edson extrusion gun for me. Brian had completed his apprenticeship and was ready to become Managing Director of what was to become Redwood Engineering Ltd. and later create a separate division Redwood Arms Company where his guns were made to order.

Brian was an officer in the NZ Army as an armourer- munitions and explosives his area of expertise- he was in the army and training with the SAS when a bad landing from a parachute jump broke his legs. He loved all things military especially vintage WW1 and WW2 machine guns to the extent that the foyer to his office had working Lewis and Vickers machine guns on display mounted and ready for action complete with ammo belts and pans.

Brian was a founding member of the Auckland Branch of NZAAA along with the legendary Ed Smith, Ray Carvel, Roger Reading, Doug Dyksell, Des Taylor, Peter Faithful, Paul Shoebridge and myself along with some others I may have forgotten. Ed Smith and his wife Pat provided the venue for our first meeting which was the private hotel they operated in Symond Street. Later meetings were held in the Auckland Car Club rooms Penrose.



Brian Redwood, Tom Holdsworth, Tony Hawkins and Des Taylor

Brian's passion for the Sky, the Sea and the Land drove his need to Fly, Sail, and Hunt, his own plane, his own boats, his own guns.

Brian also made working replica canons and firearms for the movie film industry and took part in shooting scenes involving shootouts and explosives. The magazine repeating rifles used in "Greenstone" were custom made by Brian and among other things he worked on producing a small calibre live firing Gatling gun.

Brian left behind his amazing personal collection of highly desirable antique and vintage firearms which Carvell Auctions have been commissioned to sell over the next two years or so.

He did a lot of travelling making countless trips to the USA and even spent a short time living on a Kibbutz in Israel. In later years Brian was living on board his 50 foot ketch spending alternate weeks between his Home on Great Barrier and West Park Marina.

Brian is survived by family and Redwood Engineering Limited is now in the capable hands of Ruark Redwood- a chip off the old block with similar interests and carrying on the Redwood tradition.



Brian Redwoods personal Buggy Rifle.
Under Hammer target pistol-carbine
14 inch octagonal barrel in .40 calibre 1 1/2"
across the flats with saw handle type
pistol stock with a detachable shoulder stock

Redwood Arms Co Products



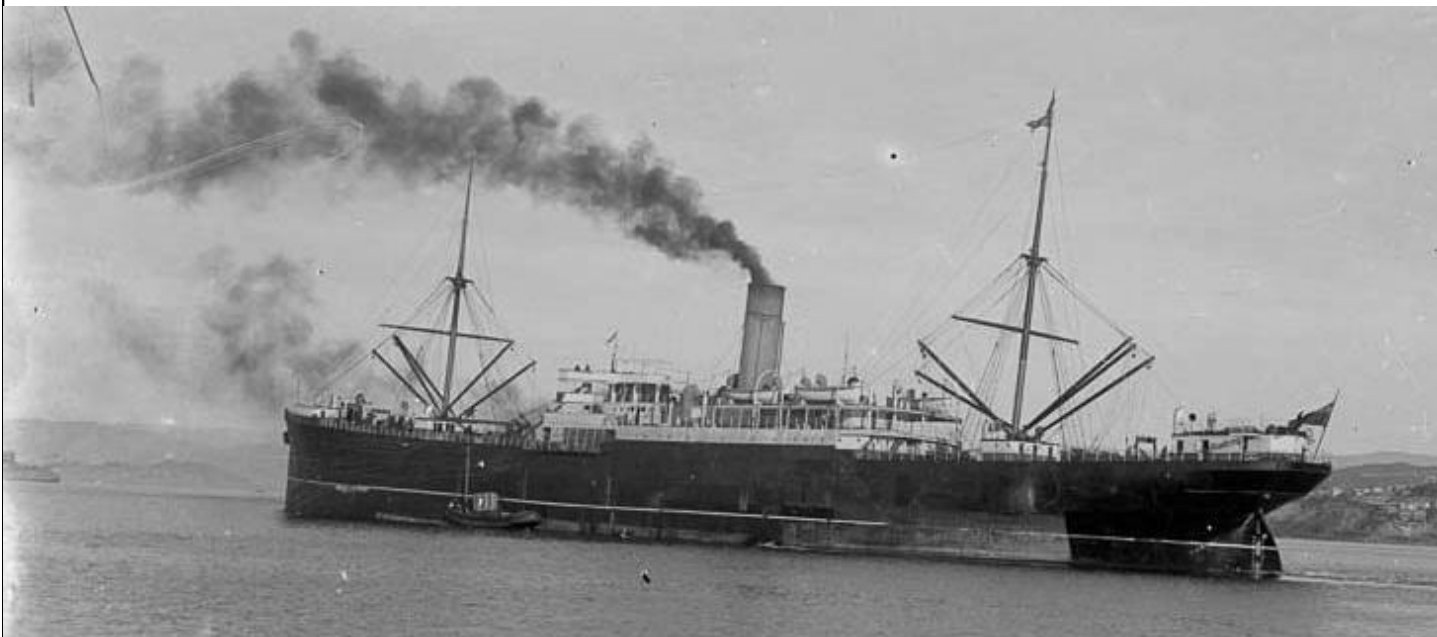
HAWKES BAY BRANCH GUN SHOW Napier 11 March images by Brent Horton







Merchant marine The *Otaki*'s epic battle



Otaki in 1912

Many of the British-owned Home boats that linked New Zealand with the UK were lost during the First World War. Less than a fortnight after war broke out, on 16 August 1914, the New Zealand Shipping Company's *Kaipara* was captured and sunk by the German auxiliary cruiser *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* near Tenerife. Losses mounted alarmingly in 1917-18 when Germany stepped up its submarine warfare against Allied commerce.

One action stood out, the epic 1917 battle between the same company's *Otaki* and the German auxiliary cruiser *Moewe* ('Seagull'). Both were merchant ships, but there the similarity ended. The newly built 9800-ton *Moewe* carried four 150-mm guns, a 105-mm gun, two smaller pieces, torpedo tubes and mines. All were concealed, for the ship operated disguised as a merchant ship. It carried a highly trained naval crew of 235 and was fitted with sophisticated radio gear. In contrast, the 7420-ton *Otaki* (built in 1907) had been given two Royal Navy gunners to man its stern 4.7-inch (120-mm) gun. This lone weapon could throw a shell less than half the weight of one from the *Moewe*'s guns. At heart, the *Otaki* remained a humble food carrier, crewed by 71 civilians.

The *Moewe*'s commander bore the imposing moniker Korvettenkapitan Niklaus Graf und Burgraf du Donna-Schlodien. A naval man to the core, he had served in the Kaiser's navy since 1896 and had been the navigator of a battleship prior to taking charge of the *Moewe*. The *Otaki*'s Scottish master, 39-year-old Captain Archibald Bissett-Smith, was about the same age and an equally experienced seaman, but in the merchant marine.

[Sinking of the *Otaki*](#)

They crossed each other's paths early in the afternoon of 10 March 1917 off the Azores in the North Atlantic. The *Moewe* had sunk a British freighter that morning and its officers went swiftly to action when they sighted another ship in murky conditions. Squalls and rising seas made pursuit difficult, but the *Moewe* had a slight speed advantage and closed the gap.

Even after the *Moewe* broke out its battle ensign and turned to clear its firing lines, Bissett-Smith refused to back down. Instead, his gunners sent a round sailing above the raider's bridge. In the gunnery exchange that followed, the *Otaki* did surprisingly well. But the British ship had no chance and sank stern-first a few hours later, still flying its colours and taking Bissett-Smith with it. Five of his crew were killed; the survivors were taken prisoner. The *Moewe*, though, was also on fire and in danger of sinking. Donna-Schlodien averted disaster by cutting holes in the ship's side to flood a bunker fire. The *Moewe* spent two highly vulnerable days wallowing on the high seas before it was repaired sufficiently to resume its raids on Allied shipping.



K.T. Roussell's painting of the New Zealand Shipping Company cargo liner *Otaki* battling the German commerce raider *Moewe* on 10 March 1917

Only after the war, when the *Otaki* survivors were released, did the full heroism of the incident emerge. In 1919, in a rare move, the King awarded Captain Bissett-Smith a posthumous Victoria Cross, the conditions for the award having been met by retrospectively giving him status as a temporary lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve.

Several other crewmen were also given awards or mentioned in despatches.

Bissett-Smith and the *Otaki* subsequently entered the folklore of the Merchant Navy. In 1936 his family presented the Otaki Shield to his old school, Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen. It is awarded to the boy with the highest qualities of character, leadership and athletic ability. Two years later, to honour Bissett-Smith's connection with New Zealand (as well as sailing for the New Zealand Company, he had married a Dunedin woman in 1914), the company added a travelling scholarship to the prize. The New Zealand government funded the Otaki Scholar's stay in this country. Every year since then, apart from during the Second World War, the Otaki Scholar has visited New Zealand.

Acknowledgements: Article and pictures courtesy of
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/merchant-marine/otaki-epic-battle>
Contributed by Tony Bruce

KUMEU MILITARIA SHOW SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017

OUTSIDE - A RNZN Super Seasprite dropped in for the day.



Military vehicles and re-enactment groups provided static and action displays.



INSIDE - sales and displays. Below: Top - Brens from ZB 26 to L4A4, Centre - Italian Firearms





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

Last month (below left), attracted no answers. See panel below photo for details.



Type	Flare Gun.		
Make	Either Hungarian or East German.		
Model	Multi Shot Flare Gun.		
Calibre	26.5mm.	Number	A-0608.
No. Shots	15.	Rifling	Smooth Bore.
Cartridge	26.5mm Flare Cartridge.		
Barrel Length	26.5mm.	Shape	Round Parallel.
Overall Length	570mm With Stock Folded. 710 With Stock Extended.	Weight	14lbs. 6.35kgs.
Bayonet	N/A.		
Remarks	Revolving 15 shot cylinder tensioned by a coil spring. Double action firing only. No makers name or country of origin marks.		

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MYSTERY OBJECTS

BUY SELL OR SWAP *List items free for two issues* (* indicates final listing)

***WANTED:** Antique Jezail or other Eastern/Middle Eastern old/antique firearm. Either long gun or pistol. Condition not important. Please email sabiki@clear.net.nz

***WANTED:** Quality British Hammergun, preferably cased and in good sound condition. Please phone Greg: 027 4719757. Email: gregandleesa@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED:** Japanese Arisaka type 38 6.5 cal Carbine in good condition, Contact: Ross Tantrum, E-Mail: tanuki@paradise.net.nz Tel: 04-569-9579, Mob: 021-1472549

***WANTED:** Enfield pistol No2 Mk1 and STEN parts for restoration projects WHY Contact Mark at privatejoker@btinternet.com

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Contact Mack for more details: mack12@xtra.co.nz Tel 09 436 0946 (after 8 pm.)

***FOR SALE:** Large quantity of hunting books- African, New Zealand- Gun Digests etc. List circulated with March e-Gazette. Contact Paul Deeming: gunnerpwd@gmail.com 09 435 3232.

***FOR SALE:** Available many gun parts antique and modern. All internal mechanisms from the guns sold at the auction of the Mulholland Estate in Kaitangata in the 1980s including a near new Magazine for the 1895 Winchester sold at the auction, complete internals for Model 1892 Winchesters and many hundreds of other parts. Most parts for Stevens Favorites and pump action Winchester rifles, .303 and P14 rifles, Remington Model 4 Rolling blocks. Full stock P17. Many magazines including inner and outer tubes Winchester pump action, Remington pump action, MkI and MkI* MLM 8 shot narrow magazine plus MLM three screw bolt cover bolt, receiver and barrel. (price on MLM parts subject to offers) - note magazine is the early rare MLM one and will NOT fit the later MLE or SMLE rifles.

Any enquiries regarding your needs might prove fruitful. Prices based on Numrich Arms values.

Contact waihao.graham@xtra.co.nz

WANTED : Bren gun, Mk I, II, III, preferably Mk 1.

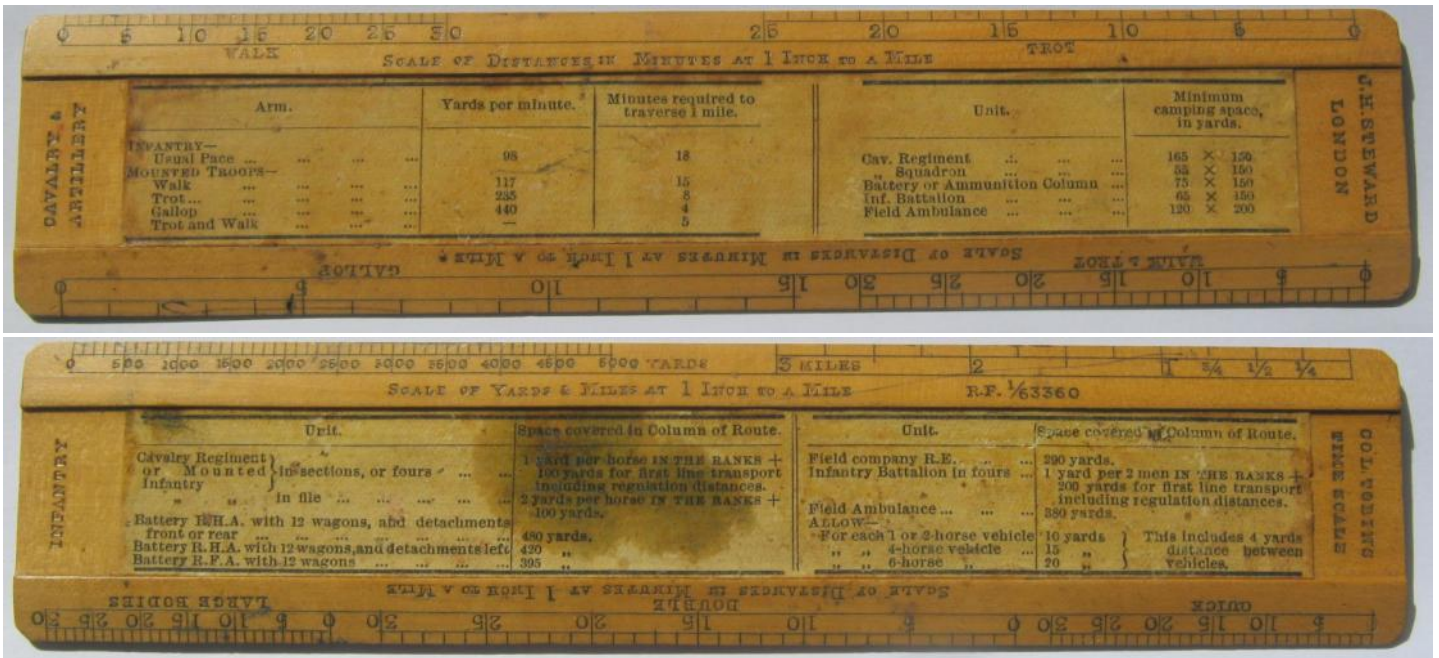
Contact William , 0220965883 will223@hotmail.co.nz South Island.

CAN YOU HELP?

William Gibbs would like to know what this is:
It has a broad arrow and SE stamped on it.



Urb Seux would like to know the date of this scale ruler, it contains data on the speed of advance for Infantry, Cavalry & Artillery and the space taken up by various army units at camp and on the march.



Answers to oilrag@xtra.co.nz please.

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

2 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
8 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, New Plymouth
22 & 23 April	Ted Rogers Auction, Kilbirnie
27 May	Ruahine Branch Arms Fair, Palmerston North
10 June	SSANZ Guns Show, Whangarei
15 & 16 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
2 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Alexandra Park
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
16 September	Canterbury Branch Auction and Display, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch
23 September	NZAHAA HYGM and Auction, Wellington
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