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EDITORIAL

As the Minister of Police considers what action to take in relation to the Select Committee report into How Criminals Get Guns, you have the opportunity to influence her decision. You can e-mail her direct at paula.bennett@parliament.govt.nz or her independent advisors at firearms.advisors@gmail.com Don't leave it too long as she will be making her decision known to Parliament soon.

Now is not the time to be complacent and leave it for others. The Police and Police Association have made it quite clear, they don't like you having guns and want to do everything they can to make life difficult for licensed firearm owners, while effectively ignoring the real problem in our society, which is criminals with guns. The Select Committee have taken on board what the police have told them and based their recommendations on exactly what the police want.

I make no apology for including so much gun politics in recent issues of the e-Gazette. We have to get our message out to the wider community and stand up for our rights as lawful firearm owners. See also pages 2,3,4,&10

Best wishes,

Phil

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POLICE LIASON NEWS By Andrew Edgcombe

Just to summarise the last Firearms Community Forum meeting and the FAF Sub Committee meeting to discuss the Select Committees recently released report. We are still waiting on official minutes for the April meeting from Police.

Some points raised were security requirements for “A” category storage and inspection. Requirements may be reviewed and a sub committee has been formed to discuss firearms security in general at a workshop day the date of which is still to be announced. A sub committee was also established to look at the Police response to the Select Committee report (must be responded to by early July)

Permit issues are ongoing but there has now been a separate email set up for anyone still waiting on permits or having issues so they can be looked into. I believe this was the result of intervention by the minister. If it works it is a positive move! Contact project.firearms@police.govt.nz

Sub Committee workshop, a full day workshop at PNHQ discussing the Select Committee recommendations on the illegal possession of firearms in NZ. This was a busy day and we debated select points from the recommendations. Note was made on the positives, negatives then a balance of views noted.

Subjects included:

- • Firearms Prohibition Orders
- • Sale and supply of firearms and ammunition
- • Definition of MSSA's
- • Effectiveness of the licensing, training and registration of firearms
- • Criminal offending with firearms
- • “Grey” firearm reduction
- Importing firearms into NZ

We gave some well-informed points and opinions on the subjects raised, most of which were given reasonable consideration by the Police team. This was merely gauging views from end users or “stake holders”. Possibly the whole exercise was simply to show that consultation was undertaken. But there is potential that our view-points may impact the content of the Police response to the Select Committee. I’m hoping the latter is the case!

For now keep encouraging people to write/email the Minister of Police stressing the point that the Select Committee report has failed to concentrate on the issue of illegal possession of firearms and criminals with firearms and most of the recommendations will only impact the already compliant and risk criminalizing many law abiding firearms owners by default. It is also a certainty that such recommendations if implemented would vastly increase the current pool of “grey” firearms.

MP's need to be told as does the Minister, we need to accentuate the positives of responsible use and ownership of firearms of all categories and disciplines. It's a numbers game, the more people that they hear from the better, it is now that your voice counts.

Remember if you email or meet officials in person you are as an individual and Ambassador for all of us, you are by default a representative example of all of New Zealand's hunting, shooting and collecting community. Positive impressions are a must.

I will update when I can, if you have any questions or queries please email me or call me.

Regards, Andrew Edgcombe

NZAHAA COLFO and FIREARMS COMMUNITY FORUM REPRESENTATIVE

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAW & ORDER SELECT COMMITTEE
INQUIRY
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY CRIMINALS AND GANGS**

The Law and Order Committee makes the following recommendations to the Government:

Sale and supply of firearms and ammunition

- 1 that the law be amended so that a firearms licence is required to possess ammunition, unless the person in possession of the ammunition is under the immediate supervision of a firearms licence holder (page 7).
- 2 that the law be amended so that a firearms dealer's licence be required to sell or supply ammunition by way of a business (page 7).
- 3 that the law be amended so that dealers be required to keep records of sales of ammunition (page 8).
- 4 that it create a Police registration process for websites that wish to facilitate the buying, selling, or trading of firearms, parts of firearms, or ammunition online. It would be an offence to operate such a website without current registration (page 8).
- 5 that the permit to procure process be extended to cover the sale or transfer of all firearms (page 9).

Definition of military-style semi-automatics

- 6 that the Police investigate the creation of a category of restricted semi-automatic firearm (rifle and shotgun) to replace the MSSA firearm endorsement category (page 10).

Effectiveness of licensing, training, and registering firearms

- 7 that firearms prohibition orders be implemented in New Zealand (page 12).
- 8 that the Police Arms Manual guidelines on determining who is fit and proper to possess firearms be codified within the Arms Act 1983, with any necessary modifications, to improve the overall certainty and consistency of the licensing process (page 13).
- 9 that it implement a stand-down period after revocation of a licence, before a new application for a firearms licence can be made (page 13).
- 10 that the Arms Act 1983 be amended to clearly state that a gang member or prospect must not be considered a fit and proper person to possess firearms and therefore must not hold a firearms licence (page 15).
- 11 that the law be amended to require the Police to record the serial numbers of all firearms possessed by licence holders upon renewal of their licence or inspection of their premises (page 16).

Criminal offending with firearms

- 12 that it review the penalties in the Arms Act 1983 (page 18).
- 13 that the law be amended so that where a dealer has committed an offence under the Arms Act 1983, the court must treat this as an aggravating factor at sentencing (page 18).
- 14 that the Police undertake further work to determine appropriate security standards for "A" category firearms (page 19).
- 15 that the law be amended to make it clear that the secure storage requirements must be met to the satisfaction of the Police, before a licence or endorsement can be issued (page 19).

16 that it extend the power under regulation 29 to allow the Police to enter premises to inspect the security of “A” category firearms (page 19).

17 that the Arms Act 1983 be amended so that failure to comply with the storage regulations must result in revocation of a firearms licence (page 19).

Reducing the number of grey firearms

18 that it clarify the amnesty in section 10 of the Arms Act 1983 and extend it to include MSSAs, “A” category firearms, and the handing in of firearms to the Police (page 21).

19 that the Police develop policy guidance so that, under the amnesty, when people hand in firearms that are unlawfully in their possession, or report firearms lost, stolen, or destroyed, the Police will have the discretion not to prosecute for the possession offence, subject to police inquiries not revealing offending other than breach of lawful possession of firearms(s) under the Arms Act 1983 (page 21).

Importing firearms into New Zealand

20 that it ensure that visitors who have imported firearms and have been in the country for up to twelve months for a sporting holiday or competition should have the export of the firearms checked by the Police when they leave New Zealand (page 24).

The Police Minister, Paula Bennett, has appointed two advisors from the firearm community to provide her with independent advice on these recommendations, Nicole McKee (COLFO) and Geoff Thomas a well known outdoors TV presenter.

Stand up for your rights

Voice your concerns to Nicole and Geoff at:
firearms.advisors@gmail.com

You can read more commentary on the report here:

<http://sportingshooters.nz/articles/>

Do nothing and soon there will be no guns in private ownership

Nock's Seven Barrel Volley Gun

By Dr John Osborne MG,DTT,PhD,FSG July 2006, updated April 2017



Designed by James Wilson a British engineer in 1779 and manufactured by Henry Nock a Master Gunsmith in London. A few prototypes were trialed and in 1780 Nock won a contract to supply 500 for use by the Royal Navy. In 1788 a further 106 were supplied with an improved double throated cock and a standard frizzen spring.

Six individual 20 inch long .52" (pistol) caliber smooth bored iron barrels were clustered around a central barrel and welded together. The flintlock flash-pan and vent ignited the central barrel which in turn via connecting vents fired the outer six barrels more or less simultaneously.

These guns were intended to be fired from the masts - crow's nests down onto the decks of enemy ships ranging alongside or down on to enemy boarding parties. These heavy 37" long guns were found to be unsatisfactory and removed from service in 1804. Instances are recorded where the sails were set on fire and once discharged the laborious reloading process afforded no advantage over conventional muskets.

I had the pleasure of the Restoration and Conservation of this 200 year old gun in July of 1979. On initial inspection I found 4 of the outer barrels still loaded one without powder and one barrel was double loaded with powder and ball. The barrel cluster was sound but with furry rust inside bores. Light rusting on all external iron / steel parts. Surface oxides on the brass work. The flintlock and trigger mechanism was rusted / gummed up and frozen solid.

The whole piece was coated in years of congealed oils, dust and grime. There were a few woodworm (borer) holes in the walnut stock. It had been stored for many years encased within a paneled wall.

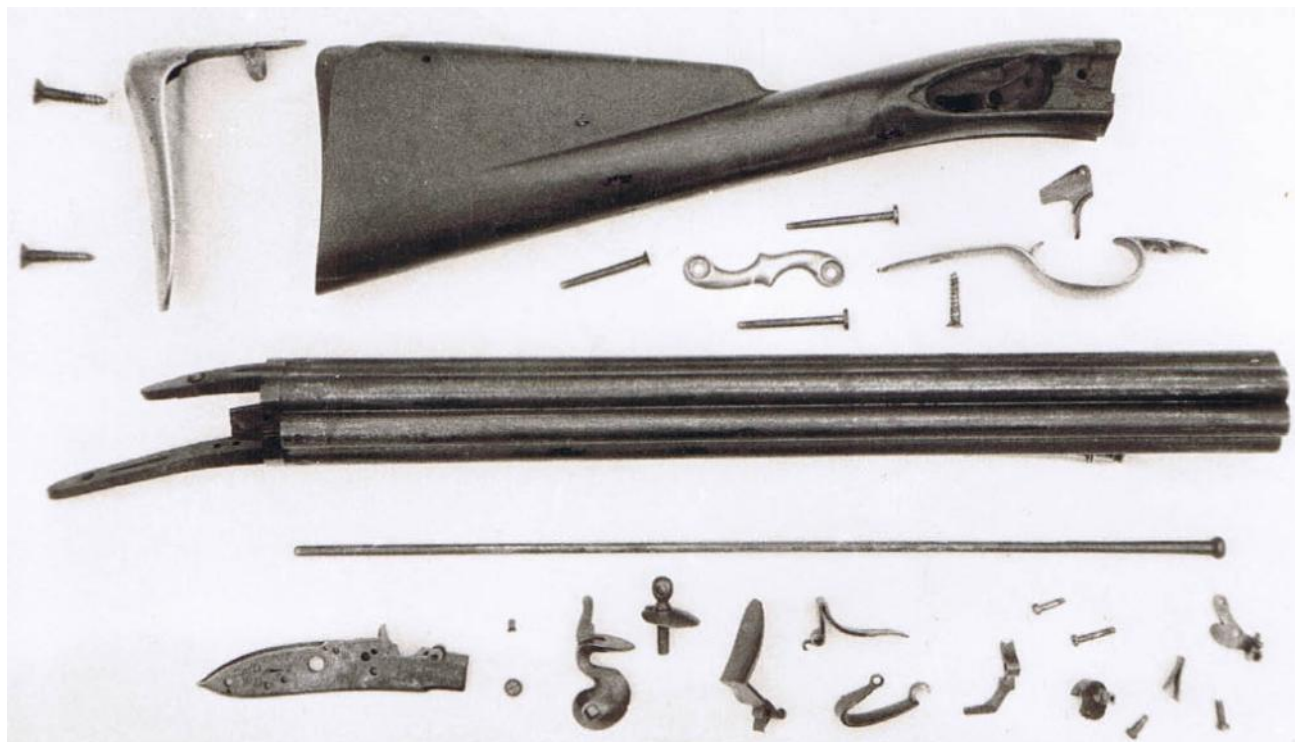
I valued this gun after C&R treatment at NZ\$2000 at that time (1979), based on the very few international / UK sales of that period. People should be aware that complete sets of exact reproduction investment cast metal parts have been available for a few thousand dollars. Also complete new made reproductions of this gun are available which have been made to look old, and to the novice could be mistaken for an original and being offered for a huge price. In 2011 a 7 barrel Nock gun with several replacement parts sold at auction in England for US\$25,000.00

Treatments

Ethical Considerations: the aim is to preserve and reveal the historical, aesthetic and functional value of this arm. The processes and methods used to be based upon respect for remaining original material. NZSG Standards. Recommend: this arm not be loaded and fired.

After very careful disassembly (most of the screws were rusted in) not a job for the amateur gunsmith or inexperienced person, I placed the barrel cluster in cold rain water and slowly brought to the boil allowing the mechanical agitation of the boiling water (an age old practice) to cleanse the acid impregnated bores and to free off the rusted in, swollen cloth patched lead ball projectiles also rendering the explosive powder charges harmless whilst wet.

This treatment also removed all the light surface rusting. Once cool I was able to extract the balls with ease. I repeated the boiling water treatment for three more days, allowing the barrel cluster to normalize - cool down slowly in air overnight. No traces of impurities were found in the water after the third day. The other metal parts were similarly treated. The rusted and frozen steel lock assembly was able to be easily disassembled after one days treatment in the boiling water.



All the originally carburized and heat treated steel parts where stress relieved by placing in a dry oven at 200-210 degrees C for 8 hours and allowed to cool down slowly in the oven thus allowing them to retain their surface hardness and temper, The brass work was polished.

The walnut wooden stock was lightly cleansed with warm mild soapy water to remove the grime but leaving the patina in tact and allowed to air dry. A few active borer - holes were detected and treated. Best museum quality inert microcrystalline wax was lavishly applied to seal off all surfaces, all metal to wood contact areas and the barrel bores were coated twice.

The gun was assembled; another coat of wax applied all over, and polished. This Gun is on display at the Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum, Waiouru, NZ, originally from the Hawkes Bay Museum. The guns provenance / NZ heritage unknown.

The gun in the top image is another gun and shows slight variations. These guns were all hand made, rarely with interchangeable parts.

An arms Conservation and Restoration Plan / Contract and Guidelines can be downloaded free of charge from www.gunsmithsociety.com

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority NZQA website www.nzqa.govt.nz carries the internationally recognized Arms Conservation and Restoration Unit Standards (which can be downloaded free of charge) listed under Mechanical Engineering / Gunsmithing, for those people who wish to gain formal qualifications in this profession.

Two NZQA registered National qualifications based on unit standards - known as Supplementary Credit Programs (SCPs) are available "Arms Conservation Advisor" ACA Level 4 and "Arms Conservation & Restoration Advisor" ACRA Level 5 (Master). Administered by Competenz the Industry training Organisation (ITO). For more information email info@gunsmithsociety.com

THE UNITED NATIONS
&
PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS
(Neil Hayes QSM CEnv)

In 1997 I had an audience in Wellington with Justice Thomas Thorp when he was researching material for his infamous FIREARMS REPORT; a report that cost well over \$1.2 million – and was largely ignored; but 20-years on it is still raises its ugly head!

Justice Thorp wanted to know how firearm dealers kept firearm records and about the Open Polytechnics FIREARMS SAFETY & APPRECIATION distance learning course which I wrote in 1987 – this course was a mind boggling success, until 28-years later when the OP Management declared that it was outside their mandate to educate students about firearms!

Other than the NZ Mountain Safety course the OP course was the only means of completing the study and test requirements for a firearms licence.

The day before our meeting I'd heard that Justice Thorp had given the NZ Pistol Association a very hard time and that he wanted to see pistols totally banned from importation.

My first comment to him was "What we are looking for from you are constructive recommendations to the Government – not destructive!"

"Oh yes, (he responded) but I have to take into account what has happened in Canada, the UK and Australia."

I responded "You also need to take into account what happens in civilised countries like; Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Italy and Spain."

He responded "Yes, but the United Nations want to ban all these things."

Since then I have determined that all negative matters pertaining to shooting sports – anti-lead shot, anti-lead projectiles, bans on the import and export of firearms, anti-shooting sports legislation, and much more, has started at the United Nations, with dedicated support by the EU; and in New Zealand the Labour & Green parties look on the United Nations as their GOD!

I have also determined that the anti-lead nonsense in wetlands is exactly that - "NONSENSE" - and that it all started in the late 1950's, not long after the UN was founded! (I have written in detail about this and copies are available)

In 1996 Australia, under John Howard, was one of the first country to adopt the UN draconian philosophy, followed by Tony Blair in the UK, in 1997, when pistol shooting was totally banned. These moves achieved nothing: because criminals have never had problems obtaining firearms!

What the general public never ask (or don't want to know/don't care) is "Where does the ISIS obtain all its military equipment?" They obtain it from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council – CHINA, FRANCE, RUSSIA, UK and the USA!

So, in essence, the nonsense going down in New Zealand during 2017 has absolutely nothing to do with firearms control, but everything to do with people control – but control of the wrong people: the law-abiding people!

OBITUARY by Paul Sangster

Born in Wellington on 4 January 1920 Chub Wood passed away at Takaka on 18 April 2017 aged 97.

What do you want?

That was Chubs usual greeting when you got to his door. They were the first words that he said to me when I went for the practical test for my firearms license in 1969. He was the Firearms Instructor. I was rather taken aback...

This is Chubs Story...

Chub left Wellington and arrived in Golden Bay in 1926 as a 6 year old child. Tom, Chubs father had secured a job with Newman's Truck and Bus Co. as a Mechanical Engineer. Tom was also a gunsmith and brought, converted and reconditioned ex-army rifles and sold them as sporting rifles. Chub worked along side his father outside of school hours and would have picked up a lot of knowledge from him.

By age 14 Chub was building steam engines and petrol motors and obviously showing a talent towards all things mechanical. He got an apprenticeship at Anchor Foundry Company in Nelson in 1935, aged 15. He boarded in Nelson while he studied to qualify as a marine engineer. While living in Nelson he joined Billy Gould's mouth-organ band. He was a very good player. Chub loved his hunting and would bike out to Wakefield to go to shoot

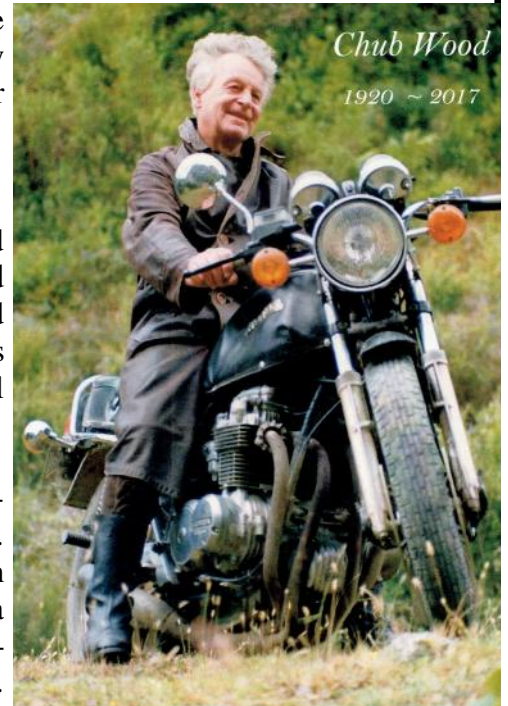
goats and rabbits. I found out from him that he went hunting for pigs and deer with my grandfather, Sid Sangster. One of his hunting stories was when they had to carry the dogs up a cliff in Sam's creek up in the Cobb Valley.

Chub finished his apprenticeship and went to sea as a qualified Marine Engineer, employed by the Union Steamship Company. His first job was on the passenger ship Maunganui, a twin-screw steamer. Chub departed for Sydney from Wellington on the 4th January 1941, his 21st birthday. From 5th engineer he worked his way up to chief engineer, over the next six years on various ships.

In 1947 Chub married Elsie Bremner in Dunedin and after their honeymoon, set up camp in Takaka as, at that time he had left the sea and was working in his father's rifles, pushbike and lawnmower sales and repair business. Chub then got a job as a shift engineer on the steam powered generator at Tarakohe Cement Works. Chub and Elsie had their first one bedroom home built at the back of his Mum and Dad's place in Motupipi Street. It was a joint effort with Chub helping John Wells and the Galey's. John Wells died only two weeks ago. Elsie and Chub had three children, Gill, Deb and Bill. In 1949 they brought their home at No. 10 Motupipi Street where they lived and raised their children. They lived in this house for 33years.

In the mid 50s Chub left Tarakohe and went to work in the workshop at the T.N.L. yard where he adapted to working on trucks, loaders, forklifts, bulldozers, trailers and rock crushers. With his ability to make anything on a lathe, he kept all the vehicles and machinery working well. He tended to have a very low opinion of drivers of whom I was one. I started working at T.N.L. in 1973 and got to know Chub. I never progressed to be a driver in his eyes, only a "bloody steerer", which was slightly better than a "bloody pointer".

Chub retired in about 1982 after receiving his gold watch for 25years service at T.N.L. At this time he and Elsie moved into their new home at Park Avenue. In 1983 we had a huge flood that went through the Takaka Township. My new house at the time was flooded. Two days after the flood Chub came and asked if there was anything he could do. I asked if he could check out the Takaka Jail that I had filled with motor bike bits. jail. That was the start of over 30years of restoration of over 40 motor bikes, steam engines, tractors, cannons, guns, stationary motors, trucks and a Bren-gun Carrier. We travelled the length and breadth of the country many times seeking parts or going to auctions. His knowledge was invaluable.



Chub was a founding member and involved with the Rockville Museum for over 25 years where along with Frank Drake and Graeme Balck, installed the steam boilers with many other hours spent there doing other work. He was also a founding member of the Pupu Hydro Society and worked at Jim Bairds workshop where, on the lathe he made a lot of the more complicated and technical parts, saving the Society many thousands of dollars in getting it up and running.

He loved his old motor bikes and travelled many thousands of kilometres on them. In 1953 he brought a 500cc Sunbeam motorbike from England by saving his overtime pay from Tarakohe. He never parted with it. He was patron of the Golden Bay Collectable Vehicle Club. Chub built and raced go-carts and, over some years, travelled to Blenheim and Nelson, racing with a team of locals.

He was a member of both the Wakefield Steam Museum Society and the Nelson Classic Motorcycle Club. Chub was a founding member of the Nelson branch of the Antique and Historic Arms Association which covers the top of the South Island. He was also a life member of the NZ Antique and Historic Arms Association. He was a very good shot and won many competitions and cups over his life time.

Chub loved tramping, the history of the Bay and looking for relics from all of the mining sites of the past. There would not be too many valleys or hills that he had not climbed. At the age of 83 he walked to the top of Parapara Peak and back in one day. That is 1249 metres above sea level, 300 metres higher than the Takaka Hill road.

Chub suffered two very sad losses in his life with the loss of wife Elsie in 1995 and daughter Gill in 2002. Chub is survived by two children, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

My association and friendship with Chub was for over 44 years and 'YES' I will miss him.

Rest in peace Chubby.

Dear Phil,

Thanks for running my magazine query in the e-gazette and to those who responded, you may wish to run my response as it is almost like your monthly mystery object.

I knew I had read somewhere about thirty years ago about these and started looking at my books until I located same. Once I had the name Ansteckmagazin I was able to Google. The book I located the information was, Imperial German Army 1914-18 by DB Nash pub 1980 pg 81-2 details that 'a special 20-round magazine (Ansteckmagazine) could be fitted to the rifle, but this was considered awkward to handle and was really only used at certain periods of trench warfare.' Just proves the value of a good reference library and our wider membership where we can all learn from one another.

I note one sold in 2009 for Euro 850.

Copy of one fitted below – there is some debate as to capacity, most references saying 20 rounds but a few say 25 rounds. My deduction is both are right i.e. 20 rounds in the magazine and another 5 in the original rifle magazine.



Noel Taylor



Cracking Hitler's unbreakable code: How the Colossus computer helped beat the Nazis contributed by Tony Bruce

Hear recollections from Bletchley Park veterans on how efforts to crack the Lorenz cipher led to the creation of one of the world's first computers.

By [Nick Heath](#) | May 8, 2017, 6:01 AM PST

At the height of Nazi power during the Second World War, Hitler's communications with his High Command were protected by a code thought to be uncrackable.

Hitler's Lorenz cipher was so complex, anyone attempting to try to brute force it would have to check more permutations than there are electrons in the universe.

But in August 1941 a German military operator got careless, and sent an almost identical message twice without changing the wheel settings on the Lorenz enciphering machine. This was the breakthrough the Allied codebreakers at Bletchley Park in the UK needed, giving them vital clues to how the Lorenz cipher machine worked, and a way to ultimately crack the code.

The few surviving veterans of Bletchley's WWII codebreaking process gathered in Bletchley Park recently to pay tribute to Captain Jerry Roberts, who played a key role in cracking the Lorenz cipher at Bletchley. In the video above, you can hear their recollections and why unpicking Lorenz was so vital to the Allied war efforts.

While Bletchley is famous as home to Alan Turing and his work on cracking the Nazi's Enigma code—used to protect day-to-day communications within the German army, airforce and navy—it was Bletchley's efforts in cracking Lorenz that led to the creation of one of the world's first computers, the Colossus.

"It was one of the first semi-programmable electronic computers," said John Pether, of The National Museum of Computing.

The room-sized computer was studded with valves that glowed red hot while it worked, reading characters from intercepted messages off reels of paper tape, at a rate of 5,000 per second.

Colossus reduced the average time it took to entirely decrypt a Lorenz message from many days, or even weeks, to about four days.

"That might be a long time to most people, but don't forget messages flowing over this teleprinter service was strategic material. It wasn't the day-to-day running of the German war machine, it would be plans to move army divisions about, that would take the Germans several weeks to organize," said Pether.

At the peak of Bletchley's wartime activities were some 10,000 people working there, and up to two thirds of the staff were women, many of whom worked on the park's Colossus machines. In the video, Margaret Bullen shares her memories of helping to wire up the computer, alongside Colossus operator Irene Dixon's reflections on the importance of their work.

Tens of thousands of Tunny radio messages were intercepted by the British and broken at Bletchley Park by Roberts and his fellow codebreakers. The Lorenz decrypts provided information that changed the course of the war in Europe and saved lives at critical junctures like the D-Day landings. After the war, General Eisenhower said that the intelligence gleaned at Bletchley had shortened the fighting by at least two years.

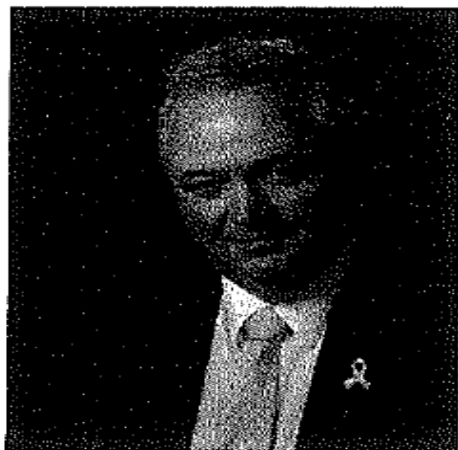
Ten versions of the Colossus were built but by 1960, in order to keep the machine's existence secret, all had been dismantled and all drawings of the machine were burnt - so the machine didn't have a direct impact on the development of future computers.

Captain Jerry Roberts autobiography *Lorenz: Breaking Hitler's Top Secret code at Bletchley Park* is available now.

<http://www.techrepublic.com/article/cracking-hitlers-impossible-code-how-the-colossus-computer-helped-allies-beat-the-nazis/?ftag=TRE684d531&bhid=23918312259264076819056346607583>

ALSO SEE: [Hacking the Nazis: The secret story of the women who broke Hitler's codes](#)

Shooters Beware – Police want your Guns



*Richard Prosser MP
New Zealand First Spokesperson for
Outdoor Recreation*

This opening morning, as you load up the ute and head for the mai-mai, take a good long look at that semi-auto shotgun you've used every first Saturday of May for the last twenty-odd years. If Police and the Police Association get their way, this will be the last year you're allowed to own it on your current licence. And when you get home, take a look at the

10/22 you keep for bunnies as well – that's about to be taken off you too. Parliament's Law and Order Select Committee have just completed an Inquiry into the Criminal Misuse of Firearms, or so the title would have us believe, and produced a report containing a number of recommendations to Government. When made into law, these recommendations will severely curtail the rights of law-abiding firearms licence holders to own and use semi-automatic rifles and shotguns – and they are based largely on submissions made to the Inquiry by the New Zealand Police and the Police Association. In fact, the Inquiry focussed almost entirely on the lawful use of firearms by properly vetted and approved licence holders, and said little to nothing about the criminals who were supposed to be what it was about. Police and the Association began with the claim that the most important source of firearms for the criminal fraternity was theft from licenced owners. They were unable to produce any facts or figures to back up this claim, because no such data

exists – partly because such records are not kept, but mostly because, as we all know, it simply isn't true. They failed to address the Police's own pitifully inadequate burglary clearance rate – around 7% at best – and virtually ignored the subject of illegal importation, despite being repeatedly informed that, at best, only around one in four shipping containers arriving in this country are ever inspected. At some bigger ports on busier days, that figure may be as low as 1 in 100. Add to that the fact that literally hundreds of yachts, fishing boats, and other private vessels visit these undefended, unpatrolled shores every year, and the fact that hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of illegal drugs find their way into New Zealand annually without detection, and it is an argument that simply does not stack up. New Zealand's coastline is longer than that of the continental United States (minus Alaska) and much if not most of it is never monitored by anyone. We do know that New Zealand, despite having one of the higher rates of legitimate firearms ownership in the world, has one of the lowest rates of firearms

Article by Richard Prosser MP, contributed by Neil Hayes

related crime – and that the numbers relating to that have been steadily falling for the past two decades. The weapons of choice for criminals in this country are invariably sawn-off shotguns and cut-down .22 rifles. Many – such as they are, because the numbers have never been more than roughly estimated, and do not appear to pose a glaring problem for ordinary New Zealanders in the streets – are very old and have been circulating in the criminal underworld for a considerable number of years. Police however have apparently decided that MSSAs, and semi-automatics in general, are the real problem, and the solution is to declare them all to be E-category, requiring you, the law-abiding user, to upgrade your licence, provide – and have accepted – a special reason for needing a semi-automatic, buy a new safe, be inspected every year, and naturally pay a bigger fee. Or fees. It gets worse. Police also want to bring back the Permit to Procure system that we had before licences were brought in in 1983. You remember those licences? They were lifetime licences. Then they became ten-year licences. Now they want to cut that back to five years. Criminals will be queuing up to apply.

The Permit to Procure system proposed will apply to transfers between licence holders, as well as to new purchases – for which, if you want to keep that semi, you will also need to provide, and have accepted, a special reason, despite already having a licence. Transfers, by the way, includes lending your shotty or 22 to your mate who is also a licence holder. Oh, and it will apply to ammo as well. And registration is coming back! Except that they're not calling it that; no, what will happen is that the Arms Officer will record the serial numbers of your firearms every time you buy a new gun or have your security inspected, and this information will be stored in a database. So it's not a Register, it's a database that records serial numbers against firearms licences. Which is, um, a Register, isn't it? Criminals will be queuing up to register their guns, I'm sure of it. The Report from the Select Committee is not law, yet. But given a majority in Government, both National and Labour, supported by the Greens, will make it law. You can take that to the Bank. This Inquiry was initiated by National, supported by National, supported by Labour, and supported by the Greens.

Only New Zealand First opposed it, and we opposed it in its entirety. This article is a blatant appeal for your Party Vote for New Zealand First, this September. I make no excuse or apology for that. We are asking for your support because we support your rights, because we understand that lawful firearms users are not the problem, because we know that the changes suggested will make no difference to criminal offending, and because we have skin in this game as well. I don't believe that New Zealanders will simply roll over meekly and accept the Government taking their guns away, the way the Australians did, the way the Brits did. But there is only one way to stop this happening, and that is to ensure that neither National nor Labour holds a majority whip-hand in Parliament after the election this year. New Zealand's gun laws have been widely described and accepted as the best in the world. Let's keep them that way.

NZ First will dump the Report in its entirety, and the plan at the moment is to take the Arms Act back to what it was before various Governments started playing around with it.

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



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

An interesting series of videos on the development of the British L85 A1 (SA80)

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WANTED

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MYSTERY OBJECTS

CAN YOU HELP?

William Gibbs would like to know what this is:

It has a broad arrow and SE stamped on it.



From Mark Turner:

Graham Preist, *The Spirit of The Pike*. British Socket Bayonets of the Twentieth Century pp. 335-336. Was made in SA, but not listed in the 1975 SA small Arms list which showed the bayonets, may have been manufactured for police or irregular troops. The No. 9 or No.4 bayonet could be used. Handle was knurled and made of aluminium. Had the same socket adaptor as the entrenching tool. Was marked with Broad Arrow and SE / \SE together like that.

From Tony Bruce: another example (image to the right)

From John Nadge

The Item with the No 4 bayonet I believe is South African issued to Para Military , mainly used to hold the No 4 & 9 bayonets while probing for mines , I have one in my collection and was told (rightly or wrongly) that was its use, mine has the same markings as the one pictured SE ? no military markings

Hope this helps and is correct

Regards John

Ballarat Arms and Militaria Collectors Soc. (Victoria , Australia)



Kurt in the USA would like to know if anyone has knowledge of brass butt marking disks being used on the New Zealand SLR (L1A1). If yes can you provide a picture please.

Answers to oilrag@extra.co.nz please.

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

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Contact Tony Bruce charioteer@paradise.net.nz Cell 021 289 8831

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