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EDITORIAL

I hope you had a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

2017 certainly seemed to be a full on year, with the Select Committee, Police, Police Association and media taking frequent swipes at lawful firearm owners, with plenty of criminals bent on tarring us with their brush. One has to wonder will it ever stop or is this to be the new way of things.

I would like to start the new year on a positive note. Police Minister Stuart Nash has said there will be no changes to gun control legislation without it going through the full parliamentary process. Therefore an opportunity for us all to have our say. A new leader at Police National HQ in charge of Arms Act Service Delivery, in the form of Superintendent Mike McIlraith who is charged with fixing the problems. There appears to be more open consultation with the firearms community and improvements are expected to be rolled out this year. Issues around firearm security, import permits and licence training and testing are being worked through with good will on all sides.

There are changes to come there is no doubt, both in the way the current Arms Act is administered and new legislation and we must all stay vigilant to see that our rights as collectors and shooters are not diminished.

Best wishes for a successful year of collecting.

Phil

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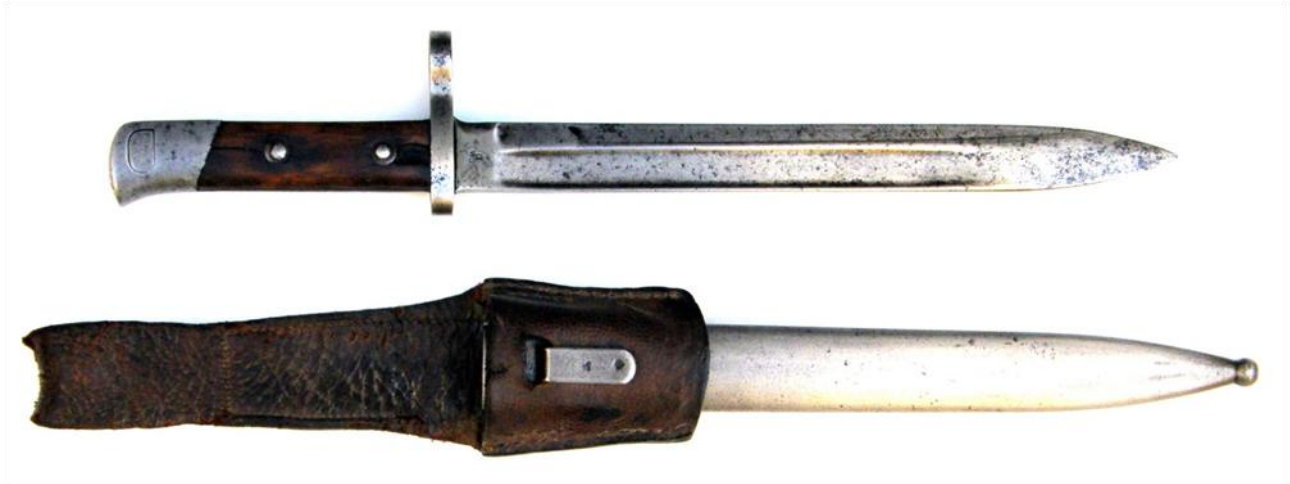
Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.

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Another rare Austrian *Messerbajonett M. 95* by Marco Cornuda

This bayonet is an hybrid, a result of a conversion of a *Messerbajonett M. 88*.

The dimensions are:	mm.	in.
total length:	361	14 7/32
blade length:	247	9 23/32
blade width:	23,8	0 15/16
blade thickness:	5,9	0 15/64
MRD:	15	0 19/32



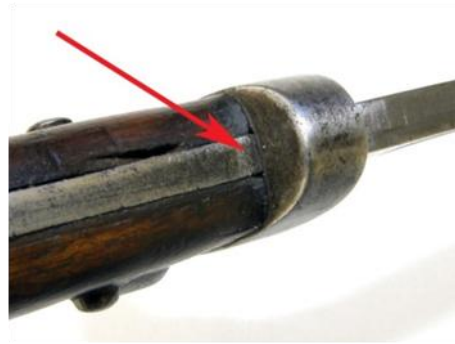
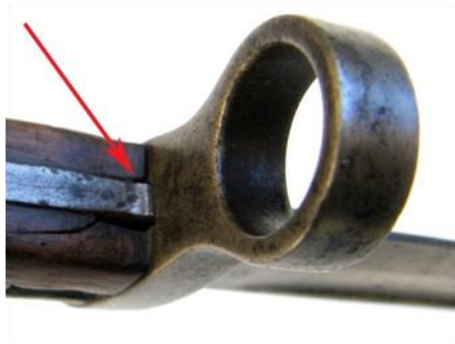
The hilt, which preserves the old mortise slot, has been reduced to a length which is compatible with the Mannlicher M. 95 rifle, that is 107 mm. (4 7/32 in.) from the top to the crossguard.

The distance between the rear part of the crossguard and the tooth of the press stud measures 90 mm. (3 35/64 in.); this measure allows a correct insertion of the bayonet on the barrel.



**Comparison between the hilt of a *Messerbajonett M. 1888* (top)
and the hilt of the modified bayonet which is described in this article (bottom)**

The width of the hilt has been reduced from 25,5 mm. (1 in.) to 24,5 mm. (0 31/32 in.), but the original width is still visible.



In addition the width of the top of the pommel has been reduced in a remarkable way, from 28 mm. (1 7/64 in.) to 23,8 mm. (0 15/16 in.).



Top of the pommel of a *Messerbajonett M. 88*

Top of the pommel of the modified *Messerbajonett M. 88*

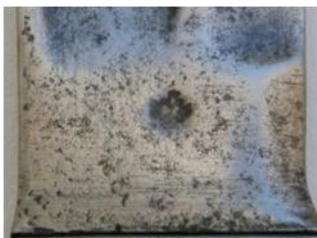
The crossguard, with a screw on the muzzle ring, has been replaced by a crossguard for Mannlicher M. 95 rifle, without rivets.

The blade too has been reduced in width, from the original 27,2 mm. (1 5/64 in.) to the current 23,8 mm. (0 15/16 in.); but despite the precise work of conversion the traces of the original width are still visible.



The square fullered blade has been inverted with the true edge upside, like we can see in all the specimens of *Messerbajonett M. 95*, and retains all the original marks: **Imperial Habsburg eagle** and **OE WG** (that is Österreichische Waffenfabriks-Gesellschaft, factory in Steyr).

The mark on the top of the pommel, **5 L R 12.85**, means 15th Landesschützen Regiment, 12th Company, individual weapon number. 85.



NEW WEAPONS FOR SNIPERS AND SPECIAL FORCES

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Forty M107A1 and forty-two MRAD weapons will be purchased at a cost of NZ\$4M. This cost includes day optics, suppressors and ballistic computer auxiliary equipment to complement a total weapon system. The 0.50 calibre semi-automatic M107A1 anti-materiel rifle is a new capability providing soldiers with the ability to identify and effectively engage vehicle or installation targets with precision out to 1500m.

The Barrett MRAD .338 Lapua Magnum is proven effective to 1500m and replaces the current AW sniper rifle 7.62mm calibre, effective to 800m, which has reached the end of its service life. This has greatly increased the range of our snipers and with the innovation of new tripods increased their ability to shoot in various positions from prone to standing. Both weapons will be used by infantry units within NZ Army 1 Brigade (NZ) and the NZSAS, and will be introduced to service from mid-2018.

Chief of Army Major General Peter Kelly says the new weapons provide soldiers with the latest technology and ensure they will be equipped for any battlefield environment they may encounter. The new weapons were chosen after rigorous testing and feedback from qualified operators. The MRAD was selected after six weeks of testing a number of potential rifles at Waiouru, with over 10,000 rounds fired in a variety of evaluation activities. The M107A1 adopted a sole procurement approach following detailed market research, engagement with industry as well as with ABCA partners on a suitable AMW solution that meets users needs.



The New Zealand Army's current small arms calibres side by side from the right: 5.56mm (MARS(L), 7.62mm (designated marksman weapon, light machine gun, and current sniper rifle), .338" new sniper calibre and .50" new anti-materiel calibre.





BARRETT M107A1 ANTI-MATERIEL RIFLE

The M107A1 anti-materiel rifle is a new capability providing soldiers with the ability to identify and effectively engage materiel targets with precision out to 1500m. The M107A1 is a semi-automatic platform designed to fire a range of 0.50 calibre projectiles. The 0.50 calibre projectile is the primary calibre utilised by ABCANZ nations for anti-materiel rifles due to the projectile's ability to penetrate, disable and/or destroy un-armoured and light armoured vehicles.

The high powered optics mounted on the M107A1 provide weapon operators with improved targeting capabilities as well as enhanced situational awareness. At approximately 13 kgs, the M107A1 is easily portable and can be carried by a single weapon operator. A bespoke carry bag has been designed allowing soldiers to ergonomically carry the weapon considerable distances into the field.

The semi-auto M107A1 platform is fed by a 10 round magazine. User feedback during trials noted a significant reduction in recoil compared to previous bolt action antimateriel rifles some users had been exposed to. As result, rapid engagement of multiple targets is more easily achieved. The M107A1 will provide task elements not only greater protection but also rapid fire power with precision reducing the risk of potential collateral damage.



SPECIFICATIONS

Model: M107A1

Caliber: .50 BMG

Operation: Semi-Automatic

Barrel Lengths: 20" (50.80 cm)
29" (73.70 cm)

Barrel Twist Rate: 1 turn in 15" (38.1 cm)

Overall Length: 48" (122 cm)
57" (145 cm)

Rail Length/MOA: 18" (45.72 cm) 27 MOA

Weight: 27.4 lbs (12.4 kg)
28.7 lbs (13.0 kg)

Magazine Capacity: 10 Rounds

Manufacturer: Barrett Firearms

BARRETT MRAD (MULTI ROLE, ADAPTIVE DESIGN) SNIPER RIFLE



The NZ Army will be purchasing the MRAD sniper rifle system in 2017. The MRAD is .338 Lapua Magnum accurate out to 1500m targets, making it superior to the current 7.62mm calibre rifle that was effective to 800m. The rifle comes with suppressor which screws onto the muzzle brake, it has a fully adjustable match grade 2 stage trigger, folding stock with adjustable cheekpad and butt stock. It uses an innovative bolt mechanism that runs in a polymer sleeve which reduces the need for lubrication and is less prone to fouling. Operators have the ability to change calibres in less than 3 minutes from .338" to 7.62mm with a single tool.

The MRAD rifle can be fired from standing, sitting, kneeling and prone positions with a new tripod system being introduced as part of the package.

The integration of a ballistic computer to the optic sight enables the engagement of multiple targets at various ranges in varying weather conditions to provide quick and accurate fire onto materiel targets. The MRAD provides an overmatch capability to meet any current battlefield scenario NZDF snipers are likely to be involved in. Snipers provide the ability to apply precision fire on high-value targets and reduce the risk of collateral damage in many battlefield scenarios. They are highly trained marksmen who can be effectively deployed across the full spectrum of conflict.



SPECIFICATIONS

Model: MRAD

Operation: Bolt Action Repeater

Caliber : .338 Lapua Magnum

Barrel Length: 26" (66 cm)

Barrel Twist Rate: . 338 LM – 1 in 9.35" (24 cm)
.308 Win – 1 in 10" (25 cm)

Maximum Length: 26" Barrel – 49.4" (125.5 cm)

Minimum Folded Length: 26" Barrel – 40.75" (103.5cm)

Rail Length/MOA: 21.75" (55.24 cm) 20 MOA

Weight: Min 11.7 lbs (5.3 kg)
Max 13.10 lbs (5.94 kg)

Magazine Capacity: 10 Rounds



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SEASONS GREETINGS from SSANZ

A Whole New Ball Game

With a new government sworn in all that has gone on in the past year is now up in the air again. At the time of writing we have yet to see, whether the recommendation of the Select Committee Inquiry into illegal firearms that were rejected by Paula Bennett will be back on the agenda now that Stuart Nash, one of the authors of those recommendations, is Police Minister. Added to that with the Greens now forming part of the Labour lead government will there be more restrictions placed on lawful firearm owners or will NZ First live up to their pre election promises and curb the Green excess?

Meanwhile a number of firearm advocacy groups are working together to plan future strategies for dealing whatever new challenges eventuate in 2018.

SSANZ has provided every MP with a simple guide as to what it takes to lawfully own a firearm in New Zealand.

Arms Act Service Delivery Review

On Monday evening 16 October Superintendent Mike McIlraith joined the SSANZ committee for just over an hour to talk about the new Arms Act Service Delivery project that he is heading. He told us that the aim is to bring administration of the Arms Act up to date, make it fit for purpose, improve efficiency and to meet the expectations of customers in terms of delivery times. For example the target delivery for licence renewals is 30 days, currently it is taking an average of 42 with the expectation that this will improve by next year.

With the exception of A category firearms, which will be handled by District Arms Officers, all permits for Endorsed firearms are being handled by staff in Wellington, with the intention of making this an online service and phasing out a paper based system. Some new staff members are being recruited and once training is completed will lead to more consistency across the country. Some improvements will require additional funding above that already allocated however it is anticipated that all improvement measure will be in place by mid 2019.

Security requirements are currently under review and it is intended to complete in December 2017. Police are taking a pragmatic approach to ensure that the safety of young children and anyone else that shouldn't have access to firearms is safe and the prevention of opportunist theft, is maintained at a reasonable cost commensurate with the number and type of firearms held.

Mike impressed on us the need for all firearm owners to record make, model and serial numbers of their firearms. Currently for the vast majority of firearms reported lost or stolen the owner cannot provide this basic information therefore if later seized by police there is little opportunity to reunite them with their owner.

Licensed Firearm Owners Are Not the Problem But....

Figures provided by Police in November show that of the most recent 100 cases involving the use of a firearm in an assault, robbery or homicide only one perpetrator was a firearm licence holder at the time of the offence. In the same 100 cases an MSSA was used in only two cases. Notwithstanding these encouraging figures an inquiry by the Independent Police Complaints Authority to investigate a recent spate of Police shootings has, we understand, been widened to focus on whether enough is being done to control the availability of guns rather than how police are using them. Remember this is what lead to the Thorpe Report 20 years ago and the subsequent Arms Amendment Bill. SSANZ thanks Kiwi Gun Blog who shared this information with us.



New Tougher Firearm Security Requirements

While SSANZ would encourage all firearm owners to keep their firearms secure from being accessed by young children, opportunist thieves and any other person not authorised to have access, we recognise that no level of security will prevent a determined robber given time and opportunity from relieving us of our treasured possessions.

It is with some concern that in mid November police released two draft documents detailing new security requirements for public consultation, with only two weeks allowed for people to respond. Further these documents appear to be an attempt to modify the Arms Act and Regulations by “policy”.

Points of note for A cat firearms are, a phasing out of gun racks and wooden cabinets, with only steel cabinets being acceptable, and a stricter regime for semi autos compared to other A Cat firearms (steel cabinets) to take effect immediately.

For Endorsed firearms the requirement largely remain the same, although no detailed specification is provided for steel cabinets/safes or strong rooms. As written the document indicates that steel cabinets and safes must be contained within a room or building of “stout construction” to a specified standard again this is in conflict with the current Regulations.

SSANZ has made submissions on both documents, objecting to changes to Regulations by policy, pointing out a certain number of anomalies and objecting to a number of impractical requirements in each document.

Firearms Seized and Recovered Compared to Stolen Firearms (figures provided by NZ Police November 2017)

Calendar Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Seized Firearms	835	907	974	950	1,242	866	5,774
Firearms recorded stolen	428	507	667	741	830	527	3,700
Firearms recorded stolen in a residential burglary	326	409	555	561	703	449	2,370

Despite claims to the contrary made by some in the media, what these figures show is that guns in the hands of criminals and those not “fit and proper” to own them have NOT increased in any significant way over the past 6 years. Similarly while 75-85% of stolen firearms are taken in residential burglaries, the numbers entering the criminal pool are also NOT increasing significantly. In fact over the past 6 years Police are to be congratulated for having removed 2,074 guns from the black and grey market. It is perhaps worthy of note that while stolen guns represent only 0.04 % of the total national gun pool, stolen vehicles, often used in crime and police pursuits ending in death, at 20,000 per year equate to 0.5 % of the national vehicle stock.

With very few unintentional shootings and firearms only representing 1.4% of all violent crime and only 10% of all homicides, we can be comforted that New Zealand gun control laws are working well and are still fit for purpose.

Calls from the likes of Philip Alpers (yes he is sticking his oar in again) and professor Gillespie for all firearms to be registered are clearly unwarranted. However with around 600 guns stolen each year we must also take the security of our firearms seriously and do all we reasonably can to keep them safe.

SSANZ Annual General Meeting

This will be held at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei, at 2.00 pm on Saturday 24 February 2018. All members are encouraged to attend if able to do so.

TAWHITI MUSEUM REVISITED

While in Taranaki for the Taranaki Branch Guns Show in early November, we took the opportunity to revisit this amazing museum. If you have never been it is well worth making the effort, the museum is located in an old cheese factory just 4 km north of Hawera and normally open Friday to Monday, 10 am to 4 pm. Displays both full size and in miniature depict pioneer life and events of South Taranaki history including the land wars, through the use of detailed diorama and original artefacts. A new edition to the museum illustrates the artistic work of Lt Col E A Williams who sketched and painted events of the land wars of 1864 -1866.

Contained in a separate hall is a large collection of tractors and agricultural machinery which also includes some military vehicles.

Traders and Whalers taken as a separate “ride” at the same venue and set in the 1820s depicts the activities of Whalers and early Traders and the effect of the musket trade on the local population.





Diorama based on the paintings of Lt Col E A Williams



Real artefacts



Life size displays

Farm Power Hall



Universal (Bren gun) Carrier converted to hedge trimmer



**The museum is the work of
artist, model maker and
historian
Nigel Ogle**



AN IMPRESSIVE ELEPHANT GUN FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By Phil Cregeen, photos Tony McKinnon

A new chap came along to my local club Christmas shoot and brought with him a 4 Bore Elephant rifle, apparently it was found wrapped in greased cloth in the loft of a house in South Africa, unfortunately for him the lady of the house knew its value and he had to pay market value, which was equivalent to NZ\$10,000. He allowed some of us to have a go, with a reduced load of 200 grains of FFF, which was quite manageable, however I would not like to try the full load of 400 grains of black powder. As you can see below the projectiles are quite large compared to a 12 Bore cartridge!

It is such an impressive piece that I thought you would be interested to see it. Made by Hollis and Sons, London in about 1860, it has a Damascus rifled octagonal barrel with 8 grooves and has 3 flip up sights to 300 yds. Apparently it has a brother which is in the USA.



British and New Zealand Infantry Officers Swords

by Dr John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG

1788 – 1796



In 1786 the British Army started to standardize its arms and equipment, the sword type above, had been in use by many army officers since the 1740s, known as a Spadroon and was formally adopted in 1788. This stirrup hilted sword, maker unknown with straight cut and thrust 32" long x 1" wide fullered ornately etched blade, with silver plated pillow pommel brass hilt and a ribbed ivory grip. A similar sword was used by marine and naval officers until a more ornate Spadroon with five balls set into the brass gilded hilt was adopted for naval officers in 1804. Used by British officers when visiting NZ.

1796 – 1821



A 1796 British pattern Spadroon, maker unknown with a straight single fullered 32.25" long x 1" wide, cut & thrust flat backed blade similar to the 1788 pattern with a wire bound grip and urn shaped pommel. Gilded bronze stirrup hilted knucklebow hilt with vestigial quillon / cross guard, fitted below with circular shell guard incorporating a folding inner shell hinged to allow the sword to sit against the body more comfortably and reduce wear to the officer's uniform. Blades were commonly decorated, often blued and gilded. The pattern description *"The sword to have a brass guard, pommel and shell, gilt with gold; with grip or handle, of silver twisted wire. The blade to be straight and made to cut and thrust; to be one inch at least broad at the shoulder and 32 inches in length."* Used by British Infantry officers when visiting NZ

1821 – 1845



A new Pattern 1821 Gothic-hilted - with William IV 1830-37 royal cipher, with silver wire bound fishskin covered wooden grip infantry sword with a curved pipe backed blade 32.5" long x 1" wide, although elegant, was widely criticized as fighting sword, in common with British cavalry swords of the era, they were designed for cut-and-thrust but were not ideal for either task. Despite this the sword and its variants had a very long service life. These were primarily infantry officer's swords and were also regulation pattern for surgeons and staff officers. The term "Gothic Hilt" derives from similarity between the curved bars of the guard and the arches found in gothic architecture. Scabbard – wooden lined, brown pigskin covered for field service. Used by British infantry officers NZ

1845 – 1892



From 1845 the pipe backed blade was replaced by a Wilkinson's design blade, again, this was a slightly curved wide single fuller and a flat back cut-and-thrust blade 32.5" long X 1" wide, rather than the pipe back. The hilt with Victoria's royal cipher this sword remained essentially unchanged until 1892, although the hinged flap disappeared in 1854. Direct comparison with the P1821 blade showed that the new Wilkinson blade was an improvement, being stiffer in bending and compression, although it was still considered rather delicate for a fighting sword. Scabbard Steel nickel plated. Used by British and NZ infantry officer's surgeons and staff officers in NZ.

1892 – 1895



In 1892, a new, straight, 32.5 "x 1" wide blade was introduced, mated to the previous 1845 pattern gilded brass Gothic hilt with Victoria royal cipher and a silver wire bound fishskin grip. The curved Wilkinson blade was abandoned in favour of a straight, stiff "dumbbell" blade, having a large central fuller on each side optimized for thrust, designed by Colonel Fox, Chief Inspector of Physical Training at the British Board of Education, who was also influential in the design of the 1908 Pattern for Cavalry. The Dumbbell was an improvement over the fullered blade. Leather covered wooden lined scabbard and original leather knot. Very few infantry P1892's exist this example made by Wilkinson sword Company in 1894.

1895 – 1897



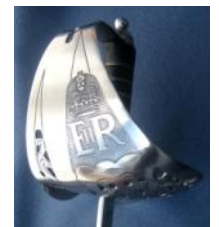
In 1895, a new pierced steel hilt pattern was introduced with a three-quarter basket hilt and Victoria's royal cipher, replacing the earlier brass Gothic hilt, but retained the fishskin grip and twisted grip wire bindings. The new Pattern hilt was short-lived due to the edge of the guard fraying uniforms, and in 1897 the final pattern was settled on, being simply the 1895 Pattern with the inner edge of the guard turned down, and the piercings becoming smaller.

1897 – Present



The blade is 32.5" long and 1" wide at the shoulder, weighing about 1 lb 12oz. The blade is straight and symmetrical in shape about both its longitudinal axes. The thick blade has a deep central fuller on each side and is rounded on both its edge and back towards the hilt, giving a "dumbbell" or "girder" cross section. The blade becomes double edged towards the tip, and the last 17" were sharpened with a sharp spear point for active service. The blade is usually decoratively etched on both sides. The guard is a three-quarter basket of pressed, nickel plated steel, is decorated with a pierced scroll-work pattern and usually had the royal cypher of the reigning monarch set over the lower knuckle bow. The grip, between 5 and 5 ¾ inches long to suit the hand of the owner, was generally covered in ray or sharkskin and wrapped with German-silver wire. The grip is straight, with no offset to the blade. The sword designed for thrusting, the spear point and double edge towards the point aids penetration and withdrawal by incising the wound edges. The blade, whilst quite narrow, is thick and its dumbbell section gives it good weak-axis buckling strength whilst maintaining robustness in bending. The blade tapers in both width and thickness and, with the substantial guard, has a hilt-biased balance, aiding agility at the expense of concussive force in a cut. The guard gives comprehensive protection to the hand, but does not restrict wrist movement.

Current manufacture



British and New Zealand Pattern 1897 Infantry Officers' Sword with nickel plated steel scabbards for dress and Colour Party, three-quarter basket hilt of pressed, nickel plated steel with EIIR royal cypher. Sam Browne pattern wooden lined and covered with brown leather scabbards introduced in 1899 for field use. Currently manufactured in UK, Germany and India.

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CAN YOU HELP?

Graham Brimble would like to know more about this Webley revolver and an idea of its value. It is a Webley Mk IV in .32 calibre with a 3 in. barrel and originally sold to the Bank of New South Wales, London in 1970. Please contact Graham: grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz Once the values is known it will be up for sale.



Tony McKinnon is wishing to research the history of the **Scott Rose Bowl** which is presented annually to the author of the best article in the NZAHAA Gazette. It is understood that we are presently using the second such Rose Bowl. Do you know who holds the original Scott Rose Bowl, who presented it and when or any other relevant in formation?

Please contact Tony at mackonerahi@gmail.com

Paul Deeming provided an answer to Regan Courtney's question in the November issue. I think I know what that strange 7.62 cartridge Regan was asking about is. A special short range training round.

See: <https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/systems/munitions/m973.htm>



Ivor Howitt would like to share these two bayonet pistols with you, the lower one is made by Belling Bodmin Circa 1840 (Watts & White 723). Pulling the trigger guard forward releases the bayonet, which springs into action.

The top one (in a UK collection) is unmarked.



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

Last months (below left and centre) first correct answer was provided by Noel Taylor who said it was a wire breaker to fit on the Pattern 07 bayonet on an SMLE. Place the bayonet under the barbed wire, slide it up to the notch, which lines it up with the muzzle, fire a round and the wire is cut.



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

From Paul Rennie WW II Archive film of fighting in Bougainville

<https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/easter-action-on-bougainville-weekly-review-no-140-1944>

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MYSTERY OBJECTS

An article can be long (several pages of A4) or short (half a page of A4), ideally forwarded as a word doc. with separate jpg images and a list of captions.

If you want your events advertised, please return the favour by sending a short write-up and some images after the event. Thanks.

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

***WANTED:** The following parts for a MK II** Snider rifle, Firing pin spring, Firing pin screw in nipple, 2 x trigger guard wood screws, Extractor/hinge retaining screw, Forward barrel band, Tumbler (for lock/hammer), hammer screw . Contact Noel njtaylor@ihug.co.nz

***FOR SALE:** Mk 1 Bren in transit case with accessories, \$4000.00.
2 inch Mortar in transit case, \$1100.00.

Contact Dave at forkliftservices@yahoo.com

WANTED: Hammer for Webley Mk VI service revolver.

Contact Graham Brimble grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE, P'58 Bar-on band 'Yataghan' sword bayonet, preferably with scabbard but a bayonet alone would be considered. Contact Rod by email on gundoc@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 449 2566.

THE DANGERS OF TOY PISTOLS from the WAIKAIA HERALD 30 September 1882

Contributed by Russell Peters.

TOY PISTOLS.

The Hon. Mr Chamberlin recently directed the attention of the Government to the evils arising from the use of toy pistols. An American paper states—The toy pistol is another youth-killer. It is a tempting plaything. It is just what the American boy particularly likes. It makes a noise. It startles and shocks. It is quite like the pistol his father or older brother carries, and proposes to use on occasions. It makes the boy feel manly to shoot something. The bow and arrow is a fine plaything, but it makes no noise; and the American boy is never satisfied with noiseless playthings. He wants something that goes off with a bang, and the toy pistol takes his fancy completely. It is a most deceitful invention. It is impossible for boys to play with it without injuring themselves. It

wounds the flesh and nerves, and produces lockjaw. A single paper last week contained notices of seventeen deaths of children caused by the toy pistol. In most cases they suffered excruciating agony from the lockjaw. It is estimated that over six hundred children have died from wounds made by this insidious toy. It ought to be abolished by law. Let every parent be a law-maker in this case, and prohibit the use of both cigarettes and toy pistols. The youth-alayer hides among plays and playthings, and from that safe ambush kills the children and youth on whom the fondest hopes of parents are centred. Let him be driven out from two of his hiding-places.

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2018 please advise oilvrag@xtra.co.nz

2018

12 - 14 January	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot
17 February	Dargaville Gun Show
17 & 18 February	SHOT EXPO, Auckland
25 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
24 March	Kumeu Militari Show, Auckland
25 March	South Canterbury Branch Auction
14 April	NZAHAA AGM & Southland Branch Auction, Invercargill
26 May	Ruahine Arms Fair, Palmerston North
9 June	SSANZ Guns Show, Whangarei
21 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
1 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North

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Annual Auction – 2018

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South Island Run: We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime 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 it will be early in the New Year.

North Island Run: Also on the planner is a trip to North Island locations. Details will be advised in due course.

At this stage we are seeking your items and can confirm we will be holding our usual auction but the dates and location is still to be finalised.

Contact Steve and talk to him about what you wish to do.

Steve Privett

He can advise you of our very friendly Vendor commission rate

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25th March 2018**

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