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## EDITORIAL

First some good news. After the debacle over possible protests at a militaria auction at St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie last year it is pleasing to see that both Wellington Branch and Ted Rogers have found new venues for their 2018 auctions. Wellington Branch will hold theirs in Porirua and Ted will hold his in Paraparaumu. Both venues are some way out of Wellington but they are served by a regular train service from the city.

Now the not so good news. The Ministry of Education has released its guide lines for guns in schools for public consultation, no bad thing in itself, at least they have not banned guns outright, however it is likely that many school boards will find the new procedures not worth the hassle. Added to this the Public Health Association are now complaining that they were not consulted in drafting this document and are trying to link the latest tragic school shootings in Florida to guns in New Zealand schools.

Following on from the events in Florida protests are now scheduled for our major cities to try to influence law makers in the USA to tighten gun control laws in that country. Whether this will have a knock on effect producing a public backlash against New Zealand shooters remains to be seen. Rest assured it will be milked for all it is worth by some anti gun advocates.

Meanwhile New Zealand media continue to publish the outrageously claims of the Police Association and others, who wish to see all your guns registered or removed from circulation.

Best wishes,

Phil

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## THIS GUN WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE SOON

**Vickers Gas Operated (GO) Machine Gun.** Compiled by John Osborne AA DTT PhD FSG,  
Introduced IN New Zealand Service: 1939. Withdrawn: c1960s

Vickers Gas Operated (GO) Machine Gun used by NZ Forces in the RAF, RNZAF, RNFAA, LRDG and SAS in WWII.



The Vickers Gas Operated GO "K" a rapid-firing machine gun, developed in 1928 and production got underway in 1936 with the first deliveries to the RAF in 1937, this gun SN 7920 made in 1939, one of about 100,000 made during WW2, manufactured by Vickers- Armstrongs Ltd as a defensive Light MG for aircraft. The high rate of fire (adjustable 950-1200 rounds per minute) was needed for the short window of opportunity when the gunner would be able to fire at an attacking aircraft. The Vickers GO was fitted to a number of two and three seater aircraft such as the RAF Fairey Battle and Handley Page Hampden. It was also used in gun turrets, such as the dorsal turret in the Bristol Blenheim, the nose turret in the Armstrong Whitworth Whitley and the rear turret of the Fairey Battle. The Vickers GO was the standard Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm "Telegraphist / Air Gunner" machine gun, on British built carrier (Torpedo / Strike / Reconnaissance) aircraft - the Fairey Swordfish, the Fairey Albacore and the Fairey Barracuda. The Vickers GO also saw service with the famous Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) and Special Air Service (SAS).



The Vickers GO fires from an open bolt in full automatic mode only. Its gas cylinder is located below the barrel, the long stroke gas piston operates a vertically tilting locking breechblock bolt which locked its breech only at the last moment of forward travel and with lighter moving parts enabled an adjustable very high rate of fire between 950 & 1,200 rounds per minute. Top-mounted flat pan magazines with nominal capacity of 100 rounds but 97 rounds were normally loaded to ensure most reliable feeding. Vickers GO also known at Vickers as the Class "K" is fitted with a single spade grip at the rear of receiver, with trigger to control fire. Various types of sights and mountings were fitted depending on application. A spent cartridge case catch bag was used in aircraft but sometimes removed for other applications.



Known as Gun, Machine, Vickers G.O .303 inch, class K.

ON Safety OFF



100 round magazine and sights

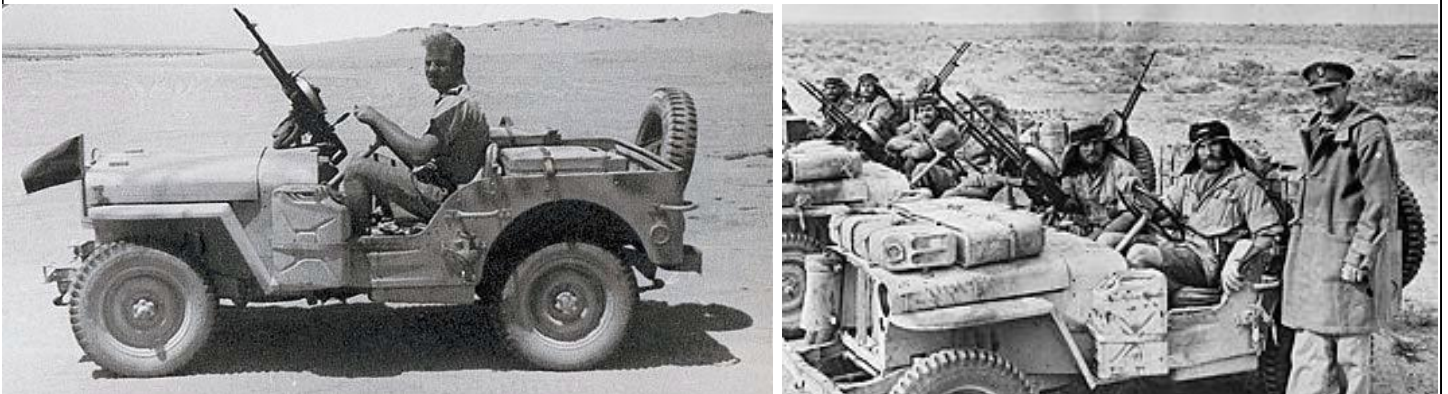


Fairey Swordfish showing the rear mounted Vickers GO "K"

The Fairey Swordfish (989 built for the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm and several piloted and crewed by New Zealanders) was armed with one fixed BSA made .303” Browning machine gun forward firing and one Vickers GO 'K' machine gun rear firing, one 1,610 lb torpedo or one 1,500 lb mine below the fuselage, two 250 lb bombs under each wing, or two 500 lb bombs under the wings, the MKII could also carry eight 60 lb rockets below the wings. The Fairey Swordfish, the legendary ‘Stringbag’ (referred to its jungle of bracing wires, which belonged to a past age), was a Torpedo / Spotter / Reconnaissance biplane dive-bomber which went into service with the Fleet Air Arm in 1936. Initially, Swordfishes operated from the large fleet carriers. Later Swordfishes operated from escort carriers, and were very effective against U-boats. The versatile Swordfish was powered by 690hp Bristol Pegasus radial engine, had a max speed of 138mph and could carry an unlikely combination of loads it remained operational until the end of WWII, gaining the distinction of being the last biplane to see active service. Taking off from the deck of the carrier Ark Royal on 10 November 1940, 12 Swordfish sank half of the Italian capital ships based in Taranto in one night. It was the most brilliant feat in a long series that this plane can claim, not only against surface ships but also against submarines. BSA Guns Ltd produced M1919 .303” Browning machine guns for the Air Ministry (total 500,000 made) at the rate of 600 guns per week in March 1939 and peaked at 16,390 per month by March 1942.



The Fairey Battle above was a single-engine light bomber built by the Fairey Aviation Company between 1937-1940 (2,185 built) for the Royal Air Force, Maximum speed 257mph, powered by a Rolls Royce Merlin II V12 engine, 1,030 hp the same engine that gave contemporary British fighters (Spitfire etc) high performance; however, the Battle was weighed down with a bomb load and three-man crew (including New Zealanders) and despite being a great improvement on the aircraft that preceded it, by the time it saw action it was slow, limited in range and highly vulnerable to both anti-aircraft fire and fighters. The Fairey Battle only had one forward firing BSA made .303” Browning machine gun in the starboard wing and a single defensive .303 Vickers GO “K” machine gun in the rear turret / cabin. The Fairey Battle carried 4 x 250 lb bombs (internal) and a 500 lb bomb (external) and recorded the first RAF aerial victory of the Second World War but by May 1940 was suffering heavy losses of well over 50% per mission and was withdrawn from combat service and used for training overseas.



Left: A Vickers GO “K” armed Jeep of LRDF 'G' Patrol on the way to Barce during Operation Caravan, September 1944. Right: Major David Stirling (standing) who formed the Special Air Service (SAS) in North Africa during WWII with a heavily armed patrol of 'L' Detachment SAS just back from a three month patrol. The crews are all wearing 'Arab-style' headdress, as copied from the Long Range Desert Group. The SAS found that the Vickers GO “K” machine guns mounted in pairs forward facing and in pairs or singles rear facing with their very high rate of fire up to 1200 rounds per minute from each gun was ideal for the types of hit and run missions they undertook.



The Long Range Desert Group (LRDG) was a reconnaissance and raiding unit of the British Army during the Second World War. The commander of the German Afrika Corps, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, admitted that the LRDG "caused us more damage than any other British unit of equal strength". Originally called the Long Range Patrol Group (LRPG), the unit was founded in Egypt in June 1940 by Major Ralph A. Bagnold, acting under the direction of General Archibald Wavell. Bagnold was assisted by Captain Patrick Clayton and Captain William Shaw. Bagnold was given 150 New Zealand volunteers, most of whom had a farming background. Bagnold believed that they would be more adept at maintaining vehicles in a difficult environment should mechanical problems occur. Later joined by Rhodesian and British volunteers, whereupon new sub-units were formed and the name was changed to the better-known Long Range Desert Group (LRDG). The LRDG never numbered more than 350 men, all of whom were volunteers. The Long Range Desert Group was supplied with large numbers of the Vickers GO for use on its vehicles. They were used in single or custom built twin mountings. The Special Air Service adopted it for their hit and run tactics. With the VGO's high rate of fire and low-friction locking design (which proved resistant to jams from sand), the LRDG and SAS found the VGO markedly superior to either the .303" water-cooled Vickers or the .303 Bren gun. In a similar manner, the Airborne Reconnaissance Squadron of the Reconnaissance Corps mounted the VGO on jeeps when they were attached to the 1st Airborne Division during Operation Market-Garden in September 1944. About 70 Vickers GOs were converted by REME (image above right) to be used by the Commandos on D-day, fitted with a butt stock, trigger assembly / grip, ground sights, Bren Gun carry handles and bipod. The Royal Marine and Army Commandos also used the Vickers GO for infantry support/squad automatic gun briefly around D-Day.

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**CENTRAL BRANCH GUN SHOW 25 February Images courtesy of Pat Glynn and Noel Taylor**



Prizes Presented by  
National President  
Andrew Edgcombe

Best Military  
Best Non Military  
Best Non Firearms  
Best Central Branch  
Best Visitor Dave  
Peoples Choice

Noel Taylor  
Con Egan  
Leo Parkes  
Chris Puttick  
Franderon  
Steve Hills









## FROM OUR READERS

### From Andre Edgcombe ( Our President)

Way back in the dark ages at the time of the introduction of the E category endorsements, Police sent out letters to people that had purchased what were potentially MSSA's from dealers via dealers records. I recall getting the letter stating I had purchased an SKS at some stage. The letter stated that the rifle should be converted to A configuration or an endorsement sought for my license and the rifle registered. It also stated if the rifle had been on sold disregard the notice.

The question is does anyone else recall these letters and did anyone keep a copy? I really need a copy of one if someone did think to keep one for posterity. Contact Andrew [mg34nz@gmail.com](mailto:mg34nz@gmail.com)

### From David Jackson

While looking up info on pinfire revolvers, I discovered the reason why a lot of makers (particularly Belgian) did not put their name on their guns.

During the time of the pinfire, firearm development was at a high and new patents were coming out in quick succession and there was a lot of blatant flouting of said patents.

Small time makers deliberately left their wares anonymous simply to remain untraceable.

You can't sue someone if you don't know who he is.

### From Ivor Howitt

THE 'TIPPING POINT', CONFESSIONS OF A KILLER APE.

My first pangs of conscience came when it was my turn to use a friend's slug gun. The target was a lovely Red Robin on a branch.

The bird had just been gorging on strawberries in a garden, and now it was sitting contentedly and at peace with the world.

My friend missed, but I did not and a thing of beauty departed this world. My excuse? We were just kids and saw only a target.

Many years later I had taken up spearfishing, a natural pursuit for a 'Killer Ape'. A large fish came and looked into my facemask.

This was too good an opportunity. I backed off but it remained innocently looking at me head on. This was to be my 'Tipping Point'.

I placed my spear point on its nose, pushed it around side on and shot it! My reaction was a disgust at my betrayal of its trust.

I never shot another fish. They looked much more beautiful in a photograph. Had I become less of a 'Killer Ape', more 'Human'?

Watched an interview in the USA Mid-West. A man was asked "Why do you have an Assault Rifle"? "For huntin" he grunted.

In the background was a vast open land, devoid of any 'wild life', and I wondered if there was enough 'wild life' left for 'huntin' !

We are all evolved from worms. Essentially a tube. Food in one end and Left Overs out the other. But we now know compassion.

Let's not betray that knowledge.

### From Jarrod Robertson

Do you know of any restoration experts that would be able to repair a broken sword pommel? And also how I could get a general valuation of the sword (for insurance purposes)

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# US Aircraft Carrier Sunk In WW2 Battle Finally Found Off Australian Coast

Read the full story here:

<https://www.gizmodo.com.au/2018/03/us-aircraft-carrier-sunk-in-ww2-battle-finally-found-off-australian-coast/>

[George Dvorsky](#) Mar 7, 2018, 9:30am



The USS Lexington explodes after being bombed by Japanese planes in the Battle of the Coral Sea in the South Pacific in June 1942, during World War II. Photo: Associated Press

The *USS Lexington*, a US aircraft carrier lost during the 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea, has been discovered by a team of civilian researchers off the north-east coast of Australia.

The [Lexington was discovered](#) on Sunday, March 4, by Vulcan Inc., a company chaired by Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen. A search team aboard the Research Vessel (R/V) *Petrel* found the ship - one of the United States' first aircraft carriers - about 800km from the Australian east coast, and at a depth of 3km. The ship went down in May 1942 after a four-day battle against three Japanese aircraft carriers.

Using a remotely operated sub, the Vulcan team was able to locate the ship's nameplate, confirming its identity. The ship was found split up into three main pieces, its main section lying upright. The bow and stern section were found about 1.6km away. Photos of the wreck show the severed ship in exquisite detail, including some anti-aircraft cannons. To the west, the team found 11 of the 35 planes that went down with the ship, including seven Douglas TBD-1 Devastators, three Douglas SBD-3 Dauntlesses and a lone Grumman F4F-3 Wildcat.

The *USS Lexington*, or "Lady Lex", as it was nicknamed, fought alongside another US aircraft carrier, the *USS Yorktown*, during the Battle of the Coral Sea, which lasted from 4 to 8 May 1942. Together, these ships fought three Japanese aircraft carriers, the *Shōkaku*, *Zuikaku* and *Shōhō*, the latter of which went down during the battle. On May 8, the *Lexington* was badly damaged by torpedoes and enemy planes, and the ship was deliberately sunk to prevent capture. Some 2735 sailors were rescued, but 216 crewmen were killed during the battle.

The engagement marked the first carrier-on-carrier battle in naval history, signifying a new type of naval warfare.

The *Lexington* won't be salvaged, as it's protected under the US Sunken Military Craft Act, which designates it a war grave.

Contributed by Tony Bruce.

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## Will Registration work in New Zealand?

With the recent tragedy in the United States, a certain media outlet has been pushing the agenda of registration of all firearms. As we know, this was abandoned in New Zealand in 1983, but has bubbled to the surface again. So why are we, in COLFO, so much against it?

### **Registration will not prevent the criminal misuse of firearms.**

It is absurd to suggest that criminals will register their firearms. That being the case, then it follows that only the law abiding “fit and proper” will do so. A thin argument can be made that if a person’s firearms licence is revoked (say because of a protection order) then it will enable the police to seize ALL their firearms. This assumes that the registry is accurate (and you can’t assume that) and also that the person has no other means of getting a firearm. Given how the Police routinely talk about how they are finding firearms with drug dealers, it is pretty safe to conclude that a person bent on harm is going to get a firearm, as a recent tragic matter in Invercargill has shown.

### **Registration will not prevent terrorist or mass shooting incidents.**

For registration to prevent a mass shooting all the following must happen before the event:

- 1/ The individual must signal their desire to do harm in some way;
- 2/ Law enforcement must act on the threat;
- 3/ The registry must be accurate;
- 4/ The individual somehow cannot access other weapons; and
- 5/ The individual must be detained in some way.

We consider this series of events to be unlikely.

### **Registration costs money that should be used elsewhere.**

Registration is likely to be very expensive and even with “user pays” (and we note that if the price is too high, cost will act as a disincentive to register) it will use Police money and time to enforce. This is money and time that should be spent on investigating the theft of firearms, the illegal importation of firearms or those who are “telegraphing” a risk to themselves or others. It’s not hard to think of a situation where police time is spent chasing registration that simply should be used elsewhere.

### **The Registry must be 100% accurate or be pointless.**

If the registry is not accurate, then it achieves nothing. Anyone with endorsed firearms will have had the experience of an inspection and firearms you no longer own coming up. Given the current shambolic state of import licences we can safely assume that there is no possibility of an accurate record.

### **The Police have no sensible mechanism to ensure compliance.**

Short of randomly visiting FAL holder’s houses without warrant and demanding to see their firearms, it is hard to see how the police can enforce registration. Moreover, that would mean that you, as a FAL holder would have less rights than a person who the police suspect of a crime who do need a search warrant.

### **Registration always leads to confiscation. Always.**

Once firearms are registered, and if there is a knee jerk reaction (which there always is) then the FAL is the low hanging fruit for political gain. COLFO is in little doubt that firearms of certain types would be “banned” and confiscated with or without compensation. Only the law abiding would suffer, and huge numbers of firearms would join the existing “grey” pool in this country.

A Canadian Professor who has studied the failure of the Canadian registry said:

*“The evidence shows that the long-gun registry has not been effective in reducing criminal violence. Nor is the Canadian experience unique. No international study of firearm laws by criminologists or economists has found support for the claim that restricting access to firearms by civilians reduces criminal violence. And so ending the long gun registry is consistent with the basic principles of good fiscal management. Arguably any government program that fails to achieve its objectives should be shut down”.*

## **So how do you help us prevent this?**

You need to encourage anyone who does not know about the shooting sports to try. They may not take it up as a hobby, but they may be more sympathetic to our passion for the sports. You need to ensure your security is adequate. Have a good hard look at how you store your firearms to make it harder for any thief, and that can be as simple as changing how you store the bolts. Keep a record of all of your firearms: Make, Model, Serial No and Calibre. Lastly, look out for each other. If you or someone you know has access to firearms and may be having a tough time, ensure they get some help. If we all did these things we will continue to enjoy our sport for generations to come.

## **Police reveal the shape of future licence testing**

In the last issue we posed some questions concerning the implementation of the new process, this was published before Police had been given time to respond. We apologise if this gave the impression that Police were not responding to our questions, which was certainly not the case. Here are the answers to our questions:

**COLFO's questions, Police answers in Italics:**

• **Does the applicant have to pay the licensing application fee before sitting the theory and practical courses?**

*Each year there is somewhere between 10,000 and 11,000 first time firearms licence applicants. From 1 July members of the public that wish to obtain a firearms licence will have to commence the application process, including paying the application fee, before being able to undertake either the theory or practical training.*

• **Is the application fee going to change from \$126.50 to something more substantial?**

*Police are governed by the fee schedule set out in the Regulations and the current licensing fee is \$126.50.*

• **What qualifications does the writer/s of the online and practical courses have in firearms safety?**

*The development of the new training has been undertaken by suitably experienced and qualified police trainers and training developers*

• **Will there be consultation?**

*A sub-group of FCAF has been set up to review the Arms Code re-write. In addition, this group have also been asked to provide Police with a draft of what the two hour practical session should contain. Going forward all FCAF members will be provided with relevant material to provide feedback.*

• **Is there any ongoing safety education for those renewing their licences?**

*Further training at point of licence renewal is not something that we do now and is not something that we are looking at.*

**What provision will be made for those who cannot use web based learning?**

*There is the ability to print the Arms Code and learn from that. FCAF have also asked that we consider making printed copies of the Arms Code available and we are presently investigating our options here.*

*From 1 July first time firearms licence applicants will be undertaking both theory and practical training requirements. From all the discussions Police have had with firearms community users this approach has been well received as it is seen as an enhancement to firearms safety. We look forward to working with the community to deliver this programme across New Zealand.*

COLFO reminds readers that the 2017 printed Arms Code was withdrawn by Police after shooters pointed out that it contained errors.

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## FROM THE GUN ROOM By Andrew Edgcombe



Here is a rather curious looking pair of cylindrical cans, constructed from galvanized steel. They have elaborate spouts that act as a valve which are open when the spout is in the up position and closed when the spout is down. The stopper is fitted with a serrated disc, which engages a spring to prevent it un-screwing. There was also a section of brass chain to retain the stopper when not screwed firmly in place. The tapered carrying handle is shaped to fit around the spout to lock it in place when the spout is up and when folded down the handle is retained by a spring, a brass disc attached to the handle covers the open end of the spout with the spout folded down keeping dirt and debris out. What are they? This is the Cylindrical Water can for the MG08, Germany's WW1 heavy machinegun.

Early images of gun crews often depict the round water can; at around 14" high and 8" wide they were big and heavy. The construction is beautiful and complex, they would have been horrendously costly to produce. Economy measures can be seen in later production cans where the brass fittings were replaced with those of iron. These cans were superseded in 1916 with a new model resembling the 250 round ammunition cans also introduced at this time (as used through WWII and after). The new cans were much more popular than the cumbersome cylindrical can as they were light and easy to carry. The Cylindrical cans had a low survival rate, and considered one of the rarest MG08 accessories.



Three Cylindrical water cans, Iron fitted back left, Brass fitted back right and what was a brass fitted can at the front. Someone has chopped the brass fitting out of this can for scrap. This can had battle damage which was repaired with what I assume was a brass plate as even this has been removed in the quest for brass. Note battle damage can be seen on the top left hand can.



LEFT: Top view of stopper, spout and handle detail.

BELOW: Gun crews pose with their guns and the cylindrical water can, NOTE: These images were possibly taken during training of the MG crews. The top image has some of the crew wearing the MG qualification badge on their sleeve, these were specialist MG troops well versed in the tactical deployment of the deadly Maxim Gun



**Positively identify your target, or it could be your mate that you shoot!** That is the message of Mr Joe Green, Chairman of the Firearms Safety Council Aotearoa New Zealand, as the roar approaches. On average 1 deer hunter is killed each year when one hunter has shot another whilst deer hunting; failure to identify the target being a primary factor says Mr Green.

Identifying your target beyond all doubt is one of the seven basic rules of safe firearms handling and should be second nature to all hunters. Hunters should sight the head, neck and shoulder of the animal all at the same time, or at least sufficient of the animal to confirm target identification. No shooter should ever fire at ***shape, colour, movement or sound***". Beware under certain circumstances the brain can trick the eyes. Assume any shape, colour, movement or sound is a human until you can prove otherwise says Mr Green.

Wearing coloured clothing that contrasts with the environment, including deer, can help you be seen by other hunters. Ultimately, though the responsibility of target identification lies solely in the hands of the shooter.

In most of the incidents causing death and injury the shooter and the victim were in the same hunting party. They deliberately separated which became the beginning of a series of factors leading to tragedy. You and your hunting companions should stay together says Mr Green. If you do separate, then stop hunting until you regain visual contact.

Take special care during the roar, comply with all the seven basic rules of firearms safety, make sure you positively identify your target beyond all doubt and if you are hunting with a companion stay together.

### **The Seven Basic Rules of Safe Firearms Handling**

#### **1. TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS LOADED**

- Check every firearm yourself.
- Pass or accept only an open or unloaded firearm.

#### **2. ALWAYS POINT FIREARMS IN A SAFE DIRECTION**

- Loaded or unloaded, always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

#### **3. LOAD A FIREARM ONLY WHEN READY TO FIRE**

- Load only the magazine after you reach your shooting area.
- Load the chamber only when ready to shoot.
- Completely unload before leaving the shooting area.

#### **4. IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET BEYOND ALL DOUBT**

- Movement, colour, sound and shape can all deceive you.
- Assume colour, shape, sound, and shape to be human until proven otherwise

#### **5. CHECK YOUR FIRING ZONE**

- THINK! What may happen if you miss your target? What **might** you hit between you and the target or beyond?
- Do not fire know others are in your firing zone

#### **6. STORE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SAFELY**

- When not in use, lock away the bolt, firearm and ammunition separately.
- Never leave firearms in a vehicle that is unattended

#### **7. AVOID ALCOHOL AND DRUGS WHEN HANDLING FIREARMS**

- Good judgement is the key to safe use of firearms.

**MYSTERY OBJECT** (below right), answer please to [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

Last months (below left and centre) no one provided an answer which would have been a propelling pencil by Winchester.



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

**Lee Metford Mki\*: Britain's First Repeating Rifle (Almost)**

by Ian McCollum

<http://www.forgottenweapons.com/lee-metford-mki-britains-first-repeating-rifle-almost/>

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## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

### ARTICLES, NEWS, PHOTOS

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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.



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**\*WANTED:** Japanese Arisaka type 38 Carbine 6.5mm.

Please contact Ross Tantrum. [rosstantrum@gmail.com](mailto:rosstantrum@gmail.com). Tel 04-5699579. Mobile 021 1472549

**\*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 [nj-taylor@outlook.com](mailto:nj-taylor@outlook.com)

**\*WANTED:** Rear flip peep hole sight, sling and oiler for '42 Inland Division M1 Carbine.

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**WANTED:** MP5K or MP5. Contact Tim 021 2676 862 or [tmorahan7@me.com](mailto:tmorahan7@me.com)



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## 2018

14 April	NZAHAA AGM & Southland Branch Auction, Invercargill
29 April	Carvell's Auction, Auckland
26 May	Ruahine Arms Fair, Palmerston North
9 June	SSANZ Guns Show, Whangarei
1 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Alexander Park
7 & 8 July	Wellington Branch Auction. Porirua
21 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch
18 & 19 August	Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show
26 & 27 August	Militaria Auction, see below for details.
1 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North
22 September	NZAHAA HYGM & Northland Branch Auction, Whangarei

## 2019

23 & 24 February	Shot Expo, ASB show ground Auckland
8 & 9 March	NZCCC AGM, Darfield

## MILITARI AUCTIONS

**Great News.** We have secured **Southwards Car Museum Theatre** as the venue for our **26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018** Militaria Auction.

The venue at Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu is in a park like setting with ample parking. There are several Motels in the area available for accommodation.

Our usual viewing format will be from 6pm to 9pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7am to 9am Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and then 8am to 9am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

The auction will start at 9am both Saturday and Sunday.

We have started cataloguing items, so if you are contemplating selling any firearms or militaria, single items, an entire collection or estate lots, please call Ted now on 027 441 9 683, 04 388 1376 or email me on [rogersmb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rogersmb@xtra.co.nz)

We can pick up collections and estate lots in both the North and South Islands.

Check out some of the auction highlights from the Oct/Nov 2017 auction at <http://www.militaria.co.nz/>

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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.

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