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## EDITORIAL

In their Press Release announcing the format of the new Firearms Safety Training Programme Police had this to say: *"As pleased as Police is to deliver the new firearms safety programme, new firearms users will still need to gain experience using firearms safely in a variety of settings.*

*"Tapping into clubs with experienced firearms users who can pass on that valuable knowledge and experience is a vital part of being a responsible firearms user.*

*"We want the firearms community to continue to support new firearms users. Police is seeking help from firearms clubs, and the volunteer instructors from the programme ending 30 June, to provide community-based mentoring and to partner with new firearms users.*

*"Imagine a person getting their firearms licence because they want to go hunting but they don't know any hunters. Clubs play a vital role in bringing new firearms users together with experienced users.*

*"Having a new practical component and a community of people keen to coach and mentor new firearms users will contribute significantly to improved safety outcomes. And that is what Police wants."*

In theory this is a fine sentiment, and most clubs will welcome new members who are committed to participating fully in club activities. But as many clubs struggle to find access to suitable ranges, will they want their perhaps one day a month on the range or competition disrupted by an influx of novices?

And will the now redundant volunteer instructors be willing to make themselves available as mentors? The dismantling of the old volunteer programme over the past couple of years has resulted in a lot of bad feeling among those who have given their time so readily in the past.

With about 11,000 new licence applicants annually one can only hope that the firearm community as a whole will see the benefit in helping new shooters gain experience safely.

Best wishes, **Phil**

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Small Arms of the Royal Navy in the War against the French Republic and Napoleon by Dr John Bird



The Duel – Rapier to Small Sword by Cathey and Rex Brimage



American Civil War by John Spencer

## **SWORD FOR PRIVATES c 1856 by Phil Cregeen**

### **Other Ranks, Land Transport Corps 1856**



Apparently manufactured in Solingen Germany by Kirschbaum, this one carries a W<sup>A</sup>D and inspection mark on the blade, which is flat and unfullered and measures 22.25 x 1.4 inches, with an overall length of 27.7 inches.

Created in early 1855, the Land Transport Corps was hastily equipped. Officers carried the Pattern 1821 Light Cavalry Sword but it is believed that the other ranks were equipped with this copy of the French Infantry Sword, Model 1831. Known vulgarly as 'the cabbage cutter' it was based on the ancient Roman gladius. As a weapon it was of little practical value but could serve as a cutting tool. It is unclear whether any were actually carried on campaign or even issued.

### **British Mk I Drummers sword 1856**



This example was manufactured by MOLE and has a Birmingham inspection mark on the blade which measures 19 x 1.3 inches with an overall length of 24.5 inches. The brass and leather scabbard is marked on the rear of the locket with RENOVATED POTTER ALDERSHOT.

Issued to Drummers, Fifers and Buglers from 1856, a Mk II version was adopted in 1895. They were declared obsolete in 1903

### **British Pioneer Sword 1856**



These sword were designed to be a weapon and a tool, for cutting logs and brush and the like and carried by Pioneers. Examples have been noted manufactured by Wilkinson, Mole, Watts and Kirschbaum. This example has an indistinct makers stamp on the flat saw back blade (A & ? H) and an inspection mark and measures 22.3 x 1.4 inches with an overall length of 27.2 inches.

This sword became obsolete in 1903, although continued in service with the Royal Navy until WWI.

## FROM OUR ROVING CORRESPONDENT Simon West

Recently while staying in Halifax Nova Scotia I became intrigued by the “Halifax Disaster” or more specifically, how so much death, suffering and destruction came about.

Susanne and I are now in England, Devon to be precise. The weather has come right and the treasure hunting is going very well. I just got a nice English civil war pole arm that was mis-described as a whale flensing tool.

### The Halifax Disaster of 1917

By Simon West

Incompetence, explosives and bad luck.

That’s all it takes to kill over 2000 people, maim 9000 more and destroy 325 acres of real-estate.

In New York the French ship *SS Mont Blanc* was being loaded. She was privately owned but operating under French Admiralty orders, as were all French ships at the time. The *Mont Blanc* a small freighter of 3121 Ton was built in 1899 and while not old in maritime terms, she was in poor condition, for some years only the most essential maintenance and repairs were carried out.

Her holds were loaded with essential war materials bound for Bordeaux, France. Reading through the cargo manifest it beggars belief, even to those with the most rudimentary comprehension of alchemy, that not a lot of thinking went on at headquarters.

Picric Acid	2366 Ton
TNT	250 Ton
Gun cotton	62 Ton
Lyddite	Quantity unknown
Trinirotoluene	Quantity unknown



SS Mont Blanc

If that was not terrifying enough, at the last minute the Admiralty ordered 250 ton of Benzene {petrol} in 44 gallon drums be loaded on deck, stacked 3 to 4 high and lashed down with ropes.

Now that the ‘**Bomb**’ *SS Mont Blanc* was assembled, the over-loaded and, as a consequence, very slow ship was denied permission to join the Atlantic convoy from New York. Her very anxious captain Le Medec received orders to sail north to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to join a more suitable convoy. The vessel arrived at the heads to Halifax Harbour on the afternoon of December 5<sup>th</sup> 1917, having hugged the coast as close as she dared to avoid German attack. By the time she took the harbour-pilot on board, her manifest inspected by the Royal Navy, who control shipping in the port, and a password code issued, it was too late to enter port. The harbour defensive booms were raised at dusk preventing access. She must now wait nervously at anchor until next morning when she will be signalled to enter.

Meanwhile on the other side of the boom defence the Norwegian Freighter *Imo*, the ‘**Detonator**’, sat at anchor in the Bedford Basin. Her captain angry and frustrated at the incompetence of clerks in the office of the ship’s agents. She had expected to refuel with 50 ton of steaming coal by 3pm that day as her empty cargo holds were urgently required for critical war supplies in Rotterdam. The harbour pilot was on-board but due to the clerical bungling, the coal tender did not come alongside until 5:30pm. Loading was not completed until after dark. The *Imo* is now running very late and her captain Haakon furious at the delay. But at least the sympathetic pilot agreed to stay on board for a quick start in the morning.



SS Imo

At 7:30 the next morning the *Mont Blanc* was signalled to enter port. Captain Le Medec ordered the password code be flown. Not, however, the Red Ensign for explosives, as according to maritime law this was only required to be flown when loading or unloading munitions or explosives and it would be suicide to do so at sea in wartime.

At about the same time the *Imo* was upping anchor and making for open water at speed. Her captain and pilot were determined to make up some lost time. As she was leaving the Bedford Basin there was some confusion over right-of-way between her and a tug towing a line of barges. Rightly or wrongly she ended up offside, entering a stretch of water called The Narrows, at the same time the *Mont Blanc* came into view.

The *Mont Blanc's* alarmed captain signalled *Imo* to correct her course, *Imo* signalled *Mont Blanc* to change hers. It was now too late and collision inevitable. *Mont Blanc* steered hard away from the much larger and fast moving *Imo*. *Imo* now had her engines full speed astern but with no hope of stopping in time and with her forward thrust gone, her bow swung toward *Mont Blanc*. The *Imo* bow sliced into *Mont Blanc's* hull and number one hold. Drums of Benzol broke loose and split open flooding the deck and pouring into the hold. *Imo's* reverse thrust finely took effect and as the two vessels separated, the friction of jagged metal produced a shower of sparks which lit the 'Fuse'.



*Imo* backs away from the doomed *Mont Blanc*

Flames instantly erupted on deck and within seconds dark sooty smoke began billowing from the gash in *Mont Blanc's* hull. It was obvious to all on board that the Lyddite high explosive was alight and it was only a matter of time before the flames / heat reached the volatile Picric Acid, sending them all to oblivion. La Medec gave the order to abandon ship and they rowed for all they were worth for the Dartmouth shore shouting warnings to anyone within earshot. *Mont Blanc*, abandoned and crippled was drifting toward number 6 Pier. Dropping anchor had not been an option for the crew as it was that area which was engulfed in flames.

The sight of a burning ship in the harbour drew crowds of spectators and word quickly spread. Soon vantage points were packed and those that didn't venture outside that sunny freezing morning looked on from upstairs windows, classrooms, factories and offices. All completely unaware of what this fascinating spectacle was about to unleash.

Number 6 Pier was now on fire, *Mont Blanc* being held against the wharf by the incoming tide and efforts were being made by the crew on a tug boat to tow her clear. The fire brigade arrived and were setting up to fight the land-based blaze.

At 09:04 flames reached the Picric acid and *Mont Blanc*, **the Bomb**, exploded.

It was the biggest man-made explosion in history, prior to the Atom bomb of WWII, and its effects were catastrophic. *The Mont Blanc* was all but vaporised and thousands of tons of water, along with mud and rock from the sea floor, blasted skyward. A heat and shock wave travelling at a tremendous speed radiated out in all directions destroying all in its path. Most houses in Halifax were constructed of timber and thousands were torn to pieces by the shock-wave or the back draft of wind that rushed back in to fill the void left by the super-heated gas. Windows were blown-in for miles around, blinding eyes of spectators. In the harbour something similar was happening. The sea level dropped considerably due to the enormous amount of water and rock blown into the air yet to return to earth. As the sea rushed back in it caused a tidal wave, flooding into low lying areas and sucking dead and dying with it as it receded.

The numbers killed or maimed by the blast was staggering but it was about to get even worse. Fires, caused by damaged or over-turned heaters and stoves in the shattered houses, began to break out all over the place. Many dead, injured and trapped were consumed by the fire storm as there were no organised rescue teams and what was left of the fire brigade could not cope.



**Scenes of devastation in Halifax**

If fate had not been cruel enough to Halifax already, the cold breeze that had been blowing all morning now developed into a full blown blizzard lasting about 24 hours. Freezing to death even more of those still trapped. The snow was followed by torrential rain which turned everything to mud. For the survivors many of whom were injured and most without shelter or adequate clothing pneumonia was to take a heavy toll.

The cause of the collision was eventually levelled at Le Medec the *Mont Blanc* Skipper. But what of those who ordered such a volatile cargo to be loaded? What too the *Imo* entering the narrows without permission? Why were the Royal Navy Inspector and harbour master the only ones to know that *Mont Blanc* was such a danger and why was there no plan to warn Halifax inhabitancy should such a situation occur? There were many more independently insignificant oversights and mistakes that contributed to the disaster. It is rare that a single error is responsible for such a cataclysmic event. As for the weather, well that was just bad luck.



**A fragment of Mont Blanc**



**A clock found in the rubble,  
stopped at the time of the explosion**

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## **COLFO to become more inclusive.**

At the COLFO AGM in May a remit was passed allowing interested groups who may be affected by arms legislation, such as air-soft and paintball users, to come under the umbrella of COLFO... COLFO encourages any firearms interest group or individual to become a member – visit our website for details.

## **COLFO Fee increases**

Unrelenting anti firearm activity over the past two years has resulted in increasing workloads for COLFO Board members, involving domestic and international travel as well as supporting various legal challenges and projects that benefit all shooters. This all comes at a cost and in order to rebuild our funds it has been necessary to increase fees for the first time in decades. Most of COLFO's annual income is derived from donations; this is where you can help our cause by giving a little to: **06-0501-0736016-00**

## **Where to with Licence Testing?**

Police have advised that new licence applicants will need to access the new, yet to be published, Arms Code from the Police website, and when ready sit a firearm safety test at a location where driver licence testing is provided, such as AA or VTNZ. Once they have passed the theory test they will then need to attend a two hour practical handling lecture and assessment before their application can progress.

It has been announced by New Zealand Police that they have awarded the contract to deliver the practical firearms handling component of the new on line testing regime for two years commencing 1 July to the Mountain Safety Council. The MSC is now attempting to recruit part time paid contractors to deliver this programme in just 48 main centres throughout the country.

COLFO is concerned that this new system will result in fewer people having opportunity to gain their licence, especially for those with learning difficulties and those living in remote locations.

If you experience unreasonable difficulty in accessing the new licence testing process COLFO would like to hear about it.

## **Guns and Gangs**

What unintended consequences will the newly announced **Firearms Prohibition Orders Bill** have for law abiding firearm owners? This Bill gives powers to the Commissioner of Police to prohibit members of gangs from possessing or associating with any person with a firearm. COLFO sees one concern in a new definition of “possession” which the Bill defines as “in relation to a firearm, part, or ammunition, includes a firearm, part, or ammunition that is subject to a person’s control but that is in the custody of another person”. What exactly does this mean in practice and how will it affect licensed owners? How will anyone know who is subject to a prohibition order- in order not to associate with them in any way relating to a firearm?

This Bill will require close scrutiny and robust submissions at the Select Committee stage. COLFO will keep you advised.

## **Imported Firearms**

Recently dealers have queried the need to supply details of imported A Cat firearm serial numbers to Police. Following consultation with the Arms Act Deliver Service it was pointed out to COLFO that this is a requirement set out in **Section 13 Notification of Importation** of the **Arms Regulations 1992**, which requires full details to be supplied to the Arms Office that issued the import permit within 30 days of the firearm arriving in New Zealand. Failure to do so may incur a fine of up to \$ 400 on conviction.

This should be seen as Police doing their job effectively rather than introducing a new imposition on importers. COLFO does not see this as “registration by stealth” but rather a means of collecting accurate data on firearm imports.

### **The Future of the Shooting Sports in New Zealand**

Sometimes it feels that the misguided attacks on our hobbies are relentless. It is clear that there are some people who are of the opinion that all firearms should be removed from civilian hands. This is their right. The only way we can prevent this from happening- and it could well happen that the ownership of firearms is severely restricted in this country - is by increasing our numbers. The reality is that licensed firearm owners- who are by definition “fit and proper” and thus law abiding are likely to adhere to any restrictions on their sport no matter how unjust, or give up the sport because it all becomes too difficult. Once the number of licensed shooters drops below a certain critical mass, the pastime we all love will be stilled, probably for ever.

COLFO works hard for you, frequently behind the scenes. Our board watch carefully all media articles, lobby at the national and international stage and talk to all participants whether police, politicians or “the antis”. But there is one thing we cannot do to any great degree and one thing you can help us with- and that is get more people into the shooting sports.

We see this as a numbers game. More shooters equates to greater influence on decision makers. As it stands there are a huge number of people with licences in New Zealand- but we need as many as we can get and there is much you can do to help.

The first thing is, don’t dismiss other shooters or their disciplines. While you may only enjoy one particular shooting discipline and have no interest in other types of firearm, don’t throw fellow shooters under the bus by condemning their particular style of shooting. Our experience has been that media or persons with an agenda will seize on and distort any message from just one person, no matter how well intentioned, and this will become the opinion of “all” shooters. How often have we heard people with an anti firearm agenda say “I have talked to lots of shooters who agree with me”.

The second thing is, and perhaps more important than anything, is to introduce other people to your hobby. There are two aspects to this. If someone doesn’t like firearms, or has a “Hollywood” view of them, you will find that simply by taking them to the range and exposing them to a chance to have a shot and try out different types of firearms they may be more supportive of us. COLFO did just that with the Select Committee last year. They may well, after a positive experience- pipe up on a comment on a news site or to a friend that they understand the shooting community and why they are so passionate about their sport.

Most importantly however, by encouraging and introducing people to the sport (“ I have always wanted to try this”) they may get a licence and take up the sport. We tend to think about only introducing younger generations to the sport but we need to think more widely. Women are the fastest growing demographic for shooting sports in the United States and there is no reason to think this won’t be the case here. Your clubs and friends should always be on the lookout for a chance to introduce new shooters whether having a “user friendly” process to join the club, or an open day. If you come across someone at your workplace who has “always been interested” in firearms, you should make the opportunity to take them out, even if it is just plinking away with a .22.

If just 10% of shooters in New Zealand got just one person into the hobby every year, within a short time our voices would never be able to be silenced. It is up to you.

You can become an individual supporter of COLFO here: <http://colfo.org.nz>



## **A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY, MAKE THE MOST OF IT.**

In Police's effort to review and improve the administration of the Arms Act, the Arms Act Service Delivery Group is looking closely at how Police can best deliver firearms related services to the public in a timely, consistent, and cost effective manner.

To assist with this work, the project team are looking to meet with Police district staff and firearms user community members for participatory discussion sessions in all police districts. These sessions are designed in a way that it will enable you to contribute creatively to the current thinking around challenges, opportunities, needs and wants of the firearms community when interacting with Police for Arms Act related services. We want to hear about any insights you may have from your interaction with the Police and external agencies involved in delivery of services. We will also spend some time to understand from you what you think are the areas we need to focus on and how we may improve our service model to deliver consistent, timely and efficient services to you. During the workshop, you will have a chance to ask questions, have open and genuine discussion and provide any feedback to help us shape our understanding of unique issues in your community.

The schedule of visits is shown below. While the times and dates will remain unchanged, the schedule will be updated with venue locations as we finalise arrangements with venue providers. Updates will be published on the News and Updates section of the Police website <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates>.

All firearms community members are welcome to attend and I would be grateful if you could distribute this information widely across your networks.

### **Firearms Community Sessions Schedule**

<b>District</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Session Time</b>
Wellington	Friday 1 June	12.30pm to 2pm
New Plymouth	Tuesday 5 June	11am to 12.30pm
Taupo	Wednesday 6 June	10.30am to 12pm
Napier	Thursday 6 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Palmerston North	Thursday 7 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Rotorua	Monday 11 June	10.30am to 12pm
Tauranga	Monday 11 June	8am to 9.30am
Manukau	Tuesday 12 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Whangarei	Wednesday 13 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Gisborne	Thursday 14 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Greymouth	Monday 18 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Christchurch	Tuesday 19 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Timaru	Wednesday 20 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Hamilton	Thursday 21 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Nelson	Monday 25 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Blenheim	Tuesday 26 June	1pm to 2.30pm
Invercargill	Thursday 28 June	4.30pm to 6pm
Dunedin	Friday 29 June	2pm to 3.30pm

## **THE ORIGINAL AK 47 From Forgotten Weapons by Ian McCollum**

The AK-47 rifle was formally adopted in 1947, as the name implies, and went into production in 1948. In this very first form, it used a stamped receiver with front and rear trunnions riveted in place. Unfortunately, while the hand-fitted preproduction guns were quite excellent, the manufacturing processes and quality control left a lot to be desired. The stamped receiver was relatively thin (especially compared to previous stamped Russian small arms like the PPS-43), and was very susceptible to warping during heat treating and other parts of the manufacturing process. The guns that met QC requirements were every bit as good as expected, but the high number of rejects nullified much of the point of having those stamped parts in the first place.

For this reason, AK-47 production ended in 1951, and a milled receiver was developed to allow rifles to continue being made while the engineering and production team worked to improve the receiver design and the manufacturing processes around it.

Today the first pattern AK47 is an extremely rare weapon, and I am grateful to the private collector who allowed me to video this one for you!

<http://www.forgottenweapons.com/type-1-russian-ak-the-actual-ak-47/>

With recognition of the production problems of the original Type 1 AK-47, an alternative was needed. Russian engineer Valeriy Kharkov led a team of engineers who designed a replacement drop-forged and machined receiver for the AK. This was formally designated the AK-49 (a name which has not seen use in the US). This new receiver was not a technical challenge for Izhevsk to produce, and it added durability and potentially accuracy to the weapon, at the cost of an addition pound (half kilo) of weight and more manufacturing time/expense.

The Type 2 AK is distinctive for its rear socket used to attach the buttstock, which was done to simplify the receiver profile and to allow the same receiver to be used for both fixed and underfolding stocks. The Type 2 receiver also has a weight reduction scalloped cut on the right side which is parallel to the top surface of the receiver (on the later Type 3, this cut would be made parallel to the bottom of the receiver instead) as well as a few other smaller features.

While the Type 2 receiver solved the immediate problem for Kalashnikov's team, it would only be in production for a short time. Introduced in 1949, production ceased in 1953 or 1954, being replaced by an improved iteration of milled receiver, the Type 3. The Type 3 would remain in production until the stamped receiver was finally perfected as the AKM in 1959, and the Type 3 would be produced by a significant number of nations outside the Soviet Union.

Today, the second pattern milled AK is an very rare weapon, and I am grateful to the private collector who allowed me to video this one for you!

<http://www.forgottenweapons.com/russian-ak-49-the-type-2-milled-receiver-ak/>

**CAN YOU HELP ?**

Pat Glynn would like to know if any member can identify this cannon, Answers to [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz) please.





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This year we are endeavouring to have as many Artillery pieces as we can get. A limited amount of funding has been secured for this, which may be able to contribute to transport costs. If anybody is interested email Graham Pettigrew [pettco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pettco@xtra.co.nz)

## FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

I have accumulated a reasonable amount of ephemera over the years, it certainly sounds interesting and is reassuringly difficult to pronounce. Ephemera is according to the dictionary are “Collectable items that were originally expected to have only short-term usefulness.” Quite fitting for an item such as a railway ticket. Personally I think this is a fantastic historical document and one of my favorites as humble as it may be.



This railway ticket issued to Captain Chaplain Daly (Leo James Daly 37099) by the Trentham Camp Commandants office on 26th October 1916 for the purpose of final leave. The ticket measuring 7" X 5" provides for first class travel to the stipulated destination “by shortest route”, in this case Hokitika on the West coast of the South Island. Research indicates that Cpt Daly’s Sister, Miss Margaret Daly was listed as his next of kin and lived on Fitzherbert Street Hokitika. Travel miles were recorded by clipping the appropriate outward and return sections of the ticket for both North and South Island travel. Also noted is the point that the ticket was only valid for soldiers in uniform. Capt Chaplain Daly had been appointed Chaplain at Trentham Military Camp on the outbreak of the First World War in October 1914, I would imagine he would have been a familiar face for many of the men training at Trentham before leaving for overseas service. Capt Daly himself embarked from Wellington on 15th November 1916 for active service with NZ Military Transport No 68 aboard either the Tahiti or the Maunganui as part of the NZ Chaplains Department, New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Arriving in Plymouth, Devon in January 1917. Capt Daly was a well educated man and a devout Catholic, prior to and following his Military service he served the Church in Fielding, Dannevirke and Upper Hutt until his retirement.

I can only imagine the feeling of visiting home for what in all reality could well have been the final time before heading off to join the great war, possibly being a man of the cloth he felt reassurance that he would be safe doing gods work providing spiritual guidance and reassurance for the men as they endured a living hell?

How this item managed to find itself blowing around the Hawera rubbish dump one wet and blustery day in the late 1970’s where it caught my eye is a mystery, it had at one time been pasted into a photo album as a treasured keepsake along with photographs and a few other odds and ends that I was able to rescue. Sadly many such items have suffered a similar fate, being of no worth other than the sentimental value to the person retaining them as reminders of past experiences. I previously had no background information on this item until I decided to make it the subject of this short article. The Cenotaph database and papers past were a wealth of information and I was really pleased to be able find out a little more about this item and Captain Chaplain Daly. I have to admit I never made the connection until this time that “Chap” meant he was a Chaplain!

**THIS GUN WILL BE FOR SALE IN THE NORTHLAND AUCTION 22 SEPTEMBER**

**NZAR ID No: 124. Arm type: Carbine. Draft date: 8 Feb 2011. Compiled by: John Osborne DTT, PhD, FSG.**

**Pattern 1827 Paget's flintlock cavalry carbine. Introduced into NZ Service: 1840. Withdrawn: 1860?**

Paget's pattern 1827 flintlock carbine fitted with 20" 11 bore (.733" caliber) smooth bore barrel with captivated swivel ramrod, saddle bar and brass furniture, walnut stock, 100 yard rear sight mounted on barrel tang, barrel attached by tang screw and two keys. **Provenance** - used by New South Wales Mounted Armed Police who accompanied Captain William Hobson at the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 and by some of New Zealand's first Mounted Armed Constabulary. Paget's carbine was also made with a 16" 17 bore (.66" caliber) smooth bore barrel.



**Saddle bar and ring, rear sight, Birmingham private proof marks Lock marked TOWER / PROOF & Crown**



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## FROM OUR READERS

### Mike Carrick writes

Here is photo of my display about the Girardoni Model 1790 repeating air rifle as carried across USA in 1804-1806 on the Lewis & Clark expedition. Mine is an original gun, but not the actual one carried by Lewis.

Mike displayed this gun at the Denver Gun Show 17 to 20 May



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**Wellington Branch - 2018 Auction**

**Dates: 7/8 July 2018**

The Branch are really positive about this move and feel it will meet all our requirements and be a great location for our buyers. Travel information will be included in the catalogue however, as Porirua is a popular place for people to stay given the activities at the Te Rauparaha Arena, we have included Motel details on the back of the flyer that was distributed to all our catalogue mailing list so you can visit their websites and make your booking early to make sure you have somewhere to stay.

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

Last months (below left ), was correctly identified by Stuart Leithead who had this to say: 2 Flint Knapping hammers, probably either North African or Eastern European. The one on the left has pricker attached. The bottom end of each has an edge which can either be used for splitting flint or used as a turn screw. The C shaped item on the right I think is a striker for creating sparks.



The image of last month's mystery objects above left were provided by Mike Carrick, who provided the following information about them:

This instrument is usually identified as an Eslabone (ess-lah-bone-eh). A Spanish dictionary will define eslabone as a link of a chain, but if you have a large dictionary, you will find an additional definition as the "steel" used for striking flint to start a fire. Most of us are familiar with the "strike-a-light" implements seen at mountain-man or pioneer-days demonstrations. A semi-circular steel tool is struck by the sharp edge of a flint to throw sparks into tinder. Considering the Spanish definition, these tools do resemble a link of a large chain, and perhaps actual chain links were used for striking a spark in the days before Zippo.

The eslabone is essentially a combination tool for the warrior or hunter. I have seen about twenty of them, and about half have had a small pick attached, and most have the bottom of the "handle" shaped into a screwdriver. This screwdriver edge may have been used as a crude screwdriver (perhaps to turn the screw in the jaws holding the flint), and it may have served to chip a flake from a core of flint. The two ends of the top of the hammer-like tool are different from each other—one is usually shaped like a pick and the other like a hammer. The pointed one would be used to form and sharpen the striking edge of the gun's flint.

The small pointed awl-shaped piece is usually identified in the literature as a pick to clear the vent hole in the flintlock. All I have seen have been much too blunt and too large for that purpose. Maybe this was used for the final shaping of the flint by using the pressure technique of flintknapping. Or perhaps, they were kept sharp for clearing the vent hole but have become dull and blunted over the years.

Although eslabones carry a Spanish name, are found in Spain (sometimes with Spanish maker's marks), and are found in Spanish North Africa, it seems they were also very popular in the Indian sub-continent. Many references show examples originating in Afghanistan and India. I have seen a photo taken in Afghanistan of a warrior or hunter with a wide belt, called a Kamar, carrying a bullet pouch, powder horn, accessory pouch, and an eslabone,

Mike Carrick, Salem, Oregon, USA



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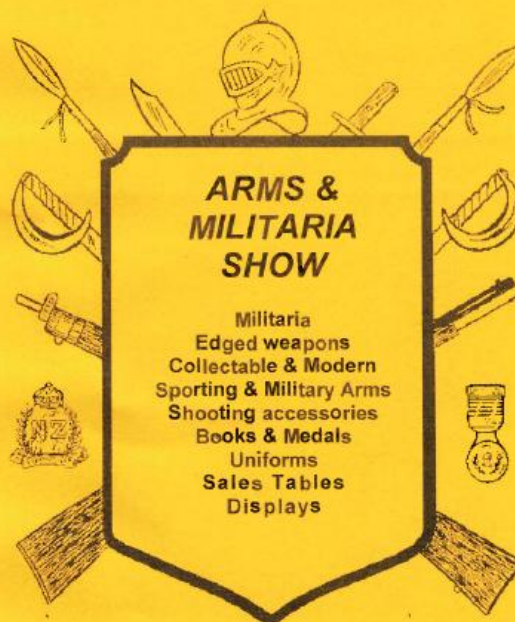


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