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EDITORIAL

There is no shortage of collecting opportunities in the coming month, with Ted Rogers auction this past weekend, Ruahine auction next weekend followed by Canterbury two weeks later and Northland Auction on 22 September.

So when you get home with your new purchase, and have spent a few days researching its history or you have taken it out and fired a few rounds, how about sitting down and writing a short story about it, to share your pleasure and knowledge with your fellow collectors.

After all that is what being a member of NZAHAA is supposed to be about sharing your enjoyment and knowledge of the things you collect. I know many of you have a wealth of knowledge about firearms and military collectable, so don't take that knowledge to your grave, share it with your mates.

Happy bidding and writing,

Phil

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A LEGACY OF JOHN OSBORNE 1941 - 2018

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.
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ANOTHER SCARCE FIREARM FROM JOHN OSBORNE'S COLLECTION Lot 126 in Northland Branch Auction

**Pattern: M3 / M3A1 SMG .45" ACP calibre. Introduced: Late 1944. Withdrawn: after the Korean War
Compiled by John Osborne**

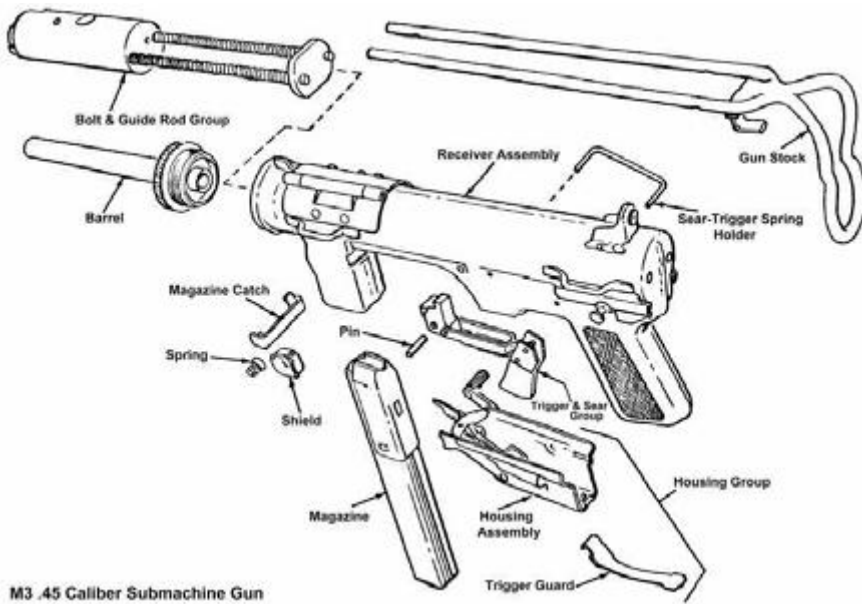
Specifications: Maker Ithaca Gun Co. Sub Machine Gun. Caliber: .45" ACP. Action: Blowback fires from open bolt. Cyclic rate: 450 rds/min. Sights: Fixed 100m rear peep sight and blade foresight. Magazine: 30-round detachable. Muzzle velocity: 280 m/s. Weight: 3.61 kg

The M3 / M3A1 was considered a superior alternative to the Thompson submachine gun as it was cheaper to produce, lighter and more accurate. Commonly referred to as the "**Grease Gun**" the M3 / M3A1 began to replace the Thompson in front-line service in late 1944 but saw relatively little combat use in World War II. During the Korean War, existing M3 guns in service were converted to the improved M3A1 configuration using new parts. Complaints of accidental discharge continued to occur even as late as the Korean War. These incidents were sometimes caused by dropping the gun on a hard surface with an impact sufficient to knock open the ejection port cover and propel the bolt backwards (but not enough to catch the sear). The return springs would then propel the bolt forward to pick up a cartridge from the magazine and carry it into the chamber, where the bolt's fixed firing pin struck the primer upon contact. During the Korean War the Ithaca Gun Co built 33,000 complete guns as well as manufacturing thousands of parts for the repair and rebuilding of

existing M3 and M3A1s. The M3 and M3A1 were largely withdrawn from U.S. frontline service in 1957, but continued to be used until the mid-1990s by armored vehicle crews and truck drivers. During the 1991 Gulf War, drivers of the 19th Engineer Battalion attached to the 1st Armored Division were equipped with the M3A1. American made firearms entering the UK were frequently British proofed.

New Zealand Service: Over the course of the Korean war more than 4,700 New Zealanders served as a part of Kayforce (16th Field Regiment and Royal New Zealand Artillery) and a further 1,350 Royal New Zealand Navy sailors took part in tours of duty, 33 were killed in action and 79 wounded. Some British & NZ forces attached to the Americans were issued with the M3A1.





M3 .45 Caliber Submachine Gun

M3A1 marked SUB-MACH GUN CAL 45 / ITHACA GUN CO, INC / U.S. NO 758164



M3A1 ejection port cover open showing bolt back in firing position



British proof on bolt to rear of finger cocking hole. roof mark on receiver body.

British proof marks on barrel



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Arms (Prohibition on Shortened Firearms) Amendment Bill

When National MP Alastair Scott put forward this draft private members bill, supposedly aimed at discouraging criminals from owning sawn off shotguns and rifles and impose harsher sentences for such offences, at the end of July, firearm owners were horrified. The reason for this horror was that the Bill as worded would make thousands of lawful firearm owner's criminals over night and force them to give up their much loved rifles and shotguns or face prosecution. Why, because the Bill made no mention of a minimum length by which a long gun could be shortened so even a few mm off the length became a crime.

Once alerted an e-mail campaign by SSANZ members, together with other groups and organizations, over the space of a weekend had the desired effect and resulted in the National Party agreeing to withdraw the Bill and reconsider its wording. The party further said they would work with the firearm community in developing any future firearms legislation. A good example of what can be achieved when we all play our part.

What is the Point of Tougher Maximum Sentences?

Politicians and others have called for penalties for firearm offences to be increased, however our courts seem reluctant to impose meaning full sentences. Here is a case in point.

Michael John Hayes was sentenced in July by Judge John McDonald to 12 months home detention after pleading guilty to unlawfully supplying firearms to Quinn Patterson, who subsequently shot dead two women in July last year in Whangarei.

Hayes pleaded guilty to 3 counts of unlawful possession of an MSSA, 3 counts of supplying an MSSA to an unlicensed person, each of which attract a maximum penalty of 3 years imprisonment, and 3 counts of supplying firearms to an unlicensed person which attracts a maximum penalty of 3 months imprisonment. In addition it is claimed he allowed Patterson to use his firearm licence to buy more guns through Trademe.

Hayes has shown a reckless disregard for the Arms laws of New Zealand, which in turn lead to the murder of two innocent women by Patterson. To be handed a sentence of only 12 months home detention for such serious offences sends the wrong message to others who may flaunt our arms laws.

Many Licensed firearm owners feel outraged both by Hayes actions and the court for failure to support the law by imposing a meaningful sentence.

We would hope that the Crown will appeal this sentence.

A Problem with ARs

Rifles based on the AR 15 platform have become very popular in recent years, they can come in various forms of semi automatic, both A and E Cat, as well as bolt action. Many owners now use these rifles for hunting and target shooting; they are light, compact and accurate. With their modular construction they have become ideal for custom builds and local assembly.

Since Police centralised the processing of import applications at Police National Headquarters in recent months, a number of dealers have had permits to import parts for AR 15s declined where previously there had been no problem. Police put this down to consistency of decision making, claiming that since parts for an A Cat. AR 15 can be used in an MSSA they require a special reason to be imported and that importing for resale or stock is not a special reason.

There should be no doubt those dealers who sell AR15s need to carry stocks of parts to service them, as do those who assemble custom rifles, yet to satisfy the intention of the Arms Act and Police concern their needs to be some safeguard to prevent parts imported as A cat being used to create under the radar MSSAs.

Some dealers are currently contemplating litigation against police to resolve this issue but that could go either way and could result in a precedent that would make the future importation of AR 15 parts impossible. Wouldn't it make more sense for Police and dealers to sit down and work out a solution that would allay the concerns of police and allow dealers to support their customers?

The forces of darkness are gathering

Prior to the last two years licensed firearms owners (LFO's) enjoyed about ten or so years of relative calm on the political, legal and policing fronts and for that we should be grateful. However, there are some strong indications that the situation is about change and inevitably not to our advantage. Be alert. Be aware.

Consider for a moment that we have:

- A new coalition Government with a certain member parties with known anti firearm policies
- A very forthright anti-gun attitude being publicised by the Police Association (the Police trade union). Check out some of the distorted and inaccurate rhetoric spouted by their President Chris Cahill.
- Our National media also biased against LFO's and their rights to own and use firearms. So much so that they readily publish/broadcast/screen the anti gun rhetoric from the likes of Cahill and Alpers (yes, he has resurfaced) and even when they are proven wrong will not provide corrections or retractions to readers/viewers. Consequently, we are losing the publicity battle.
- Hand in hand is a powerful anti-gun lobby who consider themselves to be above the law. For example, they were able to cause the cancellation of a popular arms and militaria auction late last year. The poor auctioneer had to cancel because Police told him they couldn't protect his audience from the protesters. So, lawful and law abiding LFO's could not be protected by our Police from the violence of an unruly protest mob. A sorry state of affairs.
- The official Police briefing to the new Minister of Police coerced out of Police by an Official Information Act request had significant sections heavily redacted (deleted) from public view. See for yourself at <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/06-signed-arms-act-administration-redacted.pdf>

Police HQ are complaining that their administration of licensed Firearms in New Zealand is causing them a financial shortfall of \$6 million even after collecting fees from LFO's. The signals they are sending out on this are very clear. Fees for things like import permits and renewals are expected to be increased and they will be looking to see what else they can charge us for.

In his recent "meet and greet" tour of New Zealand the new Police top firearms officer, Acting Superintendent McIlraith was at pains to say that Police had been told by Government that there are no plans to change the Arms Act BUT he ignored questions about the other laws that impact on us all. Right now there is the Arms (Firearms Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill in Parliament. There is the Search and Surveillance Act which has implications for LFO's and most importantly it is becoming clear that Police are very focused, determined actually, on changes to the Arms Regulations of 1992.

As licensed firearms owners we are too silent. We are losing the battle for public opinion.

We urge you to get you LFO friends to join SSANZ NOW. We need to be speaking to Government FOR ALL LICENSED FIREARMS OWNERS.

Allan Mitchell

When it appeared that New Zealand might be invaded by Japan in late 1941 and 1942, very few automatic weapons were available for home defence or to equip New Zealand soldiers fighting in the jungles of the Pacific.

Allan Mitchell was in the Army but had been seriously injured in an accident and was therefore on sick leave in Wanganui. He began to design and build weapons in his grandfather's workshop. His inventions came to the attention of the government and he was given money and workspace in which to make sub-machine guns with an unusually high rate of fire for jungle fighting.

The Mitchell guns shown here are the only such weapons in existence, as the Japanese threat evaporated before production of the final model could begin.

Allan Mitchell remained in Wanganui, inventing and making various ingenious items in his own engineering business, until his death in April 1998.





Mitchell Sub Machine Gun No. 1
Calibre .32.20"

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Mitchell Sub Machine Gun No. 2
Calibre 9mm

This weapon was made in Auckland's Seddon Technical College in 1942. Mitchell had attracted Government interest and was given DSIR support.

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Mitchell Sub Machine Gun No. 3
Calibre 9mm
This was a development of the second gun, designed to correct faults found in the earlier mechanism.



Mitchell Sub Machine Gun No. 4
Calibre 9mm

This final gun, made in Wanganui in 1943, was the most successful of Mitchell's designs. It was never put into production because cheap British weapons, like the Sten, were becoming available late in the War.



Mitchell Light Machine Gun

This weapon was designed by Allan Mitchell as a possible replacement for the guns used in WW II fighter aircraft. The gun fires at a rate of 6,600 rounds per minute. This rate of fire makes it probably the fastest firing single barrellled machine gun ever produced.

The gun never went into production because of its huge expenditure of ammunition and its violent recoil. Four of these guns fired from the wings of a fighter at low speed would probably stop the aircraft in mid air.

Compiled by Phil Cregeen



Won by the Spade is the definitive history of the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers, providing a comprehensive account of the corps' actions, events and personnel from the New Zealand Wars of the nineteenth century to the present. It examines military engineering in New Zealand, including that of Māori and their influence on the corps, the role of the corps in overseas wars and home defences, and provides a contemporary record of New Zealand's contribution to military engineering, including demining operations, peace-keeping and civil aid missions. Key themes are those of military innovation and the Engineers' contribution to national infrastructure and professional development.

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Peter edits two New Zealand military history periodicals, lobbies for defence heritage sites under threat and runs field trips to local battle sites. Married with children, he lives in central Wellington and is actively involved with his community.

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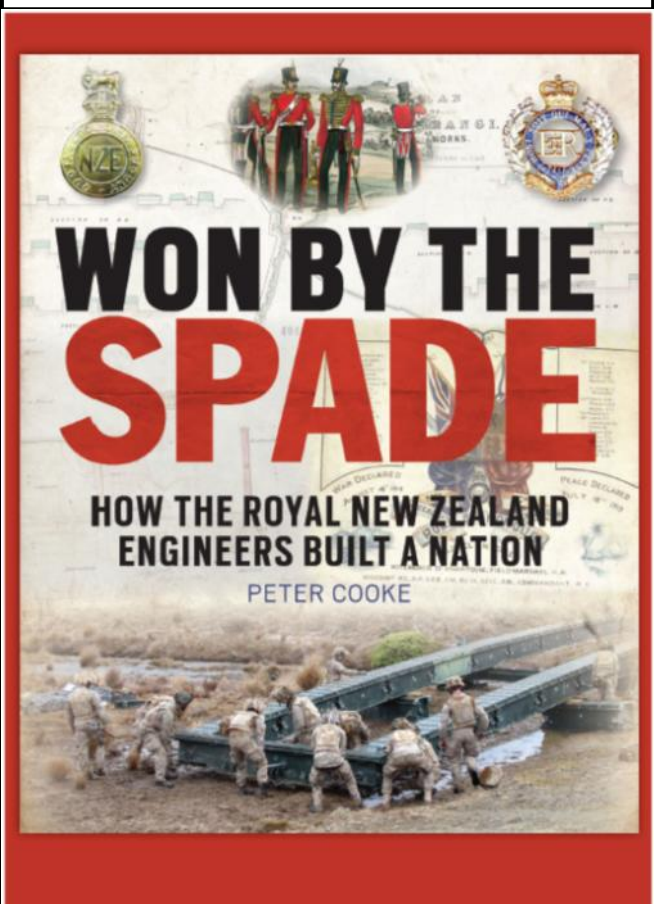
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Best wishes, Phil

ENFIELD Mk I Revolver by Ian Mc Collom

Adopted in 1880 to replace the Adams revolver, the Enfield MkI was based on an extraction system patented in the 1870s by Owen Jones of Philadelphia. This was similar in practice to the Merwin & Hulbert, with the barrel and cylinder hinging forward while the cartridge cases were held to the back of the frame. This system allowed empty cases to drop free (except the 6 o'clock position one, which often stuck) while retaining any unfired cartridges in the cylinder. Because the extractor star was fixed to the frame, the piece had to be loaded one round at a time through a loading gate (again, like the Merwin & Hulbert).

In 1882 a number of improvements were made to the design and lockwork, including features to prevent the cylinder from rotating freely and to disconnect the hammer when the loading gate was open. This was adopted as the MkII in 1882. A further change was made in 1887, following the death of a Royal Navy sailor whose gun fell out of its holster and discharged upon hitting the hammer. A new safety mechanism was added to prevent this from happening again, and most guns in service were retrofitted with it.

The Enfield was generally not well received, as it was heavy and a bit awkward to handle. It was issued to the Army, Navy, and RCMP, but replaced by the first adopted Webley top-break revolvers in the late 1880s (Enfield MkII production ceased in 1889). Unlike the Webleys and other private-production guns, there was never a civilian version of the Enfield MkI or MkII made, and they are scarcer to find today as a result.

View Ian's video here:

<https://www.forgottenweapons.com/enfield-mki-revolver-merwin-meets-webley-sort-of/>

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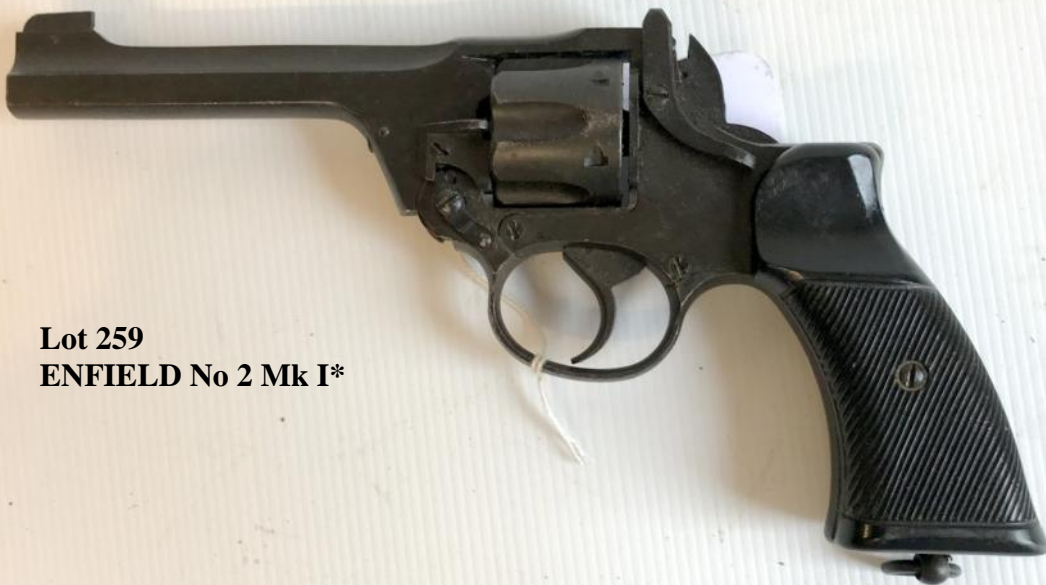
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Last months (below left), first correct answer came from Rod Woods who said it was a frozen spring from a Brown Bess.



FROM OUR READERS

From Tony Bruce

JCB Team helps Guy Martin reproduce WW1 Tank as a tribute to the Centenary

<https://www.highways.today/2017/11/16/jcb-guymartin-ww1-reproduction-tank/>



A hint for anyone planning a trip to the UK or France in June 2019.
They are hoping for 40 DC3's to fly in formation, and will also be having paratrooper drops

<https://www.daksovernormandy.com/>

The Event

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20 October	Otago Branch Auction, Dunedin
3 & 4 November	Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
10 & 11 November	Armistice in Cambridge

2019

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Whangarei
Further details to be advised