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EDITORIAL

Several of our readers expressed their appreciation for the 2013 Calendar, and some have come forward with suggested improvements. This was my first attempt at producing a calendar, but with your input it will be better next year. My thanks to Tony Bruce for improving my initial attempt. If you wish your events to appear in the 2014 calendar, let me have the dates before December 2013.

Following the Sandy Hook massacre in the USA before Christmas it is possible that the firearms debate now going on in that country may generate a similar debate here. For that reason I am including a couple of articles that may help you make the case for keeping NZ firearms laws unchanged.

Phil

NZAHAA CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR NZAR?

As the NZ Arms Register team prepares to launch the register on a new website the NZAHAA Management Committee decided that they will continue to support the project but do not wish to be full collaborating partners in this endeavour, no reason was given.

Some NZAHAA members have been collaborating with members of the NZ Society of Gunsmith on the NZ Arms Register for over two years and have contributed hundreds of hours of research, writing and critique to this project.

It is hoped that despite this reduced commitment by NZAHAA its members will continue to contribute to the knowledge that will be shared on the website and through articles in the Gazette & e-gazette.

See following page for more about the NZAR.

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FROM OUR READERS

I am an Italian collector of bayonets and I am a friend of Derek: we are both members of the Association Francaise des Collectionneurs de Baionnettes. I am also (for the next two years) the President of the International Bayonet Association.

I have more than 50 English bayonets and I have bought the majority of them in France, where I have acquired a part of an important collection (especially the yataghan ones with the cutlass swords P 1859 and P 1871).

There in New Zealand I know Allan Herbison who has just published an interesting book about the German 1914 bayonets, with some pics of a bayonet of mine.

I think I will appreciate a lot your e-gazette from which I will have a new knowledge about my preferred items.

Best regards from Italy
Marco Cornuda

Marco has contributed a couple of interesting bayonets, see below for the first one. Ed.

NZ ARMS REGISTER



Arms of Military & Police in NZ & Arms used by NZ Forces Overseas

Coordinators Phil Cregeen & John Osborne

<http://nzarmsregister.blogspot.co.nz>

WHAT IS THE NZ Arms Register?

The New Zealand Arms Register is a project launched in July 2010 as a collaborative effort by the NZAHAA and the NZSG to establish a definitive list of all arms issued to and used by New Zealand Military and Police and arms used overseas by New Zealand forces, providing details of each arm and when it was introduced into New Zealand service. However the project has since grown to include detailed information pages about each arm.

The Register currently lists about 340 individual arms and information pages have been completed on about 130 of these. The main effort so far has gone into researching small arms but AFVs and artillery are also included, as will warships and aircraft and all other forms of weaponry at a later stage. Information pages have been circulated by e-mail on a regular basis to a network of contributors. About a dozen sample information pages have been posted on the NZAR Blog and these are attracting attention, particularly from the USA.

In addition to the main Register we have established a separate list of known New Zealand marked arms, which currently contains about 850 individual items. This has proved valuable in identifying when particular batches of arms were issued, who they were made by and when.

Who is doing this work? Initially each of the two participating societies accepted a volunteer to act as a co-ordinator (Phil Cregeen NZAHAA and John Osborne NZSG) and invited their respective members to join a network of contributors, this network now includes several national museums and individuals all over the world. Some of these people have contributed hundreds of hours of research, writing and critique, while others have contributed small snippets of information, but big or small all contributions are valuable.

Where to from here? The intention from the beginning has been to make the information gathered freely available. After much searching a suitable website has been identified that will allow the register to be published on the internet and from that link to the individual information pages. This work which is at an early stage is being sponsored by the NZ Society of Gunsmiths.

Can you help? If you own a NZ marked arm or an arm with verified NZ Military or Police provenance, we would love to hear about it. Contemporary photographs with verified dates are also useful sources of information.

Contact us:

NZAHAA Phil Cregeen

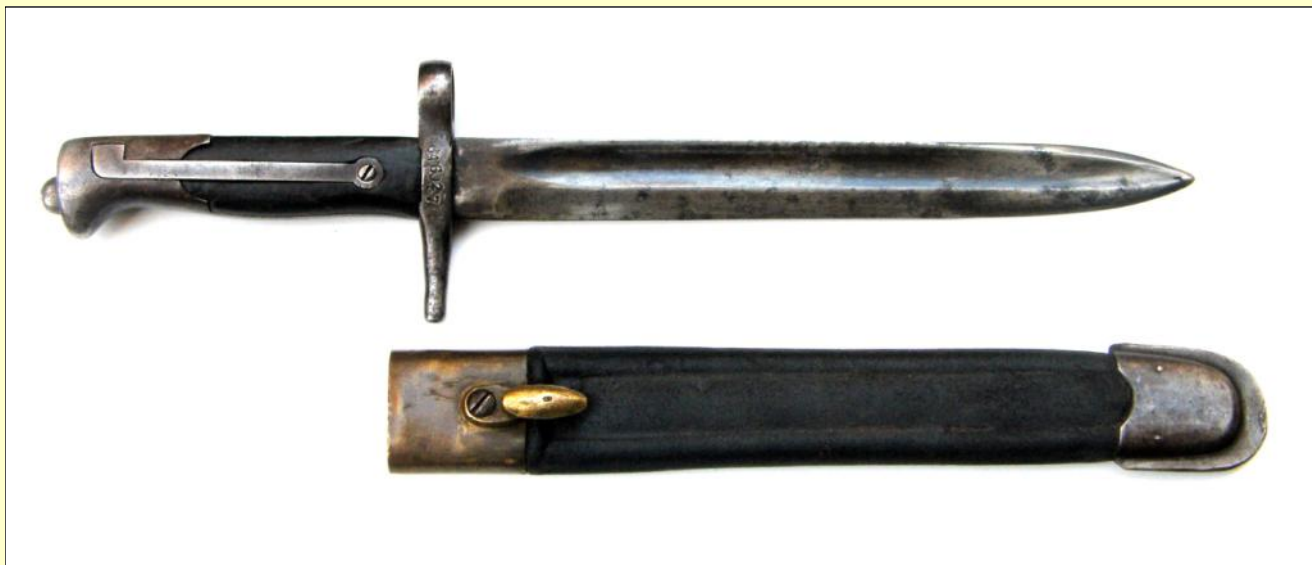
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AN INTERESTING BAYONET Contributed by Marco Cornuda & Pat Glynn © 2013



I've seen in the e-gazette No. 8 that there is someone interested in Italian weapons. So I send you a picture of an emergency bayonet Vetterli 1870/87/1916 with an interesting scabbard, rarely seen before, with a brass top-mount and an iron chape. Marco



Top: 1870/87/1916 Emergency bayonet
Blade Length 9.4", OA Length 14.25" Scabbard 10.7", MRD 18.5 mm.
Bottom: 1870 Bayonet
Blade Length 20.4", OA Length 25.4" Scabbard 21", MRD 18.5 mm



Marked "TERNI"



M1870/87/15 Italian Vetterli Rifle from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vetterli_rifle

The Italian Army adopted a modified Vetterli design, however as a single-shot, in 1870. Unlike the Swiss model, it was chambered for a centrefire cartridge, the 10.35x47mmR.

In 1887, the Italian military updated its single-shot Model 1870 Vetterli rifles with a four-round Vitali box magazine.

During World War I, like many nations Italy faced a shortage of modern infantry rifles. As a stop-gap measure, hundreds of thousands of Vetterli-Vitali rifles and a few carbines and muskets were converted in Rome and Gardone to fire the 6.5x52mm Carcano round, by adding a 6.5mm barrel liner and a Carcano-style magazine. These conversions were never meant for extended firing with standard 6.5x52mm loads, as the smokeless powder 6.5x52mm cartridge generates higher pressure than the black powder 10.35x47mmR, but have withstood modern CIP proof shooting without difficulty.

OPINION contributed by SSANZ

RANDOM MASS KILLING

Random mass killings as recently witnessed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the USA, while appearing to be a fairly frequent occurrence in that country are also taking place in countries all over the world. And while the politicians and the media play the blame game mostly targeting gun owners, very few commentators seem to be looking for the cause of these events and practical ways to prevent them.

In order to take a weapon and randomly kill innocent people the perpetrator must be suffering from some form of psychological disorder. This then is the prime cause that needs to be addressed. The questions that need to be asked are:

What has been learned from the psychological profiles of past offenders?

What signs may warn of similar behaviour?

What safeguards can be put in place to prevent this behaviour?

Of course in addition to the prime cause there are a number of factors that may contribute or facilitate the random act of violence. For example:

Medication- side effects may trigger violent behaviour, or the lack of medication may do the same.

Drugs both legal and illegal can have mind altering effects that may trigger violence.

Modern **violent movies** and videogames may influence impressionable minds and at least help to desensitise people to violence.

Access to **unsecured firearms** and ammunition enables the perpetrator to commit the most horrific attacks. However when firearms are not available other weapons such as knives, machetes, cars, arson have been used.

Soft targets such as schools and theatres allow the attacks to proceed unhindered by any form of retaliation against the perpetrator.

It is claimed that some perpetrators seek **notoriety** as more people in this world of media hype seek celebratory status.

Of course only a very small percentage of the psychologically disturbed will be driven to commit one of these acts, nor will removing just one of the contributing factors, such as banning a particular category of firearm, prevent a recurrence at some future time. So let us look at some **possible** practical solutions that could, if implemented together, at least reduce the occurrence of these terrible acts.

Psychological Disorder:

- Analyse the psychiatric profile of all previous cases.
- Make mental illness a reportable disease.
- Create a register of at risk people, which is shared as required.
- Publicise the warning signs for at risk people.
- Improve the care for the mentally ill.

Medication and drugs:

- Analyse all psychiatric medication and drugs to determine potential for violence.
- Prescription of violence inducing medication to the reported.

Violent movies and video games: a. Stricter censorship and self imposed reduction of violence by industry.

Firearms:

- Firearms owners to be licensed and vetted as "fit and proper person".
- Firearms and ammunition to be stored securely when not in use.

(Note both apply in NZ)

Soft Targets:

- Provide security such as metal detectors, panic buttons & rapid lockable entry points.
- Arm suitably trained staff. (It should be noted that most airports, many government buildings and high ranking officials are protected by armed personnel.)

Notoriety:

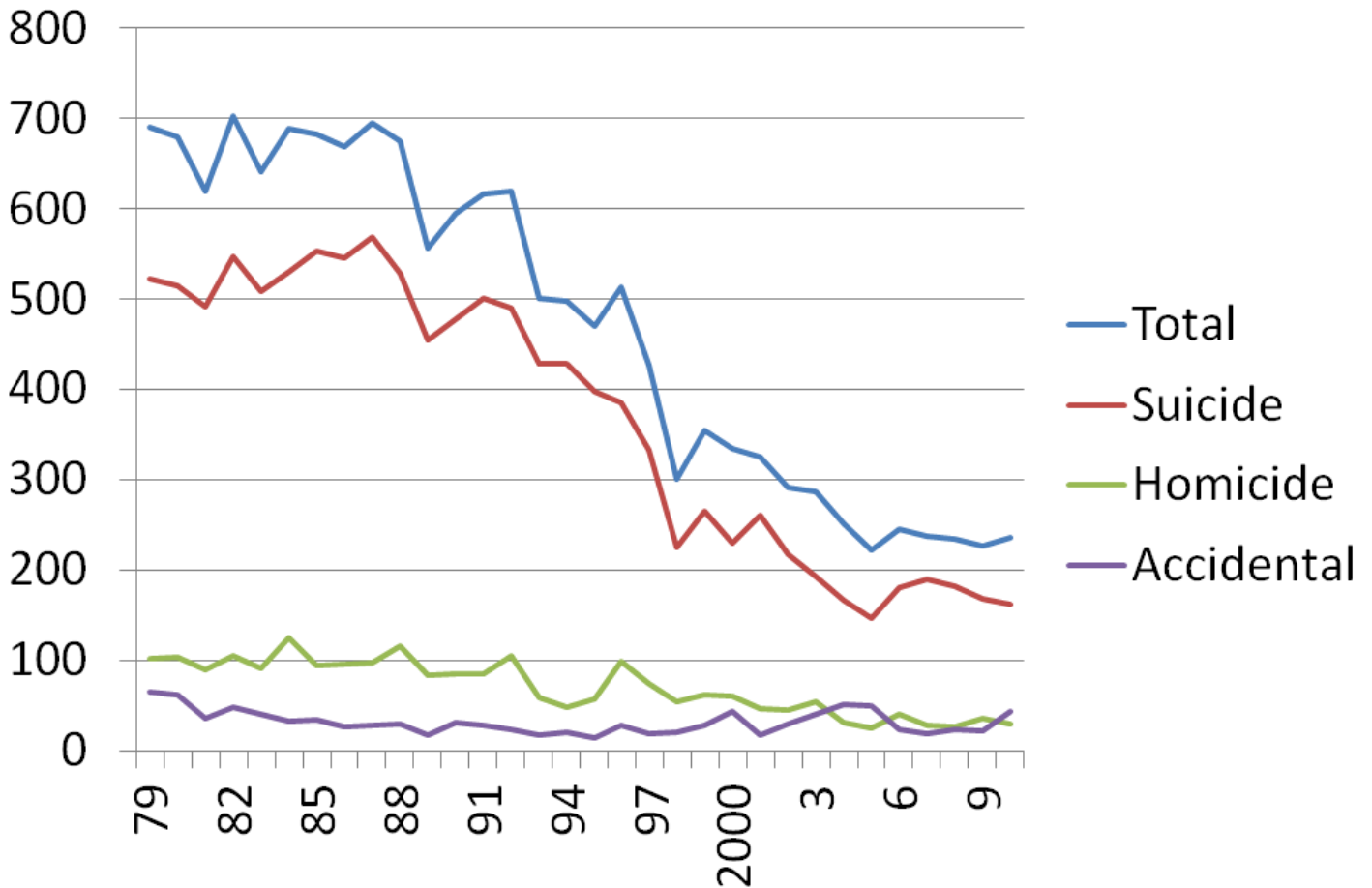
- Instead of the media frenzy that customarily follows these events the media should be tasked to play down the event and report only the bare facts. (Just as the NZ media play down youth suicide to help avoid copy cat deaths.)

With all sectors of society working together on these issues **random mass killings** could be greatly reduced if not eliminated.

A search of the internet will provide many examples of commentary on various aspects mentioned above.

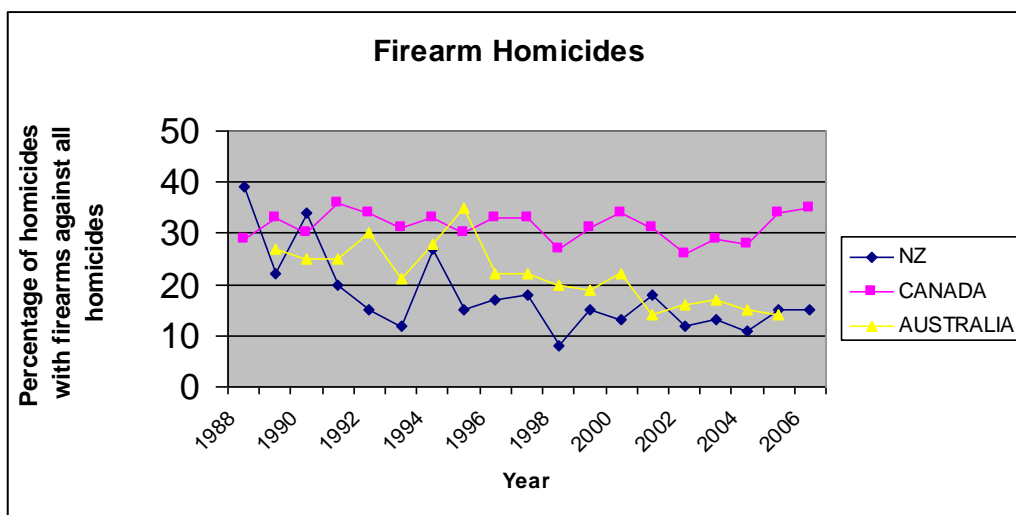
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND FIREARMS DEATHS contributed by SSANZ

Statistics obtained from Australian Bureau of Statistics by the International Coalition for Women in Hunting & Shooting provide the following graph:

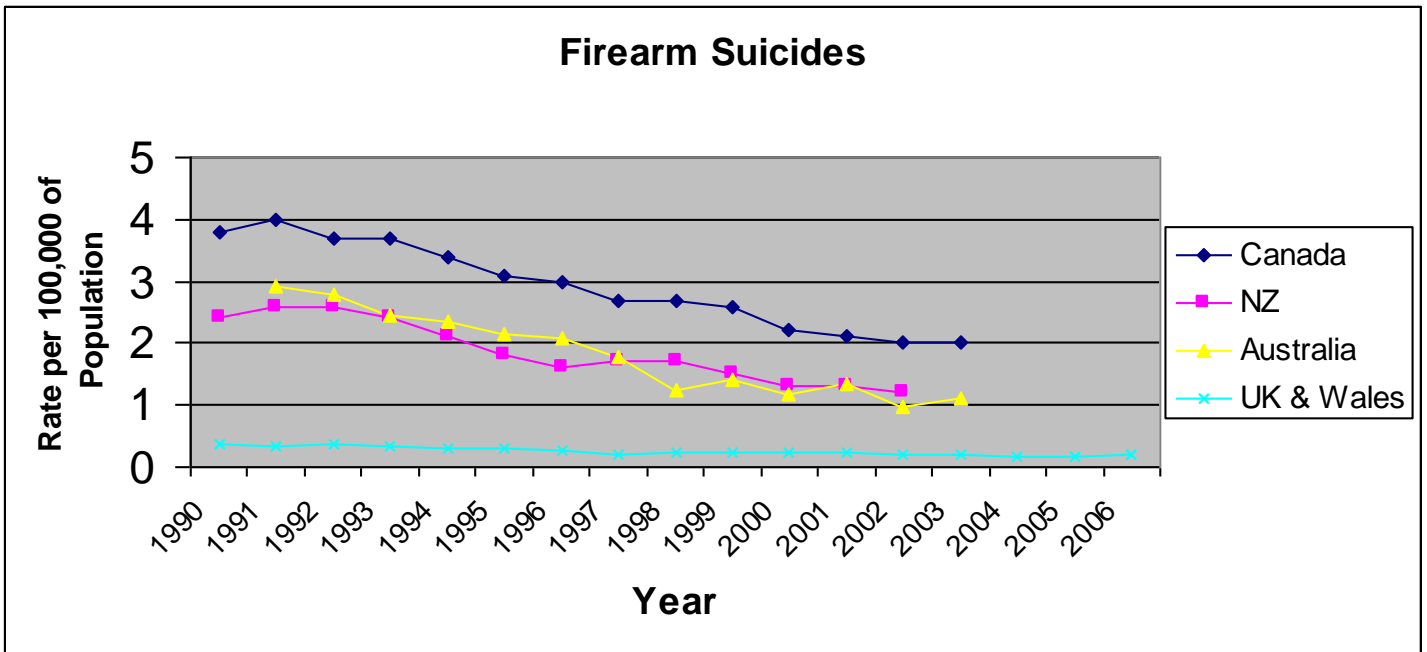


Australian politicians and media have frequently claimed that the stricter laws and buy back of semi autos in 1996 has saved 200 lives per year. As can be seen from the above graph firearms deaths in Australia have shown a steady decline since 1987/88, the stricter FA Laws passed in 1996 appear to have had **little or no effect** upon the this trend, despite claims to the contrary by politicians and media.. While suicide and homicide by firearm have declined significantly it would be interesting to know if suicide and homicide by other means has shown a similar trend.

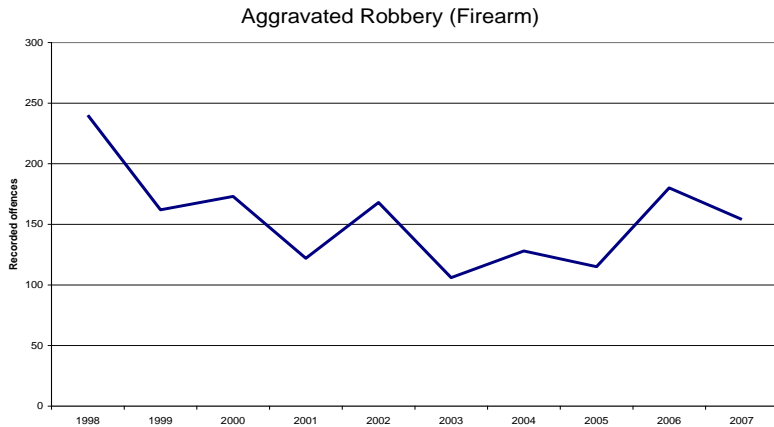
It is of concern to note that accidental deaths by firearm in Australia have remained fairly static at an average of 32 per year for the first decade of this century in a population of 22.8 million. By comparison the average for New Zealand over the same period was 2.4 per year in a population of 4,45 million, making the NZ accidental death rate about a third of that of Australia. Which goes to show how effective our licensing regime is compared to our cousins across the ditch.



This graph also shows a steady decline in firearm homicide over the sample period with NZ generally less than Australia despite their "stricter" laws.



Again suicide by firearm shows a steady decline since 1990, but sadly New Zealand has the highest youth suicide rate in the western world. A good reason to keep your guns locked away and the keys safe on your person.



As can be seen from the two graphs here aggravated robbery with a firearm in New Zealand is declining and firearms are used in only 1.5 % of all violence offences.



Percentage of Types of Firearms Seized '08/'09		
	Total	%
Rifle	299	43
Shotgun	135	20
Rifle - Airgun	104	15
Handgun - Airgun	71	10
Imitation Handgun	28	4
Handgun - Pistol	21	3
Handgun - Revolver	9	1
Rifle - Cut-down	9	1
MSSA	8	1
Other	6	1
Imitation Rifle	5	1
Total	690	100

The table left shows that the standard sporting rifle and shotgun are the most favoured weapon of criminals in NZ. MSSAs or what the media like to term assault rifles hardly feature at all.

Thanks to Inspector Joe Green for providing NZ Data

Dear Members



Happy New Year

I hope you all had a good break and are looking forward to a good year pursuing your interests.

There have not been a lot of meetings since we last reported to you; we had one informal meeting with police, one with MFaT staff and one meeting with another MP since the last report. The Council intends to meet early in February to discuss setting up the Strategy committee. This group will help us plan for the areas on which to focus our energy for the next 5 years. We made two radio comments and one TV comment in relation to the airgun death.

We are continuing to discuss the potential impact of the Arms Trade Treaty with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFaT), and we are monitoring if the recent events in the United States of America (USA) affect the development of the treaty.

You may have seen a number of media organizations publishing a call for full registration of firearms to improve safety. We have contacted the author of the article, asking for him to share the research that backs this claim. The research we have seen from overseas shows complete registration is neither cost effective nor accurate, therefore not offering a benefit to match the cost. We have also contacted the Members of Parliament (MPs) who are on our mailing list, and reminded them of the research we had circulated to their advisers in March last, which shows two societies similar to ours are either removing full registration or questioning its value in providing real benefits to public safety.

We took the opportunity of the end of year to reflect on the number of shootings in the USA and sent an email to MPs highlighting the significant differences between firearms legislation in New Zealand (NZ) and the USA. While it is not prudent to say events like these could not happen in NZ, when you consider the vast difference in firearm controls the risk of a similar event happening in NZ is very low.

The email we sent to MPs is available on our website if you are interested.

If you have any thoughts or feedback please email me at chair@colfo.org.nz

All the best
Michael Dowling
Chair, COLFO

Supervision of an Unlicensed Shooter

When supervising an unlicensed shooter the licensed supervisor must be close enough to control the firearm at all times. (Section 22 (2) Arms Act 1983

This means in the hunting situation the supervising licence holder can not also carry a firearm and must remain close to the shooter.

In a recent case a case a licence holder failed to provide **immediate** supervision to the 13 year old shooter, resulting in another person being shot. At the time of the shooting the licence holder was 10 metres away from the shooter. The Judge determined that while the supervising licence holder could not be held responsible for causing bodily injury by carelessly using a firearm, he could be held responsible of without reasonable cause dealing with a firearm in a manner likely to endanger the safety of any person (section 53 (3) Arms Act 1983) .

FACT OR FANTASY compiled by Phil Cregeen

The images and description in this article were contributed by Phil Moore. It provides an interesting puzzle for Lee Enfield enthusiasts to ponder is it genuine or a fake?.



DESCRIPTION: One of the kind Savage experimental bolt action rifle! There is no information on this rifle available in known to me Savage reference literature. The rifle was, most likely, manufactured during the World War One. The style of the rifle copies the lines of British military Lee Enfield (SMLE) rifles. One piece (!) SMLE style walnut stock with a pistol grip and a full length handguard. The front sight/nosecap assembly, rear sights, brass buttplate and magazine are taken from standard SMLE rifle and they show British markings (and old serial numbers on the magazine and noscap only). The calibre is standard British military .303 Enfield. This may lead to the conclusion that the rifle was offered to the British military during the Great War, or at least, was intended for some kind of British military trials. The rifle features very sturdy, military style bolt action. In fact, the latter is very similar to the action utilized in Savage Model 1920 rifle, just the bolt seems to be slightly longer. This rifle may be a predecessor of Savage Model 1920! The trigger guard and a single shot cut off are missing from the rifle. Perhaps, the rifle was never completed by the Savage factory. The left side of the buttstock displays a brass disc with following markings, "Made by Savage Arms Co., Utica, N.Y., U.S.A.". The serial number (97xx) is stamped only on the right side of the receiver ring. No other markings are present on the rifle. Complete with a long range dial sight on the left side of the stock. The bolt cocking piece is also a safety device. It can be turned left and right and is marked accordingly, "Safe" and "Fire". Two sling swivels. Bayonet lug on the noscap. One barrel band. Brass buttplate with a trap. Overall length: 46 inch. Barrel length: 25.5 inch.

CONDITION: The rifle would be in excellent condition, if not for missing (uninstalled) parts. 96% of original blue finish is still remaining on metal. The balance is in white mixed with some light patina. Some finish is turning to brownish colour. Most of the wear is on the magazine, barrel band and noscap. The SMLE magazine shows some roughness and some handling marks. The SMLE noscap shows two small spots of pitting. Nice, smooth stock in original finish, with some handling marks and light dings. No cracks in wood. All the markings on metal are clearly visible. Excellent+ bore with strong and shiny rifling. Crisp action.

There are several points to note about this rifle, first the magazine is from a No 4 and would appear to be an attempt by someone, at a later date, to increase the magazine capacity. This has necessitated removing the trigger guard and original magazine floor plate, together with the internal 5 round magazine which appears to have incorporated a cut off, refer to picture below and centre image on the previous page..



The remainder of the small parts, nose cap, rear sight, barrel band, long range sights, butt plate appear to be second hand taken from a standard SMLE Mk III. One may ask why would Savage use these small parts made in Britain for a new rifle when it would be more practical to use parts made in the USA, such as those from a P 14, if indeed they were not prepared to make their own?

If this were a genuine Savage Experimental Rifle would they not mark the barrel and receiver with the makers name and model and give it a serial number of EX 1 say? After all anyone can engrave or stamp a brass disc. In fact why would Savage even bother with making this .303 rifle when the P 14 was already being manufactured by three plants in the USA, and in fact their own plant was producing Mosin Nagants for Russia in WW I.



I am advised that there is no record of this rifle being offered to the British War Office or Ministry of Munitions. It appears to have first been offered for sale about 10 years ago for US \$ 800 and has since risen to over 10X that figure.

Well if not a genuine Savage Experimental, I suppose it could be an exercise undertaken by Savage apprentices, or is it a total fake made up by some individual to con the collector market? What do you think? Can you identify the stock that was used, I guess the floor plate/trigger guard recess is a good clue, but note the additional wood removed later at the rear, it is not a P14. ?

Thanks to Phil Moore, also Ian Skennerton and Paul Breakey for their comments on this rifle.

There are many other stories and mysteries requiring researching here that have been told to me by locals. But now my employment contract is finished and I am returning to NZ. The one legendary story that locals had trusted to me was regarding an American Bomber that had been shot down and crashed in the mountains. The only time westerners had been at the wreckage was when they retrieved the bodies of the airmen in 1946 after the war had finished. The plane wreckage is 6000ft above sea level on a mountain side in dense jungle. The wreckage was originally discovered in 1946 because a wedding ring from one of the pilots surfaced and was for sale in Bali. Back tracking by Americans at the time located the wreckage from the person that had removed the ring.

The bomber is a B-25J-5-NC Mitchell. Research on the serial number over the internet has this to say;

Aircraft Built by North American. Assigned to the 13th Air Force. No known nose art or nickname.

Mission

Took off from Sansapor Airfield (March) on a low level bombing mission against Kendari Airfield. Over the target, hit by anti-aircraft fire, and crashed on ridge on the south-eastern arm of Celebes Island. The entire crew were presumed to perish. An eyewitness recalled after action report (Mission Report #245):

"It is believed that the aircraft was hit in the right engine just after dropping its bombs in the target area. The plane was observed to slowly settle while on fire. It crashed and exploded on a ridge 6,000' west of the target area P-1 at Kendari. The Bombay doors were still open when the plane exploded. There was no chance for any of the crew to escape alive."



Memorials

The crew is buried in a group burial at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery at section E site 145-146.

Some Local War Time History 11 Jan 1942 - 10 Feb 1942

On 11 Jan 1942, Japan landed troops on the Menado Peninsula in the north of the island of Celebes in the Dutch East Indies. The troops were sent from the newly established forward base of Davao in the Philippines. The island's defences did not pose a significant challenge for the invading troops. On 24 Jan, the Japanese Eastern Force took control of Kendari, along with its air base, which would prove to be strategic as that air base enabled the Japanese to control the sky between Java and Australia. On 9 Feb, Japanese troops captured Makassar.

To the east, the island of Ambon hosted a major Dutch military base in the Moluccan Islands. Japanese aircraft began bombarding the island as early as 6 Jan 1942. The invasion began on 30 Jan when 1,000 Japanese Special Naval Landing Force and Army troops landed at Hitu-lama on the northern coast and on the Laitimor Peninsula on the southern coast. Batugong was captured by the Japanese on the following day early in the morning, and the town of Passo also fell by 1600 hours, which signalled the end of the main Dutch resistance. On 3 Feb, the main Australian resistance surrendered at Kudamati at 1200 hours.

NORTHLAND BRANCH INVITATION SHOOT

Good company, good weather, a varied programme and lots of guns, all the ingredients for a successful shoot, we had them all on the weekend of 12&13 January at Oramaohoe range. We were well supported by our regular guests from Auckland Branch and a new visitor from Hamilton as well as the usual suspects from our own branch. The weather was great, if not a little on the hot side but it made the campers very happy. Some turned up a day early for a bit of pre-shoot practice, not that would have done them much good for the type of events they were given.

The first shoot was at 50 metres with 5 x 5 rounds centre fire fired alternatively from the left and right shoulder from various positions and finally from the hip. Won by Bill Gregerson.



Lots of guns, there's more at this end



Right shoulder Standing



Left shoulder sitting

Next was clay birds coming from behind and shot from sitting. Won by Steve Tregoweth and Bill Gregerson.



Pat operating the trap while Tony is ready for the bird . (Left)



And there is always time for a bit of trading. (Right)

10 rounds centre fire on 10 steel plates saw Kirk Wang and Simon West taking the prize with 10 hits each. This was followed by a shoot at a charging elephant with big bore rifles. First place being taken by Glen Sanders and Rod Guest.



Elephant Shoot & Sniper targets at 200 M



Readying for the 200 M Sniper Shoot

After lunch we had a 200 metre sniper shoot at a Huns head, with double score for bursting a balloon with the first cold shot. This was won by Bill Gregerson.



Next up a 22 shoot, 10 shots at 10 silhouette targets at 25 M, won by Darren Hills and Bill Gregerson with 8 hits each. And finally 10 more high angle clay birds won by guess who, yes Bill again with 10 hits.

Carl (left) has a go at the 22 Silhouettes.

We finished the programme with a team shoot at steal plates, a balloon and bottles of water, which provided a fitting climax to the day. The RH team though they had won this only to discover they had missed a small balloon, and so the LH team claimed victory. On completion of the formal shoot there was time for a play.



Bruce tries out a 1.25 inch calibre flintlock Elephant gun. Did his shoulder hurt?

On Saturday evening Errol very kindly provided a sheep which he roasted for our dinner, served with salad and spuds.



Waiting for dinner



Errol carves the roast

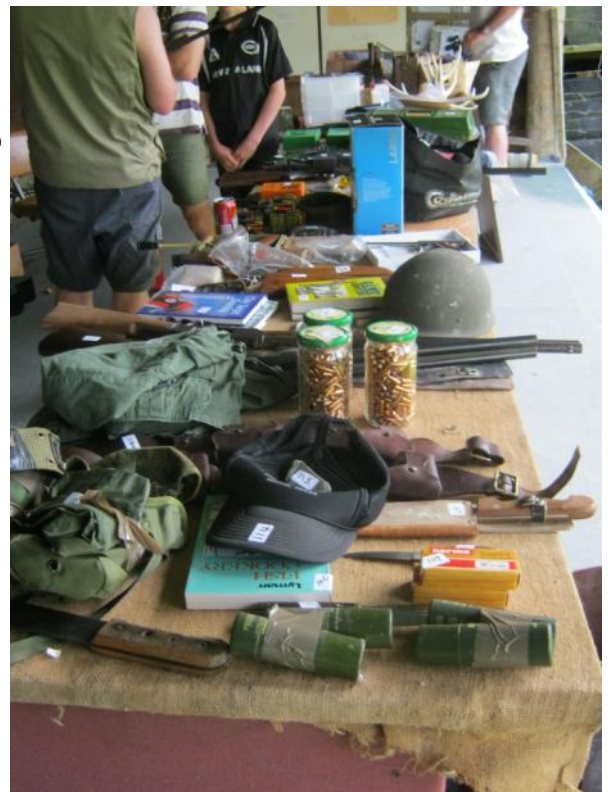


After dinner debate!

Supper over then it was time for prize giving, followed by our “Micky Mouse” auction, where once again Simon did a great job of knocking down the 115 lots to anybody who scratched their nose or swatted a mossie. As they say one man’s trash is another’s treasure. And Pat cleared his boxes of junk!

Sunday had no organised shoot but the range was open for anyone to shoot whatever they chose, while others packed up camp for the long (for some) drive home.

A great weekend thanks to all who organised and participated.



Another man’s treasure

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2013 please advise oilrag@xtra.co.nz

2013

9 February	Dargaville Gun Show
16 & 17 February	Wellington Arms & Militaria Fair, Lower Hutt
24 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
23 March	South Canterbury Auction, Timaru
23 & 24 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier
6 & 7 April	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
13 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill
27 & 28 April	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
25 May	Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Feilding
22 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting and Fishing Show
7 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
20 & 21 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
27 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Gun Show, Christchurch
17 & 18 August	Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show
28 & 29 September	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
12 & 13 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington

DID YOU KNOW?



The verb "to snipe" originated in the 1770s among soldiers in British India where a hunter skilled enough to kill the elusive snipe was dubbed a "sniper".

Royal Marines snipers with L115A1 sniper rifles

Source : <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sniper>

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right,), contributed by Tony Bruce, answers please to oilrag@xtra.co.nz



Last month's Mystery Object (above left) was identified correctly by Rod Wood, as the front part of the frame of a Colt Revolving Rifle. Here are some views of the complete rifle, thanks to Colin Arnold.



WHERE ARE THE GUNS? Please send details of your local gun to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz



This 1942 dated 40 mm Mk IV AA Bofers Gun is to be found behind the War memorial, on Kings Street East, Te Kuiti. *Photos: Phil Cregeen*

The Future Weapon of the British Soldier

The Living Age, May 1869 Contributed by Tony Bruce

A contemporary account of the Martini Henry at:

<http://www.researchpress.co.uk/firearms/british/martini/mhen1869051a.htm>

VISIT THE NZAR BLOG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NZ ARMS

<http://nzarmsregister.blogspot.co.nz/> Several new posts added in January.

CAMOUFLAGE CONTRIBUTED by Robin Back



BUY SELL OR SWAP

(Free advertising for NZAHAA members for 2 months)

***WANTED:** I would like to purchase a German saw-back or butcher blade bayonet. Depending on price it could be either of these or both.

Contact Dave Campbell ph: 0276528700 or email: daal27@xtra.co.nz.
work dave@kingsgateautolodge.co.nz.

***WANTED:** INFORMATION-Has anyone seen or heard of a "Hollywood Model AR10 in NZ?. 50-60 were made between 1966 – 1960. Any info would be appreciated.

Thanks. Ted

Contact: Ted at: rogersmb@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED:** Old MG08 Barrels, Any condition will do. I need two for a long term restoration project I am working on. I also need a few other parts, so if you have anything in your spares box please get in touch. Picture shows the breech end of a barrel in case you happen to have one you have not been able to identify.

Contact: Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com



***WANTED:** One piece walnut grip for a Webley RIC 0.45 Revolver.

Fore-end for a Remington Rolling Block, the front 14 inches will do, for a restoration project.

Contact: Pat 09 432 2791



***WANTED:** Replacement ramrod missing from the above Colt Navy pocket revolver.

Contact: Graham 09 4117779

e-mail: grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz

WANTED Genuine WWII era Fairbairn Sykes knives, First Pattern & Second Pattern. Will pay top money for top quality knives. Brian McLeary, hbarms@clear.net.nz Phone 06-843 2209

The Dick Travis VC Trophy

A National Competition for .303 Target Rifles

Hosted by Karori Rifle Club

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th February 2013

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at distances of 300, 500 and 600 yards.

For Entry details

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FROM THE GUN ROOM By Andrew Edgcombe

This is an item that has come to me recently from a friend's collection for babysitting. I quite like my MG's so was quite happy to provide storage for another Vickers Gun. Actually this particular gun is no stranger to me and would probably have been the first Vickers I laid eyes on as a young and keen collector many years ago as it has previously resided in Hawera after being purchased from Small Arms International in the 1980's, the original owner went off to pursue other interests and the gun was added to the collection of the late Ivan Jones, Ivan had the gun for a number of years than decided to let it go and approached me to find a buyer which I did and now 14 years later the gun has come full circle and is back with me again. This time with a little more information than was previously known.



All those years ago a Vickers was just a Vickers and they were plentiful and by today's prices absurdly cheap as Australia had released her stock of guns creating a bit of a glut on the market and we collectors were spoilt for choice with new or factory refinished guns available with every imaginable accessory. Like most things it didn't take long for these to be absorbed by the collector market! Today a Vickers gun and accessories are a highly sought after prize.

Back to this gun....This is an Egyptian Contract .303 MK1 Vickers Gun manufactured by Vickers Armstrong Limited in England, Serial Number ET 174. One of only 200 guns specially manufactured with an ET prefix in the serial number, the guns were numbered ET1 through to ET200 and supplied to Egypt by the War Office during WWII. The gun comes with its original transit chest also numbered ET 174.



Many of the "ET" guns were captured in 1966 by Israel during the "Six Day War" and were then converted to 7.92mm (this example being one such gun), A proportion of the captured guns were then emplaced in defensive positions along the Golan Heights. A number of these Israeli used Egyptian contract guns were released on the international market in 1986. Exact numbers remaining is unknown but it would be fair to say that many hard years of service would have indeed taken their toll on that original batch of 200 guns making this a scarce and desirable gun for the Machine Gun enthusiast and student of history.



NOTE : anyone seriously interested in this gun should contact me mg34nz@gmail.com 027 3380840 as it is available for sale.

CENTRAL BRANCH GUN SHOW

WHEN : SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013
VENUE: OTOROHANGA CLUB,
MANIAPOTO STREET
OTOROHANGA

SET UP TIME: 7.00 AM

OPENING TO PUBLIC: 9.00 AM – 3.00 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 PER ADULT

CHILDREN UNDER 12YRS FREE
WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
RE TABLES ETC. KATH. 07 873 8853
EMAIL: c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz
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HOSTED BY
NZAHAA Hawkes Bay Branch Inc. &
Arms & Militaria Society HB.

23 & 24 March 2013

at Coote Road Army Hall in Napier City

Contact: Paul Shoebridge
Phone 06 8447321
e-mail jo_paul@clear.net.nz
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY 16th & 17th FEBRUARY 2013
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NZ Antique and Historical Arms Assn Inc

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

The Southland Branch will be hosting the
National AGM and Auction on Saturday the
13th of April 2013

Invercargill Workingmen's Club
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Items for sale in the auction are now being
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There will be **no commission** charge for
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Sales tables will be available at no charge.
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Correspondence to:

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Email: david.l.k@xtra.co.nz

Phone enquiries regarding delivery of auction
lots to:

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Militaria Auction

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Run by Ruahine Branch of NZAHAA Inc.

Rangitikei Club, Bowen St, FEILDING

Saturday 25 May 2013
10.00 – 16.00hours

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Email longleyve@xtra.co.nz

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Our philosophy always has been to have a small, but good quality offering and this year the same will apply. As well as some good quality arms there will be an interesting selection of gunsmith tools and some very good firearm related accessories. We plan to have every Association member receive their catalogue by the end of February.

BRITISH CARBINES & PISTOLS OF THE NAPOLEONIC ERA-UPDATE

To all Contributors, Collectors, Shooters and Customers,

A further update on the progress of the book '**British Carbines and Pistols of the Napoleonic Era**':

Final copy has now been approved and has been sent to the printers. They estimate about 2 weeks for the print run which means we should have copies available in the first week of February. By the end of that week the modified website: www.britishcarbines.co.uk will be in a position to accept internet orders. We will also have supplies of books available at the Birmingham Arms Fair on the 17th January. These will be available at two book dealers, 'World of Warfare' & 'Jim Reading'.

Just to remind you, the book is A4 size, hardback with 218 pages and almost 100 colour plates featuring 88 cavalry carbines and pistols from 1700 until 1850. Many of these are very rare and images of them have never before been published.

The retail price of the book will be £30 plus postage & packaging (the price of P&P will be dependent on the destination country). Although agreements have not yet been reached we hope to have local dealers in the USA, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa.

Best regards, Barry & Geoff

If you want one let me know, I will arrange a bulk order and save on postage. (Ed)