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## EDITORIAL

All the submissions made to the Law & Order Select Committee Inquiry into how criminals get guns are now available to view on the Parliament website, see link on page 10.

As expected a few notable anti gun exponents have called for registration of all guns and tougher gun laws that would only affect the already compliant licensed owners.

It is disappointing to see some firearm owners suggesting registration is a way to solve this problem, when that has never been shown to prevent criminals gaining access or solve any crimes. Worse still it was even suggested by one person in the trade that the database should be managed by "Dealers", how secure would that be and at what additional cost to licensed owners? Even more stringent security has been suggested along with classifying all semi autos with detachable magazines as E Cat., when we all know that no level of security will defeat a determined thief. It only takes a knife at your loved ones throat to secure the keys to your gun safe.

In my opinion more resources for Police to target gangs, drug dealers and better manage the existing firearms administration as well as solving burglaries is the way to approach this problem without adversely affecting the law abiding licensed owners.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this issues,

Phil



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**New Info page: Sword-Cutlass Pat 1845 NZAR 365**  
**New Article -Artillery Disappearing Gun NZAR A85**

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## Two Italian Emergency Bayonets of WW1 by Marco Cornuda

This very rare emergency brass hilted bayonet is a simplified construction of the Italian bayonet for Carcano Mod. '91 modified for Vetterli Vitali rifle during World War I by changing the cross guard muzzle ring and the mortise slot. The fixing system is different from the usual Vetterli system, having a press stud (like on the bayonet for Carcano Mod. '91 rifle) instead of the long spring on the right side of the hilt.



	Brass Hilt	Steel Hilt
Length OA	425 mm	412 mm
Blade length	301 mm	300 mm
Scabbard length	325 mm	315 mm
MRD	17.5 mm	17.5 mm



The steel version, (above and left) also rare, is identical to the Mod 91 Carcano bayonet (right, MRD 13 mm) with the exception of the modified mortise slot and cross guard.



## RUAHINE BRANCH ARMS FAIR By Andrew Edgcombe

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Ruahine Branch Gun Show held in Palmerston North at the Civic Centre, a departure from the Fielding venue which had been used to date. Also this year there was sponsorship from the local Hunting and Fishing outlet, Ford and Swazi contributing to the show, great to see support from the local business community. The venue was superb with good lighting and plenty of space. A virtual shooting range set up in a separate room was outstanding with people lining up to take their turn at shooting targets and game on two big screens. The displays were as always to a very high standard with some outstanding examples of scarcely seen items on display ranging from Colonial times through to modern arms, The local Air Soft enthusiasts display created plenty of interest especially with the younger generations. Sales tables had plenty of variety and there was a good amount of trade done by all.

Local Arms Officer Greg Nhyan was in attendance for permit requirements and Richard Smith from Police National HQ also spent a couple of hours there making an informal visit (For those of you that are not aware Richard has recently stepped into Paul Gatland's role at PNHQ and amongst other things deals with import permit applications) It was great to see Richard there and for him it was his first exposure to a gun show and a good opportunity to see what we as collectors, shooters and firearms owners are all about.

A constant stream of people through the door continued throughout the day with around a thousand people coming through the show. The visitors included Manawatu District Mayor Margaret Kouvelis who was given a very positive introduction to the shooting and collecting fraternity among her constituents.

Gun Shows and public displays are where we can actively promote our respective interests and demonstrate the responsible ownership and use of firearms, this is where we can gain positive exposure and publicity. They are an avenue to educate the public as to what we as firearms owners are all about. This is also where we as hosts, exhibitors or attendees are seen as the public face of collecting and shooting as a whole, we all need to be aware of what we represent when under public scrutiny. Ruahine Branch has made an exceptional effort with this show not only promoting themselves but the interests of the firearms community as a whole in a positive light. A well deserved Congratulations are due for Ruahine Branch and supporters.



HISTORY OF REMINGTON-BEALS MILITARY PERCUSSION REVOLVER.

In 1857 Remingtons began to produce their first small "FORDYCE BEALS" Patent Pocket Revolvers for Civilian use.

Subsequently Beals developed and patented on September 14th 1858 Number 21478 a new type of loading lever and cylinder pin which was incorporated in the much larger "Army and Navy" Military model Revolvers. None of these 1858 first models were purchased by the U.S. Government.

Improvements were made by Beals and patented on December 17th 1861. Production of this second model began in 1862 by Remingtons ILION, N.Y. Serial numbers between 6494 - 10446. These second model Remington Beals "Army .44 cal. and Navy .36 cal) were purchased by the U.S. Government for use during the American Civil War.

Further modifications by Beals led to the introduction by Beals of his third models in 1863, the "New model Army and Navy Revolvers."

The U.S. Government purchased 125,314 New Model Army and Navy Remington Beals Revolvers during the American Civil War. Remingtons manufactured over 140,000 before introducing their range of "New Line" Breech loading Revolvers in 1875.

After the American Civil War the Remington-Beale went west and internationally to lawless and unsettled regions. A few were brought to New Zealand by Goldminers and early Settlers.

To-day many of the world's most experienced Muzzle Loading Pistol Shooters consider the Remington Beals to be the finest single action Percussion Revolver ever made.

Some confusion exists over the Patent dates marked on Remington Beale Revolvers. They all incorporate the 1858 patents and most of the first and third models were marked with the 1858 patent date and number even though the third model (New Model Army and Navy) was not introduced until 1863 and incorporated the 1861 improvements.

The second model manufactured in 1862 is marked with the 1861 patent date.

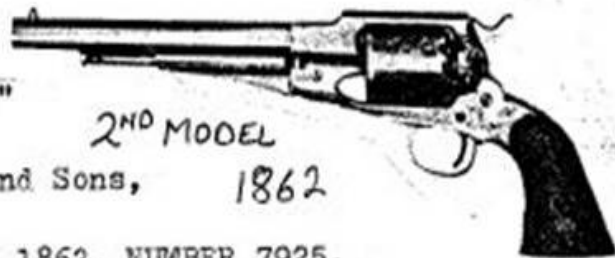
Some Remington Beals Percussion Army Revolvere were later converted to Breech Loaders, .46" Rimfire is the most common Caliber.

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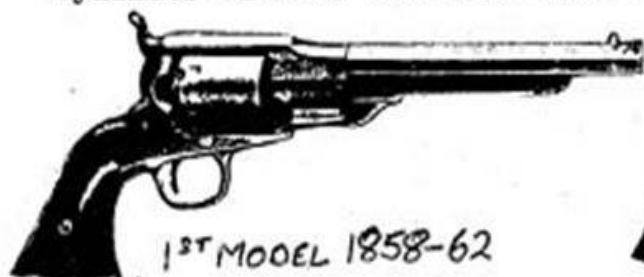
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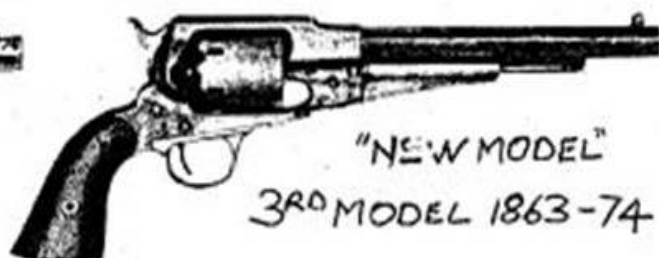
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Groove depth .010". 5 Grooves .135" wide.  
Cylinder Chamber diameter .456".



2<sup>ND</sup> MODEL  
1862



1<sup>ST</sup> MODEL 1858-62



"NEW MODEL"  
3<sup>RD</sup> MODEL 1863-74

## LAW AND ORDER SELECT COMMITTEE RANGE VISIT 1st JUNE 2016

By Andrew Edgcombe

As you will be aware the Law and Order Select Committee are undertaking an inquiry into issues relating to the illegal possession of firearms in New Zealand. We have no doubt that the process involved in this inquiry will put all firearms owners and users under scrutiny. The outcome of the inquiry could induce recommendations that will potentially affect each and every licensed firearms owner in the country. It is quite a daunting prospect.

Today was indeed a benchmark day for the New Zealand shooting, hunting and collecting community. Through the judicious work of COLFO and the good grace of members of the Law and Order Select Committee, we were able to host a delegation of Select Committee members at a local Wellington range. COLFO Board members with assistance from members of a Pistol Club and a local NZDA delivered a day that educated the Committee in A, B, C & E category firearms. The range and on site club facilities were set up ready to go prior to the arrival of our guests.

When the Select Committee members arrived they were welcomed to the range then ushered inside and out of the rain for a look at the items on display and morning tea. Some of the Committee members had little experience with firearms, some no experience at all. Others have had military service or rural upbringings and had previously handled and used firearms.

Much interest was shown in the exhibits and many questions were directed to the attentive owners relating to firearm types and uses. Back ground information on our particular interests and hobbies. Questions answered related to owner's knowledge, financial expenditure, safety considerations, uses, relevance, mindset and legitimacy of our respective interests. There was no negativity and the questions were well balanced, genuine and relevant to a group wanting to increase their knowledge. We answered all questions giving well-reasoned, balanced and informative answers and have confidence that they were to the satisfaction of the enquirers.

A break in the weather gave those that were interested a chance to shoot a selection of firearms. Some of the Committee were keen to have a go but others were a little unsure having never used a firearm before. Under the guidance of COLFO, pistol reps and NZDA hosts all members of the Select Committee were soon on the firing line and sending rounds down range with great enthusiasm.

It certainly appeared that the Select Committee genuinely enjoyed engaging with us as representatives of the New Zealand Firearms Community. For COLFO and those involved in hosting the Select Committee this was a real pleasure to see.

From COLFO's perspective we thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the Select Committee members. Any day on the range where you have the chance to change someone's perception of firearms is a good day. The Law and Order Select Committee left COLFO today with some understanding of how and why New Zealand's firearms owners are so passionate about our interests and hobbies.

Thanks and acknowledgement due to the NZDA and Pistol Club guys that supported this effort today. Also to the Law and Order Select Committee for hearing the voices of New Zealand's Firearms Owners.



## WARBIRDS AT ARDMORE PHOTOS BY Kevin Hussey

On Queens Birthday weekend (Sunday 5 June) Kevin Hussey and a few stalwarts from Auckland Branch put on a display of arms and militaria at the Air Show at Ardmore Aerodrome. Here are a few images:





This recently restored Catalina Flying Boat was also at Ardmore, Kevin took this shot while flying in a DC3.



### **JIM PETER**

Its my unhappy duty to advise you of the passing of one of our longest serving members, #0608 - Jim Peter (Jimpy) died this morning, 31 May, after suffering failing health for some time. An avid and enthusiastic collector; keen supporter of both the National Association and Branch; Jimpy filled every role within the Branch over the years; he will be remembered by many as our branch auctioneer for local functions and will be sincerely recalled with much warmth and affection. He was recently rewarded for his sterling and stalwart service with a well deserved Perham Medallion. All our thoughts are with his wife Jean and their family at this time.

Regards,

Nigel Johnson - Nelson Branch Secretary

## REGISTER OF NEW ZEALAND GUNSMITHS

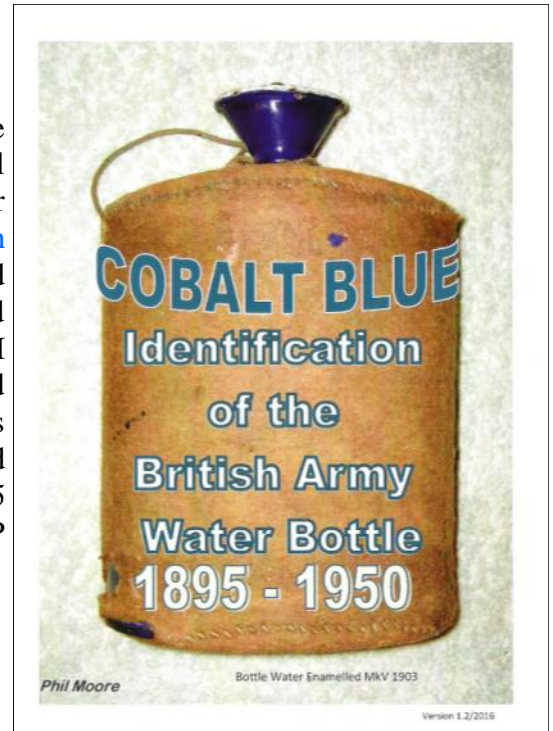
The New Zealand Society of Gunsmiths is in the process of compiling a **voluntary register** of New Zealand Gunsmiths. The register when complete will be posted on the NZ Arms Register website at [www.armsregister.com](http://www.armsregister.com) and updated regularly. Look to the bottom of the home page for the Gunsmith Register link..

The register will be open to anyone with a NZ Firearms Licence and firearms related qualifications, including Firearm Safety Instructor or Military or Police firearms training. People holding overseas qualification can compare these with the NZ gunsmith qualification standards listed on the website.

An application form is provided on the website for those who wish to be included, and is free for those with NZ qualifications.

## BOOK REVIEW

For those of you who are interested in military equipment of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Phil Moore has produced a useful little booklet on how to identify the ubiquitous, soldiers water bottle. Entitled **COBALT BLUE - Identification of the British Army Water Bottle 1895-1950**, the booklet is profusely illustrated with colour photos and describes the MK IV, Mk V, Mk VI and Mk VII used from the Boer War through to the post World War II period. The same basic pattern of water bottle was manufactured in a number of Commonwealth countries and the author describes the variations that identify their country of origin. Aluminium and medical water bottles are also described. The book is printed A5 size, soft cover with 36 pages and costs \$ 25.00 plus \$2.00 P&P direct from the author [info@vmaleather.com](mailto:info@vmaleather.com) .



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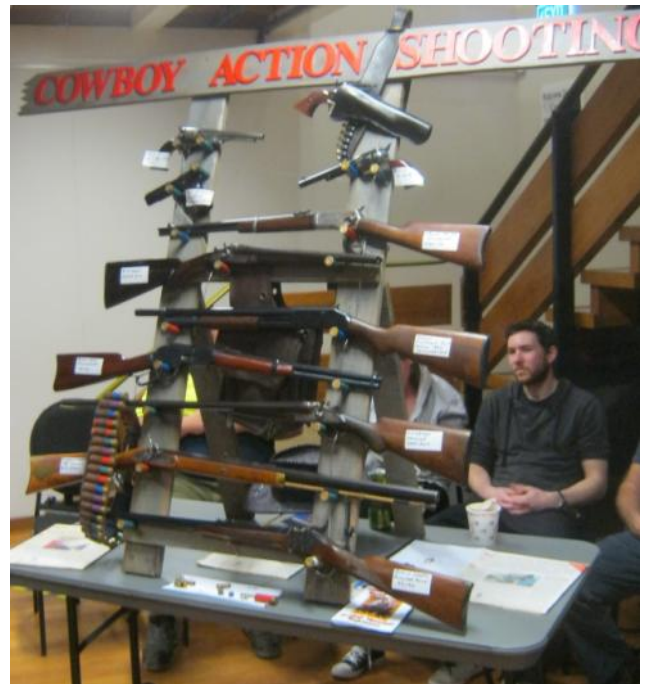
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## SSANZ Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Militaria Show

Held on Saturday 11 June, the 16th annual show attracted 600 visitors and provided good trading for most exhibitors. We are well supported by NZAHAA members providing sales tables and displays and were pleased to see some new exhibitors from out of town. As well as individual traders selling their product local shooting clubs promoting their activities. As usual it was a great opportunity for local shooters to socialise. Our thanks to all who supported our show.

The next show will be on 10 June.2017



## **Lead Shot Ban**

SSANZ is concerned to learn that the Minister of Conservation Maggie Barry has instructed the Fish & Game Council to ban lead shot in sub calibre shoguns.

We have sent an Official Information Act request to the minister asking what evidence was used to make this decision and who was consulted.

## **Mail Order Purchases of Firearms**

We have heard tales of woe from a member who was given the run around by Police when trying to get a mail order permit approved, largely we suspect because not all police station counter staff know the correct process. Our advice is, if at all possible deal direct with your District Arms Officer, rather than the local station.

## **Biometric Photographic Database**

According to a media report Police are planning to file all our Firearm Licence photos on a database along with criminals and missing persons, so that their facial recognition system can better pick us out from CCTV images.

SSANZ believes this is an infringement of our privacy and many people are also concerned the database could be hacked. We have taken this issue up with Police.

## **Select Committee Inquiry into Illegal Possession of Firearms**

SSANZ made a submission and also supported the substantial submission made by COLFO. Now we await the next round when we will make oral submissions and have the opportunity to raise any new facts that have come to light.

We are pleased to see that NZAHAA and NZAHAA Northland Branch made submissions and one or two of NZAHAA members, but it is a shame more did not do so, particularly some of the larger shooting organisations and clubs. Why do they think this issue does not concern them?.

Some submissions are definitely against the private ownership of firearms and want more restrictions placed on us all, so complacency may cost us all dearly.

You can read them all here: <http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/sc/documents/evidence?Criteria.Keyword=&Criteria.Author=Law+and+Order+Committee&Criteria.Parliament=1&Criteria.Timeframe=&Criteria.DocumentType=&Search=Go>

## **Licence Renewal**

People are still being caught out by not having their new licence before the old one has expired. You need to **apply 3 months in advance** to be sure, don't wait for a reminder from Police.

## **Firearms Safety Training**

SSANZ is also concerned about the intentions of the Mountain Safety Council to do away with most of the volunteer firearms instructors and reduce the number of testing venues. We are concerned about the negative impact this will have on firearms safety particularly in remote rural areas, and have voiced our concerns to the appropriate authorities.

## OTAGO BRANCH VISIT 15 June by Andrew Edgcombe

Representatives from the NZAHAA Management Committee made a visit to Dunedin recently where we were able to meet members of the Otago Branch NZAHAA at their monthly meeting. Our day started early with NZAHAA President Steve Privett, Graeme Barber and myself flying in to Dunedin where we arrived around lunch time to be welcomed at the airport by Otago members Harry and Stewart who chauffeured us to our accommodation, before taking us down to the waterfront where we were able to view some of the Otago Branch's fantastic project guns.

Otago Branch is in a rather unique position in that they have been entrusted with the care and preservation of what can only be described as significant New Zealand military heritage items. The items currently on hand including a 7" RML (Rifled Muzzle Loader) and a 64 Pounder RML that were once emplaced on Tairaroa Head. There is also a 77mm German field gun, a German Minenwerfer (War Trophy's from the Great War) and a British Navy 4" deck gun. Preservation and restoration work has been commenced on the two RML guns and progress to date is very impressive. Apparently there is the possibility of recovering more of these guns. I was extremely impressed with what I had seen and also with the passion that those involved with these projects have for the preservation of our past. Once we had had our fill of the project guns we were taken to view a local collection, this was a real pleasure to view and the content and quality was outstanding and a real testament to the long term passion of a dedicated collector.



**Graeme Barber, Steve Privett and Andrew Edgcombe with 7" RML. Below 64-pound RML, preservation work well underway.**



**WW1Era 4" deck gun, a future restoration project**

The afternoon was gone in the blink of an eye and we soon found ourselves at the Otago Branch's meeting venue (a great venue I might add). Local members came along with a selection of items for display and trade, the theme for the evening being the letter "D". Updates on the NZAHAA and current issues relating to the Law and Order Select Committee inquiry into the illegal possession of firearms, Police Community Firearms Forum and COLFO were presented to the assembly with many questions fielded from the floor. The remainder of the enjoyable evening was spent socializing with the locals and typical of the majority of NZAHAA members the Otago guys are a great

bunch. It was a real privilege to attend the Otago meeting and I would like to extend my thanks for everyone's hospitality. The potential that the Branch projects have is limitless and something the Branch can be justly proud of, I cant stress enough how fortunate you are to have these items in your care, keep up the enthusiasm and passion, you have the opportunity to ensure these items are maintained for future generations.

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

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided by Rod Woods who said - This is a belt loading machine for the German Maxim (MG'08 and MG'08/15) machine gun.

Andrew Edgcombe added more detail: The mystery object is a gurtfuller 16 the belt loader for the MG08 and 08/15. One was issued with each gun as there were no loaded belts issued, from memory each gun was issued with 16 belts which were loaded with the gurtfuller 16. Many happy hours would have been spent loading belts of ammunition to feed the Machine Guns voracious appetites! The gurtfuller could be clamped to a bench or slotted into a wall bracket for use, it could also be used adapted for unloading belts using parts provided in the transit chest. They are a superb example of German engineering.



**FROM THE WWW** Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

**From Kevin Hussey: What is an Assault Rifle?**

<http://www.assaultweapon.info/>

**From John Hart: The Airborne Beer Story**

<http://biggeekdad.com/2014/05/airborne-beer-story/>

**From Tony Bruce: The 14.9 SOP: 5,400 Meters and Still Supersonic .**

<http://www.guns.com/2012/06/27/149mm-sop-elr-cartridge-prototype-rifle/>

**From Neville Dodd: Here is a resource for collectors and historians of guns and hunting: Cornell Publications. Their web site is <http://www.cornellpubs.com/> and they have thousands of reprinted catalogues and flyers available. Their business is making good quality copies and selling them for very reasonable prices.**

**Cartoon from Tony Bruce**



**UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2016 please advise [oilrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilrag@xtra.co.nz)**

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16 & 17 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
23 July	MAMs Gun Show, Christchurch
20 & 21 August	Tauranga Gun Show
3 September	Ruahine Branch Auction.
10 September	Canterbury Branch Auction & NZAHAA HYGM, Christchurch
25 September	Military heritage day, Auckland War Memorial Museum
8 & 9 October	Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie
5 & 6 Nov	Taranaki Gun Show, New Plymouth
12 & 13 Nov	Armistice in Cambridge.

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Phil,

I read with interest in the e-Gazette #65 June 2016 the sale of a Turkish Lee Enfield for USD \$1632 as reported by Tony Bruce. I was reminded of another similar conversion with a dual NZ connection called an Enfauser Rifle – see link below. This one is interesting in that it has a NZ 14 MLE Butt and plate and a NZ marked Sht LE, Mk III body. My deduction is that the conversion used at least two former NZ marked weapons, the MLE being an infantry weapon and the later being a NZ Mounted Rifles weapon, both no doubt battlefield pick-ups most likely after the December 1915 evacuation from Gallipoli. One can only speculate on the fate of the two NZ soldiers who were originally issue with these rifle but likely to have been either killed or badly wounded to lose their rifles.

Whilst visiting the Gallipoli peninsular in 2006 I noted in a private museum in Alcitepe (formally Krithia) near the infamous Daisy Patch four ground dug rifle butt plates (see photo) of which two appeared to be NZ marked which tends to support the above theory.

An interesting bit of NZ, Lee Enfield and Mauser history.

Finally my thanks to Greg Lee for bringing it to my attention in 2014.

<http://forums.gunboards.com/showthread.php?91296-Well-I-got-half-an-Enfield&highlight=enfauser>

Cheers

**NOEL T**



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**\*WANTED:** Webley MIII brass flare pistol. Second generation percussion Colts. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Model Dragons Baby Dagoon, 1860 Army (Fluted Cylinder), 1862 Police (Fluted Cylinder).

Contact Paul 068447321 or [jo\\_paul@clear.net.nz](mailto:jo_paul@clear.net.nz)

**WANTED:** Verey Flare Pistol Holder (fits a Webley pistol No4 Mk 1 with 4 lugs on barrel), mounted in an Auster T7 Aircraft. Have factory drawings to manufacture one, but they have been found to be slightly wrong in places. I would like to look at, or purchase if one is out there.

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Contact Rob, Phone 07 896 6825 or [cr.watton@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:cr.watton@yahoo.co.nz)


**WANTED:** Rear sight for a Calisher and Terry military Carbine and also a NZ Pattern Whitworth Rifle.

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**WANTED:** ANY MG08 Parts or accessories, Any MG08 Sled Mount, ANY condition or parts for restoration, Cheap or unwanted .177 Air Rifle (kids need another one)




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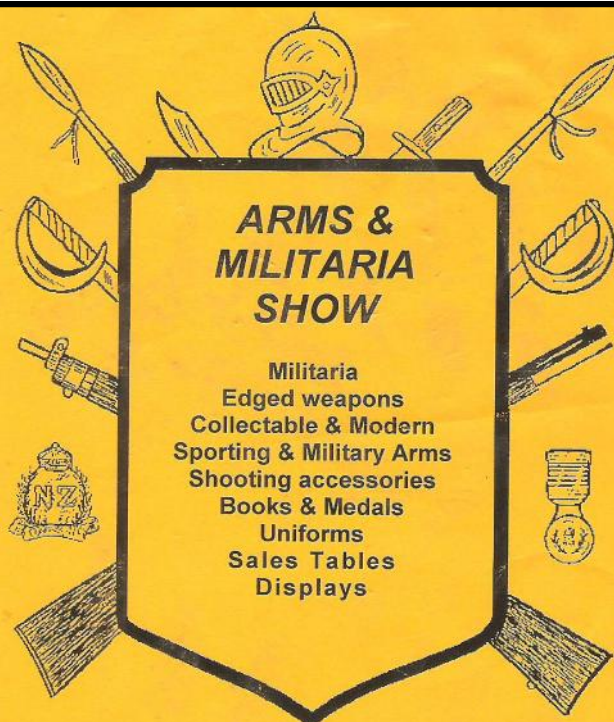
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