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Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

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- bring any materials you need for research and some ID in with you
- sign the Readers' Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

This guide gives examples of the types of material relating to World War I and New Zealand held at the Hocken. All items must be used within the library. As the collection is large and constantly growing not every item is listed here, but you can search for other material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use
 Library Search | Ketu. The advanced search https://tinyurl.com/mtske2x9 gives you
 several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left
 side of the screen.
 - The Library Search Guide https://otago.libguides.com/ketuhelp contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search | Ketu;
- for art, photographs, ephemera, and archives, use Hākena https://hakena.otago.ac.nz.
 Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena; please talk to desk staff if you have any questions about this collection.
 - The Hākena Search Help Guide https://otago.libguides.com/hakena contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;

digitised images of many collection items are available via Hocken Digital Collections at https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/. There are also digitised images of Hocken and University of Otago Special Collections material that can be viewed via https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/.

There is an online guide to the Hocken Collections for researchers at https://otago.libguides.com/hocken. It includes tips on referencing Hocken sources.

If you have any enquiries about ordering or other research questions, please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.

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Publications

Official histories and examples of other useful publications are listed below. This list is far from exhaustive and new works relating specifically to this war appear regularly. Other items can be found on Library Search | Ketu using the subject heading *World War 1914-1918*. Numerous subheadings relate specifically to New Zealand, for example:

- World War, 1914-1918 -- Biography
- World War, 1914-1918 Economic aspects New Zealand
- World War, 1914-1918 New Zealand Songs and music
- World War, 1914-1918 Participation New Zealand

Books relating to specific battles and campaigns are catalogued under:

- World War, 1914-1918 Aerial operations
- World War, 1914-1918 Campaigns
- World War, 1914-1918 Naval operations

Official war histories

New Zealand's official history of World War I appeared in four separate volumes:

H. T. B. Drew, ed. (1923). The War Effort of New Zealand: A Popular History of (a) Minor Campaigns in which New Zealanders Took Part; (b) Services Not Fully Dealt With in the Campaign Volumes; (c) The work at the bases. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

C. Guy Powles (from material compiled by A. Wilkie) (1922). *The New Zealanders in Sinai and Palestine*. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

Hugh Stewart (1921). *The New Zealand Division, 1916-1919: A Popular History Based on Official Records.* Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

Fred Waite (1919, second edition 1921). *The New Zealanders at Gallipoli*. Auckland, Whitcombe & Tombs.

They are also available electronically at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH1.html.

The Hocken holds the official Australian war history, *Official History of Australia in the War of 1914-1918*, published in 12 volumes during the 1920s and 30s, and they are also available online at https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1416531.

Regimental/unit histories of the 1920s

In addition to the official histories, General Headquarters oversaw the publication of individual unit histories, which were commissioned by the units themselves. The following works (not all of which are 'official') are held by the Hocken, and many of these are also now available online via the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH1.html:

- S. S. Allen (1920). 2/ Auckland 1918: Being a Partial Record of the War Service in France of the 2/ Auckland Regiment during the Great War. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.
- N. Annabell (1927). Official history of the New Zealand Engineers during the Great War 1914-1919... Wanganui: Evans, Cobb & Sharpe.
- W. S. Austin (1924). *The Official History of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade*. Wellington: Watkins.
- O. E. Burton (1922). The Auckland Regiment: Being an Account of the Doings on Active Service of the First, Second and Third Battalions of the Auckland Regiment. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.
- A. E. Byrne (1921). Official History of the Otago Regiment, NZEF in the Great War, 1914-1918. Dunedin: J Wilkie.
- J. R. Byrne (1922). New Zealand Artillery in the Field, 1914-1918. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.
- A. D. Carbery (1924). *The New Zealand Medical Service in the Great War, 1914-1918.* Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

James Cowan (1926). *The Maoris in the Great War: A History of the New Zealand Native Contingent and Pioneer Battalion: Gallipoli 1915, France and Flanders 1916-1918.* Auckland: Maori Regimental Committee.

David Ferguson (1921). *The History of the Canterbury Regiment, NZEF, 1914-1919.* Auckland, Whitcombe & Tombs.

- J. H. Luxford (1923). With the Machine Gunners in France and Palestine: The Official Historyof the New Zealand Machine Corps in the Great World War 1914-1918. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.
- A. Briscoe Moore (1920). *The Mounted Riflemen in Sinai and Palestine: The Story of New Zealand's Crusaders*. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.
- J. C. Neill (1922). *The New Zealand Tunnelling Company, 1915-1919.* Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

C. G. Nicol (1921). The Story of Two Campaigns: Official War History of the Auckland Mounted Rifles Regiment, 1914-1919. Auckland: Wilson & Horton.

W. E. L. Napier (1923). With the Trench Mortars in France. Auckland: Alpe Bros.

C. G. Powles (Ed.) (1928). *The history of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles* 1914-1919. Christchurch: Whitcombe & Tombs.

Regimental History of New Zealand Cyclist Corps in the Great War, 1914-1918. (1922). Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.

General works

There are many more recent books relating to New Zealand and World War I – try searching Library Search | Ketu. Some of the most useful general works are:

Nicholas Boyack (1989). Behind the Lines: The Lives of New Zealand Soldiers in the First World War. Wellington: Allen & Unwin.

Peter Cooke and John Crawford (2011). *The Territorials: the history of the territorial and volunteer forces of New Zealand.* Auckland, N.Z.: Random House. It includes information on the origins of the territorial force in New Zealand and its involvement in World War I.

John Crawford & Ian McGibbon (Eds.) (2007). *New Zealand's Great War: New Zealand, the Allies & the First World War.* Auckland: Exisle Publishing. A collection of 32 essays on a wide range of topics relating to New Zealand and the war.

Glyn Harper (2007). *Dark Journey*. Auckland: HarperCollins. Includes material on three key New Zealand battles of the Western Front – Passchendaele, the Second Battle of the Somme, and the Battle of Bapaume.

Glyn Harper (2000). *Massacre at Passchendaele: The New Zealand Story*. Auckland: HarperCollins. Includes a list of those killed at Passchendaele, with details of unit and next of kin.

Glyn Harper (2003). *Spring Offensive: New Zealand and the Second Battle of the Somme.* Auckland: HarperCollins. Includes a list of those killed in the battle, with details of unit and next of kin.

Ian McGibbon (Ed.) (2000). *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History*. Auckland, Oxford University Press. There is a copy of this very useful general reference on the ready reference shelves.

Christopher Pugsley (2004). *The ANZAC experience: New Zealand, Australia and Empire in the First World War.* Auckland: Reed.

Christopher Pugsley (2024). *Kiwis in conflict: a history of New Zealanders at war.* New Zealand: Bateman books in association with Tamaki Paega Hira Auckland Museum.

Richard Stowers (2005). *Bloody Gallipoli: The New Zealanders' Story.* Auckland: David Bateman. Includes a list of those killed in the battle, with details of unit and next of kin.

Matthew Wright (2005). Western Front: The New Zealand Division in the First World War 1916-18. Auckland: Reed.

Rolls

The *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* are available online at https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary. They include, in the defence department reports, a wide array of statistical information relating to the defence forces. There are a few nominal lists, for example, the AJHR for 1919, section H-19G, is a list of members of the NZEF Māori Reinforcements who were killed or wounded, and those who received decorations. Other published rolls at Hocken are:

New Zealand Expeditionary Force Roll of Honour. (1924). Wellington: Government Printer. Includes alphabetical lists of those who died at war, after discharge (because of wounds or disease contracted during active service) and during training.

Register of Maoris (Arranged in Approximate Order of Districts). (1918). Wellington: Government Printer. This roll was compiled under the auspices of the Military Service Act 1916, using census information, to enable the conscription of Māori. On the circumstances of its compilation, see Paul Baker (1988). King and country call: New Zealanders, conscription and the Great War. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Wayne McDonald (2001). Honours and Awards to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Great War 1914-1918. Napier: Helen McDonald. Gives details of honours and awards, including mentions in despatches.

Robert Troup (c.1919). *Southland Soldiers and their Next of Kin: Roll of Honour.* Invercargill: Southland News Print. Roll of all Southlanders who served in the expeditionary force. Arranged alphabetically with four different lists according to date of embarkation.

Rolls of the entire New Zealand Expeditionary Force and Reserve List for the 1914-1918 war are available on microfiche – check the "N.Z. Military" folder on the microfiche shelves. This folder also includes microfiche lists of World War I casualties, and an index to New Zealanders who served in other forces during World War I. World War I deaths are also listed on microfiche – these are filed along with the other death register indexes on the microfiche shelves.

A New Zealand WWI Service Personnel and Reserves Index is also available for electronic searching – this is loaded onto the public computers.

For a useful article on researching individuals serving in the NZEF, see A. Ron Jones, "Fishing for the NZEF: New Zealand Expeditionary Forces 1914-18 Military Records," *New Zealand Genealogist*, Jan/Feb 1994, pp. 17-26.

Personal accounts

There are numerous published personal accounts of the war – check Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *World War, 1914-1918 – Personal narratives, New Zealand*. Useful edited collections include:

Glyn Harper (Ed.) (2001). *Letters From the Battlefield: New Zealand Soldiers Write Home* 1914-18. Auckland: HarperCollins.

Glyn Harper (Ed.) (2011). *Letters From Gallipoli: New Zealand Soldiers Write Home.* Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Jock Phillips, Nicholas Boyack and EP Malone (1988). *The Great Adventure: New Zealand Soldiers Describe the First World War.* Wellington: Allen & Unwin.

Nicholas Boyack and Jane Tolerton (1990). *In the Shadow of War: New Zealand Soldiers Talk About World War One and Their Lives.* Auckland: Penguin.

Māori and the war

See the essay by Ashley Gould, "Maori and the First World War", in Ian McGibbon (Ed.) (2000). *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History*. Auckland, Oxford University Press. There is a copy of this book on the ready reference shelves. Check Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *World War*, 1914-1918 -- Participation, Maori. Books on Māori and the war include:

Rikihana Carkeek (c.2003). *Home Little Maori Home: A Memoir of the Maori Contingent,* 1914-1916. Wellington: Totika Publications. The diary of a First Māori Contingent soldier.

James Cowan (1926). The Maoris in the Great War: A History of the New Zealand Native Contingent and Pioneer Battalion: Gallipoli 1915, France and Flanders 1916-1918. Auckland: Maori Regimental Committee. The official regimental history. Also available electronically at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-CowMaor.html

Christopher Pugsley (1995). *Te Hokowhitu a Tu: the Maori Pioneer Battalion in the First World War*. Auckland: Reed. Includes nominal rolls of the Māori Contingents and Reinforcements.

Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu (2017). He rau mahara: to remember the journey of our Ngai Tahu soldiers: from the pa to the battlefields of the Great War. Christchurch, New Zealand: Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

Monty Soutar (2019). Whitiki! Whiti! E!: Maori in the First World War. Auckland, New Zealand: Bateman Books

There is some discussion of Māori and conscription in:

Paul Baker (1988). *King and Country Call: New Zealanders, Conscription and the Great War.* Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Michael King (2003). Te Puea: A Life. Auckland: Reed.

Nurses and doctors

For publications relating to medical and nursing services, including personal accounts, check Library Search | Ketu under the subject headings *New Zealand Army Medical Corps* and *World War 1914-1918 – medical care*. Useful books include:

A D Carbery (1924). *The New Zealand Medical Service in the Great War,* 1914-1918. Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs. The official regimental history.

Peter Rees (2008). *The Other Anzacs: Nurses at War, 1914-1918.* Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin. Includes material relating to both Australian and New Zealand nurses.

Anna Rogers (2018). With them through hell: New Zealand Medical Services in the First World War. Auckland: Massey University Press.

John Meredith Smith (1990). *Cloud over Marquette*. Christchurch: Fiesta. An account of the sinking of the troopship *Marquette*, which was also carrying a New Zealand Army Medical Corps hospital.

Jane Tolerton (2017). *Make her praises heard afar: New Zealand women overseas in World War One.* Wellington: Booklovers Books.

Two general histories of New Zealand military nurses include those serving in World War I:

Sherayl Kendall and David Corbett (c.1990). *New Zealand Military Nursing: A History of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps, Boer War to Present Day.* Auckland: Published by the authors.

Anna Rogers (2003). *While You're Away: New Zealand Nurses at War 1899-1948*. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Women and the home front

There is an essay on 'Women and the First World War' in Ian McGibbon, ed., *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History* (Auckland, Oxford University Press, 2000). There is a copy of this book on the ready reference shelves. Check Library Search | Ketu under subject heading *World War*, 1914-1918 -- Women -- New Zealand. Other useful publications include:

Sandra Coney (1993). Standing in the Sunshine: A History of New Zealand Women Since They Won the Vote. Auckland: Penguin. Includes a section on 'war and peace', with discussion of women during World War I.

Lauris Edmond (Ed.) (1986). Women in Wartime: New Zealand Women Tell their Story. Wellington: Government Printing Office. Includes women's reminiscences, some with reference to World War I.

J. C. McLeod (1978). *Activities of New Zealand Women during World War I.* BAHons dissertation, University of Otago. The Hocken holds a copy of this dissertation.

Pacifism and conscription

Publications relating to conscription and compulsory military training can be found on Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *Draft – New Zealand*. For works relating to pacifism and conscientious objection try the subject headings *Pacifists – New Zealand*; *Peace movements – New Zealand*; and *Conscientious objectors – New Zealand*. Useful books include:

Paul Baker (1988). *King and Country Call: New Zealanders, Conscription and the Great War.* Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Archibald Baxter (1939). *We Will Not Cease*. London: Gollancz. Classic autobiography of a New Zealand World War I conscientious objector who was sent to the front. Also available electronically at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre http://www.nzetc.org/

David Grant (2008). Field Punishment no. 1: Archibald Baxter, Mark Briggs and New Zealand's Anti-militarist Tradition. Wellington: Steele Roberts.

Elsie Locke (1992). *Peace People: A History of Peace Activities in New Zealand*. Christchurch: Hazard Press.

War memorials and graves

Check Library Search | Ketu under subject heading World War, 1914-1918 -- Monuments -- New Zealand. Useful books include:

Bryce Horrell (2022). Southland's sacrifice: fatal casualties on Southland's Great War memorials. Auckland, New Zealand: Fair Dinkum.

Philip Longworth (1985). *The Unending Vigil: A History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission* 1917-1984. London: Leo Cooper/Martin Secker and Warburg. A general history of the Commission.

Chris Maclean and Jock Phillips (1990). *The Sorrow and the Pride: New Zealand War Memorials*. Historical Branch/GP Print, Wellington.

Roy H McKenzie (1970). *And Quiet Now Their Rest*. Wellington: Government Printer. A record of New Zealand naval graves. Includes a chapter on World War I.

War veterans

The Hocken holds several dissertations and theses relating to war veterans – check Library Search | Ketu under subject headings commencing *World War 1914-1918 – veterans*. On the soldier land settlement schemes, see:

Ashley Gould, "Soldier Settlement in New Zealand after World War I: A Reappraisal," in Judith Smart and Tony Wood (Eds.) (1992). *An Anzac Muster: War and Society in Australia and New Zealand 1914-18 and 1939-45.* Clayton, Victoria: Monash Publications in History. pp. 114-29.

Anne Maloney (1982). A Land Fit for Heroes? The Otago Experience of the National Soldier Settlement Scheme after World War One. BA Hons. Dissertation, University of Otago.

The New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association (RSA) was formed in 1916. For details, see:

"Veterans' Associations" in Ian McGibbon (Ed.) (2000). *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History*. Auckland, Oxford University Press.

There are several histories of the RSA (some in thesis form) – see Library Search | Ketu under *New Zealand Returned Services Association*.

Newspapers

The Hocken has a large collection of local and New Zealand newspapers, which include extensive coverage of the war. Many of these are available on microfilm. Check our holdings on Library Search | Ketu. Many are also available online via Papers Past at https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/. We have indexed the named photographs of soldiers which appeared in the *Otago Witness* 1914 to 1919. Please ask staff to check our reference database for you.

Military newspapers and magazines

Servicemen produced a range of magazines – these are often lively publications with poems, witty anecdotes, and drawings. We do not have any holdings of the Gallipoli trench newspaper *Dinkum Oil*, but we do have *The Anzac Book*, containing articles collected for this newspaper by the editor C. E. W. Bean, published in 1916. Holdings include:

Chronicles of the N.Z.E.F. This was published fortnightly by the N.Z. Contingent Association, London, as "a paper to gather and dispense all interesting information concerning New Zealand soldiers in Europe, and a gazette of New Zealand patriotic efforts in this country." Hocken has a complete set, from the first issue in August 1916 to the last in January 1919.

Fourthoughts: Being the Journal of the Fourth New Zealand Infantry Brigade Group. This was published in London as "a record of the life of the 4th Brigade during the greater part of 1917." We hold a copy of the one issue of this publication.

The Kia Ora Coo-ee. This was "the magazine for the Anzacs" in the Middle East, published monthly between March and December 1918. The Hocken has five of the ten issues. We also have a complete facsimile version, published in 1981.

New Zealand at the Front. This is also a collection "written and illustrated by men of the New Zealand Division," published in 1917.

The New Zealander: Home News for New Zealanders on Active Service. This was published fortnightly in London from December 1916 to August 1919. An article in the final edition outlines the history of the paper, which was edited throughout its life by G. H. Scholefield, the NZPA London correspondent. Just as the title suggests, it provided a summary of New Zealand news for those serving overseas. The Hocken has all but one of the seventy issues of this publication.

Peninsula Press. This was a frequent official newssheet published by General Headquarters at Gallipoli. Hocken's collection of this publication was donated by Regimental Sergeant Major John Thomson of the New Zealand Field Engineers, and also includes some other circulars and a war diary summarising the activities of the 1st Battalion, 3rd NZ Rifle Brigade, from 10 October 1915 to 3 April 1916. At the front is a letter from Thomson describing the production of the Peninsula Press.

We have incomplete holdings of the RSA journal *Review*, commencing from 1924. We also have one issue only of *Te Reo o te Hokowhitu-a-Tu*, a Māori language newsletter for Māori Battalion veterans, dated December 1919. There are patchy holdings of *Quick March*, a New Zealand returned soldiers' national paper, 1918-1922.

Troopship magazines

Men aboard troopships en route to war (and a few returning) sometimes published magazines. Try a subject search on Library Search | Ketu with the name of the ship or the number of the reinforcements, for example:

- Tahiti (Ship)
- New Zealand. Army. Expeditionary Force. Reinforcements, 03rd

Items currently in our collection are:

Ye Ancient Athenian: Ye Maritime Trials and Tribulations of ye 27th New Zealand Reinforcements, published at Cape Town for the Athenic, August 1917.

Fresh Tracks; or, the Wake of the Wanderers, published by the 29th Reinforcements on the Ruahine, September 1917.

The Mokoian, published at Ceylon for the 4th Battalion NZRB, travelling on the *Mokoia*, February 1916.

Napoo: Published as a Record of the Homecoming of 700 demobilised diggers by the S.S. Rimutaka, which left Plymouth, April 5th, 1919, and arrived at Wellington, May 27th, 1919, published at Wellington 1919.

New Zealand's Black Watch: the Gallant Forty-Twa: the Journal of the Forty-Second New Zealand Rfts on HMNZT 109 TSS Tofua, published 1918.

The Oily Rag: Just Another Transport Publication, published 1915 on the Apirama, transporting the 5th Reinforcements.

Our Grins: Just a Souvenir of the 23rds, published on the Ruapai, 1917.

The Pip: the Official Journal of the Tired Third, published 1915 on the Tahiti, transporting the 3rd Reinforcements.

Tales of a Tub: Being the Story of the Ways and Woes of that Portion of the Twentyseventh Reinforcement on board HMNZT No 87, 'Tahiti', published at Capetown, 1917.

The Ulima Roarer: a collection of wails & fishy stories etc from the Indian Ocean, published August 1916 at Durban for the 15th Reinforcements aboard the *Ulimaroa*. Hocken's copy has written on the back a letter from Will Taylor to Mr Pratt describing the journey.

We also have some troopship magazines in the archives collection – Aaron Fox's military history collection (MS-1474/135) includes a folder of these – order via Hākena, the art, photographs, ephemera, and archives catalogue. Those included in the Fox collection are:

Echoes of A Company 27th Rfs, published in London 1917 for 27th Reinforcements aboard the *Tahiti*.

The Pakeha (Mark III): Being the Journal of the Left Wing of the 24th New Zealand Reinforcement, published in London 1917 for the 24th Reinforcements aboard the Pakeha.

Tiki Talk: Epistles of the Corinthians: Souvenir, Left Wing 23rd Rfmts, published in London 1917 for the 23rd Reinforcements aboard the *Corinthic.*

See also the Paterson and Lang records [83-070], which include another copy of *The Ulima Roarer*, along with:

Our Ark: Full of the Funniest Things You Ever Saw, published in Cape Town 1917 for the 21st Reinforcements on the Ulimaroa.

The Dunedin Public Libraries also has a good collection of troopship magazines - http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/heritage/mcnab/troopships-collection. Digital copies are available via their Scattered Seeds digital archive at https://dunedin.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/199660.

Music

A search on Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *Patriotic music – New Zealand* will turn up sheet music for various songs and marches, many of them published during wartime. Likewise, a search on the subject heading *World War 1914-1918 – songs and music* will find many items of interest.

Several items have been digitized and can be viewed on OUR Heritage at https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/collections/show/60.

For further details regarding our music collection please see the separate research guide *Music Sources at the Hocken Collections -* https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections

Maps

We have several maps relating to World War I – check Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *World War 1914-1918 Maps*. They include maps published during the war, along with recently published maps providing extensive details of World War I battles.

For further details regarding our maps collection please see the separate research guide *Maps* and plans at the Hocken Collections - https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections

A range of World War I campaign maps can be found online at https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/first-world-war-maps.

Ephemera

There are a few items relating to World War I in the ephemera collection. They include several World War I posters, mostly produced overseas. As description of the ephemera collection onto Hākena has only recently started, not all relevant material is listed yet. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to consult this material.

Archives

The Hocken has large holdings of archives relating to World War I, which cannot all be listed here. Try a subject search for *World War 1914-1918* on Hākena.

Personal papers of servicemen and women

There are numerous war diaries, letters, and reminiscences. The following are just a few examples:

Begg family papers [AG-497]. These include letters, diaries, maps, and other material relating to Charles Mackie Begg's war service. Begg commanded the New Zealand Field Ambulance and Medical Corps in Egypt, Gallipoli, and the Western Front.

J.D. Britton: Diary of Military Service in Egypt [Misc-MS-0865]. Britton appears to have been serving in the Imperial Camel Corps. Includes his account of the Battle of Rafa.

Dewar family papers [MS-1510]. These include war letters of brothers David and George Dewar of Merton, and David's war diary. David served with the 16th Waikato Company of the 1st AIB [Auckland Infantry Battalion?] and was killed in action in France on 1 October 1918; George with C Company, 3rd Battalion, New Zealand Rifle Brigade. He was taken prisoner of war in Germany but returned home safely.

Diver family: War diary of Joseph Teihoka [Misc-MS-1340]. A copy of Teihoka's diary while serving in No 4 Platoon, New Zealand Native Contingent, concentrating on his time at Gallipoli.

William Fleming: Reminiscences [Misc-MS-1908]. Include a detailed account of his war experiences in France with the 2nd Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade and then as a

patient at the No 2 General New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames, on the hospital ship 'Maheno' and the Hanmer Springs Convalescent Hospital.

Allan Norman Haggitt: Papers [ARC-0791]. Haggitt served as a Lieutenant with the New Zealand Field Artillery in Egypt, Gallipoli, and France. His papers include diaries, annotated maps and a variety of objects relating to his war service.

James Gardner Jackson: Papers & photographs relating to World War I [AG-577]. Include diaries kept during Jackson's service as a stretcher bearer with the New Zealand Field Ambulance at Gallipoli, and photographs taken in Egypt and at Gallipoli. Jackson's photograph of Private Richard Henderson carrying a wounded man from the battlefield with the aid of a donkey became the model for the well-known painting *Simpson and his Donkey* by Sapper Horace Moore-Jones.

Jeffery family papers relating to World War I [MS-2934]. Include diaries of nurse Minnie Jeffery, who served with the Army Nursing Service on various hospital ships and at the NZ General Hospital at Walton-on-Thames. The collection also includes letters from Minnie and her brother James Gordon Jeffery, who served in Gallipoli and France, along with transcripts of letters and diaries from other servicemen and women, collected by James Jeffery senior, the former headmaster of Andersons Bay School.

Fitzclarence John Roberts papers [MS-1914]. These include diaries kept during Roberts's service with the No 3 New Zealand Rifle Brigade Field Ambulance.

Henry Devenish Skinner papers [ARC-0484]. These include Skinner's letters from Gallipoli and journal accounts of Gallipoli (item MS-1219/246).

Fox papers

Military historian Aaron Fox donated a large and diverse collection of records to the Hocken (MS-1474). These include numerous items relating to World War I, among them papers of individual servicemen. For further details check Hākena.

Pickerill papers

Dr Henry Percival Pickerill, first Director of the Otago Dental School, served with the New Zealand Medical Corps from 1917 to 1919, performing facial reconstruction and plastic surgery at the New Zealand General Hospital at Walton-on-Thames and later at Queen's Hospital Sidcup. When he returned to Dunedin after the war, he continued his work with wounded servicemen. Pickerill's papers (ARC-0187/37) include patient files, some of them with photographs and paintings. There is further material relating to Pickerill in MS-3066 and MS-3094. For details see Hākena.

The website *War Surgery on the Face and Jaws* https://facialwarsurgery.recollect.co.nz/ includes digitized images of clinical notes, photographs, radiographs, and watercolour portraits of servicemen whose injuries were operated on by Dr Henry Pickerill. [Please be aware that this website contains graphic images of severe war injuries and associated surgical procedures. User discretion is advised.]

Conscientious objectors

The papers of noted pacifist Archibald Baxter (ARC-0350) include manuscripts of his autobiography and a few other items relating to his pacifist beliefs. The Baxter family papers (ARC-0351) include correspondence to and from various family members. Archibald Baxter and his five brothers were all imprisoned as conscientious objectors during World War I. Amongst this correspondence are letters written by Donald Baxter from prison. Try a search on Hākena under the subject headings *Pacifists - New Zealand; Conscientious objectors - New Zealand*.

Politicians and others

Sir James Allen Papers [ARC-0113]. This collection relates particularly to Sir James's term as Minister of Defence from 1912 to 1920. It includes various reports and notes relating to New Zealand's involvement in World War I.

John Thomas Paul Papers [ARC-0191]. The papers of politician J.T. Paul include quite a few items relating to World War I patriotic and welfare organisations.

May Downie Stewart Papers [ARC-0164/010]. May Downie Stewart was President of the Otago Women's Patriotic Association, and her papers include correspondence and other items relating to that organisation.

Records of organisations

Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Council [ARC-0514/001, ARC-0514/002]. This organisation, formed in 1914, provided comforts for those serving during World War I, and aid to returned servicemen and women, their dependents, and the dependents of those killed at war. Its welfare fund was exhausted in the 1940s, and its functions absorbed by the Otago Provincial Patriotic Council (OPPC), formed in 1939 to provide support and welfare for those serving in World War II. The Hocken holds minutes and other administrative records of the Council. There are also over 10,000 files dealing with claims and assistance for individual World War I soldiers and dependents. These can be found with the records of the OPPC. Please note that access to these collections requires the permission of the Hocken Librarian.

Dunedin Returned Soldiers Association [ARC-0272]. The records of the Dunedin Returned Soldiers Association (later named the Returned Services Association) include

minutes dating from 1917 onwards and membership registers from 1921 onwards. Returned Soldiers could apply to the Association for financial assistance – there is a series of index cards recording these applications. Check Hākena for further details of this extensive collection. Please note that access to welfare and pension files is restricted for fifty years from the last date on file, with prior access requiring the permission of the Dunedin RSA.

Otago Gallipoli Veterans Association [ARC-0272/005]. We hold records of this association, including minute books, registers of members and other miscellaneous items, dating from the 1950s to the 1980s.

Middlemarch Returned Soldiers Association [ARC-0272/003]. We have minutes dating from 1934 for this organisation.

Old Diggers Barn Club [MS-2757/185]. An organisation established in 1924 to arrange for informal reunions of WWI veterans following Anzac Day services. It wound up in 1966. Hocken holds the Roll Call Book, which includes minutes and receipts and forms part of the Dunedin RSA collection.

Green Island Returned Services Association [MS-1056]. This collection includes minutes dating from 1932 onwards, along with other post-World War II administrative records.

Kaitangata Returned Services Association [86-142]. This collection includes minutes from 1926-1969.

Kaitangata Patriotic Committee [AG-954]. The records of the Kaitangata Borough Council include a minute book and cash book of this organisation (SER-08096).

Imperial Ex-Servicemen's Association [AG-232]. This was a social organisation, formed in 1932, for men who had served in the imperial armies. It worked in cooperation with the Dunedin RSA. The records include minutes, subscription book, other financial records and correspondence.

Toc H [ARC-0445]. Toc H was a Christian service organisation originally established by an army chaplain for soldiers serving in Belgium in 1915. Returned servicemen later recreated the organisation in their home countries. Hocken holds the records of the Dunedin branch, established in 1927.

Art

The art collection has several art works relating to World War I. These items range from images of Gallipoli to images of peace celebrations. Artists include Esmond Atkinson, John William Brock, J. G. Nichols, Horace Moore-Jones, James F. Scott, and Frederick S. Sykes. Try

a subject search on Hākena under *World War 1914-1918* and then refine results to the 'pictures collection'.

A useful book in our publications collection is:

Jenny Haworth (2016). *Behind the twisted wire: New Zealand artists in World War I.* Christchurch: Wily Publications.

For further details regarding our art collection please see the separate research guide *Art History Sources at the Hocken Collections -* https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections

Photographs

Some of the archive collections relating to World War I include photographs. See the Aaron Fox collection (MS-1474) – this includes a series of World War I photographs, which are listed on Hākena.

A portion of the photographs collection can be viewed online via Hocken Digital Collections - https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/. You can search using the main search bar or access the 'Hocken Snapshop' folder to browse by topic. Files of interest include:

World War I 1914-1918. This file includes, among a variety of items, photographs of Featherston and Trentham Military Camps.

World War I 1914-1918 New Zealanders Overseas. This is a mixture of items of interest.

World War I 1914-1918 - Gallipoli. A large collection of photographs taken by Sgt J. Reid.

World War I 1914-1918 New Zealanders Overseas – Hospitals. This file includes photographs of several hospitals, among them Walton-on-Thames, Oatlands Park, Brockenhurst and Hornchurch)

We also a number of albums featuring World War I photographs – try a subject search on Hākena under *World War 1914-1918* and then refine results to the photographs collection. Significant albums include:

Album 364 Dunedin Public Library Photographs [P1990-015/41]. The photographs in this album cover the experiences of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces training for and travelling to participate in the 1914 - 1918 war in Europe. Many of the photographs are annotated and contain identified portraits.

Will Barker album [P2002-033, Album 520]. This is a collection of World War I images gathered by Will Barker and sent home to his mother in August 1915. It features New Zealand soldiers in Egypt and the Dardanelles.

Robert James Maunsell album [P1992-001/06, Album 427]. Maunsell served with the Otago Infantry Battalion, and his album includes photographs of Trentham Military Camp, 1915; D Company 6th [reinforcements?], troopship 'Galeka' and other World War I images.

McFarlane album [P1993-024, Album 213]. This album includes photographs of Trentham Camp, 1916; troopship 'Hororata'; and other World War I images.

Alex Taylor album [P1994-030, Album 309]. This album of World War One images belonged to Gunner Alex Taylor, originally of Craigleith Street, Dunedin.

A useful book for identifying uniforms is:

Barry O'Sullivan and Matthew O'Sullivan (2009). *New Zealand Army Uniforms and Clothing*, 1910-1945. Christchurch: Willson Scott.

You can view images of individual members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force that served overseas during World War I in the publication:

Philip Jeffery Beattie and Matt Pomeroy (2013-). *Onward: portraits of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force*. Auckland, New Zealand: Fair Dinkum Publications.

This has been published as five volumes so far and each volume arranges the images alphabetically by the members' surnames. There are copies of these books on the ready reference shelves.

Websites and further information

New Zealand History online - https://nzhistory.govt.nz/ The Ministry of Culture and Heritage's history website. Includes several essays on World War I. Take the links to 'New Zealand at War', then 'First World War'.

Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand includes a section on the first world war: https://teara.govt.nz/en/first-world-war and the Dictionary of New Zealand Biographies link includes many biographies of military people: https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies

Auckland Museum - https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/. The Auckland Museum's website includes an online database, Cenotaph, of New Zealand servicemen and women who died at war, including World War I. Follow the links to 'War Memorial', then 'Online Cenotaph'. The Museum itself has a war memorial section devoted to war history.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission - https://www.cwgc.org/ The website includes a nominal database of sites of war graves and memorials for Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in World Wars I and II.

Archives New Zealand - https://archives.govt.nz/. Personnel files for those serving in World War I are held by Archives New Zealand Head Office in Wellington. (Please note that files for those who were still serving in New Zealand military forces after 1920 have not been transferred to Archives New Zealand and are still held in the New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Archives at Trentham.) Their war reference guide gives information about their holdings. See: https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guides/war-records. References to individual records can be found on their online catalogue, Collections search

https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/ (digital versions of many personnel records can be downloaded). They also have information regarding their holdings of war art: https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/photography-and-art/art and a dedicated website https://www.archives.govt.nz/discover-our-stories/war-art.

New Zealand Defence Force - https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/ The website includes information about personnel records, plus details relating to war medals.

National Army Museum — https://nam.recollect.co.nz. The website of this specialist military museum includes a collection of personal photo albums from the World War One years available for you to browse.

Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association (RSA) - The website includes news and stories: https://www.rsa.org.nz/

New Zealand WW100 - https://ww100.govt.nz/. This site was to support commemoration of the First World War centenary in New Zealand. It contains many useful links and sources of information.

Since writing you last... WW1 Southland letter -

<u>http://www.sincewritingyoulast.co.nz/</u>. This website includes digitised war letters of four Southland men and the photograph albums of one of them.

War Letters 1914-1918 - http://warletters.net/ This site contains links to a vast range of freely available online resources about WW1 from official histories and government reports to films, memoirs, theses, bibliographies, maps, paintings and much more. New Zealand is one of the countries included.

The New Zealand Military Historical Society - https://nzmhs.org.nz/ NZMHS was formed in Auckland in 1973 to foster the study of New Zealand military history.



Robert William Leslie Wilson 6/2962, 1915. P2020-011, Photography Collection.

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