

Reference Guide

World War II Sources at the Hocken Collections



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Welcome to the Hocken Collections

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou

kā uri o kā hau e whā arā, kā mātāwaka o te motu, o te ao whānui hoki.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

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- place your bags (including computer bags and sleeves) in the lockers provided
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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 II and New Zealand held in the collections. 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 with a subject search on Library Search | Ketu using the subject heading *World War 1939-1945*. Numerous subheadings relate specifically to New Zealand, for example:

- *World War, 1939-1945 -- Biography*
- *World War, 1939-1945 – Economic aspects – New Zealand*
- *World War, 1939-1945 – New Zealand – Songs and music*
- *World War, 1939-1945 – Participation – New Zealand*

Books relating to specific battles and campaigns are catalogued under:

- *World War, 1939-1945 – Aerial operations*
- *World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns*
- *World War, 1939-1945 – Naval operations*

For a 1996 list of books relating to the New Zealand navy and its activities in World War II and information about Hocken resources relating to World War II campaigns in Greece see Friends of the Hocken Bulletin:

Kiwis among the Olympians Bulletin Number: 47 July 2004 by George Griffiths. Available at: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Official war histories

New Zealand's official history of World War II appeared in many volumes, the last of which was not published until 1986. They fall into four general series –

- Campaign and Service Volumes
- The New Zealand People at War
- Unit Histories
- Episodes and Studies

There is an essay outlining the project in Ian McGibbon (Ed.) (2000). *The Oxford Companion to New Zealand Military History*. Auckland, Oxford University Press. See under "official war histories." A copy of this very useful general reference book is on the ready reference shelves.

Books in the four series are listed below – all these books are also available online via the electronic text centre at <https://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH2.html>.

Campaign and service histories

T. V. Anson (1960). *The New Zealand Dental Services*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

D. M. Davin (1953). *Crete*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Oliver A. Gillespie (1952). *The Pacific*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Robin Kay (1967). *Italy: Volume II, From Cassino to Trieste*. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. G. McClymont (1959). *To Greece*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Walter Wynne Mason (1954). *Prisoners of War*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. E. Murphy (1961). *The Relief of Tobruk*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

N. C. Phillips (1957). *Italy: Volume I, The Sangro to Cassino*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

J. M. S. Ross (1955). *Royal New Zealand Air Force*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

J. L. Scoullar (1955). *Battle for Egypt: The Summer of 1942*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. G. Stevens (1962). *Bardia to Enfidaville*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. G. Stevens (1958). *Problems of 2 NZEF*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

T. Duncan M. Stout (1958). *Medical Services in New Zealand and the Pacific: In Royal New Zealand Navy, Royal New Zealand Air Force and with Prisoners of War*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

T. Duncan M. Stout (1956). *New Zealand Medical Services in Middle East and Italy*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

T. Duncan M. Stout (1956). *War Surgery and Medicine*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

H. L. Thompson (1953-1959). *New Zealanders with the Royal Air Force*. 3 volumes. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Ronald Walker (1967). *Alam Halfa and Alamein*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

S. D. Waters (1956). *The Royal New Zealand Navy*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Documents Relating to New Zealand's Participation in the Second World War, 1939-45. (1949-1963). 3 volumes. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

The New Zealand People at War

J. V. T. Baker (1965). *The New Zealand People at War: War Economy*. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

N. M. Taylor (1986). *The New Zealand People at War: The Home Front*. 2 volumes. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

F. L. W. Wood (1971). *The New Zealand People at War: Political and External Affairs*. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Unit histories

Peter Bates (1955). *Supply Company*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

C. A. Borman (1954). *Divisional Signals*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

R. M. Burdon (1953). *24 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Joseph Cody (1953). *21 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

J. F. Cody (1956). *28 (Maori) Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

J. F. Cody (1961). *New Zealand Engineers, Middle East*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. D. Dawson (1961). *18 Battalion and Armoured Regiment*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Jim Henderson (1958). *22 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Jim Henderson (1954). *R. M. T.: Official History of the 4th and 6th Reserve Mechanical Transport Companies, 2 NZEF*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Robin Kay (1958). *27 (Machine Gun) Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

A. L. Kidson (1961). *Petrol Company*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

S. P. Llewellyn (1949). *Journey Towards Christmas: Official History of the 1st Ammunition Company Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force 1938-45*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

R. J. M. Loughnan (1963). *Divisional Cavalry*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

J. B. McKinney (1952). *Medical Units of 2NZEF in Middle East and Italy*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

W. E. Murphy (1966). *2nd New Zealand Divisional Artillery*. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

F. D. Norton (1952). *26 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

D. J. C. Pringle and W. A. Glue (1954). *19 Battalion and Armoured Regiment*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

D. J. C. Pringle and W. A. Glue (1957). *20 Battalion and Armoured Regiment*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Edward Puttick (1960). *25 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Angus Ross (1959). *23 Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

M. L. Underhill (1950). *New Zealand Chaplains in the Second World War*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Episodes and studies

New Zealand in the Second World War, 1939-1945: Episodes & Studies. (1948-1954). 2 vols. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Each of the two volumes includes individual essays on varied topics; each essay includes photographic illustrations. They were originally published as a series. The studies in volume one are –

- “Guns Against Tanks” by E. H. Smith
- “Women at War” by D. O. W. Hall
- “*Achilles at the River Plate*” by S. D. Waters
- “Troopships” by S. P. Llewellyn
- “The Assault on Rabaul” by J. M. S. Ross
- “German Raiders in the Pacific” by S. D. Waters
- “Prisoners of Germany” by D. O. W. Hall
- “Prisoners of Italy” by D. O. W. Hall
- “Prisoners of Japan” by D. O. W. Hall
- “Long Range Desert Group in Libya” by R. L. Kay
- “Long Range Desert Group in the Mediterranean” by R. L. Kay
- “Wounded in Battle” by J. B. McKinney

The studies in volume two are –

- “Aircraft against U-boat” by H. L. Thompson
- “Early Operations with Bomber Command” by B. G. Clare
- “New Zealanders in the Battle of Britain” by N. W. Faircloth
- “*Leander*” by S. D. Waters
- “Malta Airmen” by J. A. Whelan
- “Takarouna” by I. McL. Wards
- “Coastwatchers” by D. O. W. Hall
- “The RNZAF in South-East Asia, 1941-42” by H. R. Dean
- “The Other Side of the Hill” by I. McL. Wards, W. E. Murphy, R. Walker, R. L. Kay and A. G. Protheroe
- “Special Service in Greece” by M. B. McGlynn
- “Point 175” by W. E. Murphy
- “Escapes” by D. O. W. Hall

General works

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

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 II.

John Crawford (Ed.) (2000). *Kia Kaha: New Zealand in the Second World War*. Auckland: Oxford University Press. A collection of 21 essays on a wide range of topics relating to the war.

Ian McGibbon (2004). *New Zealand and the Second World War: The People, the Battles and the Legacy*. Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett.

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

Reed has published a series of short histories by Matthew Wright relating to various World War II campaigns involving New Zealanders:

Matthew Wright (2003). *Battle for Crete: New Zealand's Near-Run Affair, 1941*. Auckland: Reed.

Matthew Wright (2002). *Desert Duel: New Zealand's North African War, 1940-43*. Auckland: Reed.

Matthew Wright (2003). *Italian Odyssey: New Zealanders in the Battle for Italy 1943-45*. Auckland: Reed.

Matthew Wright (2003). *Pacific War: New Zealand and Japan 1941-45*. Auckland: Reed.

A useful calendar of New Zealand's involvement in the war is:

Robin Kay (1968). *Chronology: New Zealand in the War 1939-1946*. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Rolls

Nominal rolls of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces 1939-1948 are available on microfiche - check the "N.Z. Military" folder on the microfiche shelves. Some nominal rolls are also available in hard copy:

Nominal Roll Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force: Embarkations to 31st March 1940. (1941). Wellington: Government Printer.

Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force (Embarkations from 1st October, 1941, to 31st December, 1941): Nominal Roll No. 6. (1942). Wellington: Government Printer.

Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force (Embarkations from July 1st, 1943, to December 31st, 1943): Nominal Roll No. 12. (1945). Wellington: Government Printer.

Our holdings also include:

Peter D. F. Cooke; Defence of NZ Study Group (2019). *Roll of New Zealand's Second World War dead*. Wellington, New Zealand: Defence of NZ Study Group. A listing and analysis of those who died during NZ's war effort 1939-48.

For a useful article on researching individuals serving in World War II, see A. Ron Jones, "Fishing for the 2NZEF: New Zealand Expeditionary Forces 1939-1948 Military Records," *New Zealand Genealogist*, Nov/Dec 1995, pp. 371-87.

Personal accounts

There are numerous published personal accounts of the war – check Library Search|Ketu under the subject heading *World War, 1939-1945 – Personal narratives, New Zealand*. A useful edited collection is:

Gavin McLean, Ian McGibbon, and Kynan Gentry (Eds.) (2009). *The Penguin Book of New Zealanders at War*. Auckland: Penguin.

Staff of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage have edited a series of books based on oral histories. Each also includes an essay giving an overview that sets the context for the stories of servicemen and women. Included in the series are:

Neill Atkinson (Ed.) (2005). *Hell and High Water: New Zealand Merchant Seafarers Remember the War*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2006). *Against the Rising Sun: New Zealanders Remember the Pacific War*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2005). *The Desert Road: New Zealanders Remember the North African Campaign*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2004). *A Fair Sort of Battering: New Zealanders Remember the Italian Campaign*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2002). *Inside Stories: New Zealand Prisoners of War Remember*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2007). *Last Line of Defence: New Zealanders Remember the War at Home*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Megan Hutching (Ed.) (2001). *A Unique Sort of Battle: New Zealanders Remember Crete*. Auckland: HarperCollins / Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Māori and the war

See the essay by Monty Soutar, "Maori war effort overseas in the Second 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 the subject heading *World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, Maori*. Major books on Māori and the war are:

J. F. Cody (1956). *28 (Maori) Battalion*. Wellington: War History Branch, Department of Internal Affairs. The official regimental history. Also available electronically at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre <http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/>.

Wira Gardiner (1992). *Te Mura o te Ahi: The Story of the Maori Battalion*. Auckland: Reed.

Wira Gardiner (2019). *Ake ake kia kaha e!: forever brave!: B Company 28 (Maori) Battalion, 1939-1945*. Auckland, New Zealand: Bateman Books.

Monty Soutar (2008). *Nga Tama Toa: The Price of Citizenship: C Company 28 (Māori) Battalion 1939-1945*. Auckland: David Bateman.

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 1939-1945 – medical care*. There are several official histories of the New Zealand medical and dental services – these are listed above with the other official war histories. Two general histories of New Zealand military nurses include those serving in World War II:

Sherayl McNabb (2015). *100 years New Zealand military nursing: New Zealand Army nursing service: Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps, 1915-2015*. Hawke's Bay, New Zealand: Sherayl McNabb.

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

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. Other useful publications are:

Dianne Bardsley (2000). *The Land Girls: In a Man's World, 1939-1946*. Dunedin: Otago University Press.

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 II.

Judith Fyfe (Ed.) (1995). *War Stories our Mothers Never Told Us*. Auckland: Penguin. Recounts the experiences of several New Zealand women during World War II. This book is based on the 1995 documentary film of the same name directed by Gaylene Preston – Hocken has this film available to view on DVD.

Deborah Montgomerie (2005). *Love in Time of War: Letter Writing in the Second World War*. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Deborah Montgomerie (2001). *The Women's War: New Zealand Women 1939-1945*. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

Alison Parr (2010). *Home: civilian New Zealanders remember the Second World War*. Auckland, N.Z.: Penguin.

Jim Sullivan (Ed.) (2002). *Doing Our Bit: New Zealand Women Tell Their Stories of World War Two*. Auckland: HarperCollins.

N. M. Taylor (1986). *The New Zealand People at War: The Home Front*. 2 volumes. Wellington: Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs.

Check Library Search|Ketu for further titles under *World War 1939-1945 – Women – New Zealand; World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, Female*.

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*. Some useful books are:

J. E. Cookson, "Appeal Boards and Conscientious Objectors," in John Crawford (Ed.) (2000). *Kia Kaha: New Zealand in the Second World War*. Auckland: Oxford University Press.

David Grant (1986). *Out in the Cold: Pacifists and Conscientious Objectors in New Zealand during World War II*. Auckland: Reed.

David Grant (2004). *A Question of Faith: A History of the New Zealand Christian Pacifist Society*. Wellington: Philip Garside Publishing.

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 headings *World War, 1939-1945 -- Monuments -- New Zealand; War memorials -- New Zealand*. Holdings include:

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 II.

Jock Phillips (2016). *To the memory: New Zealand's war memorials*. Nelson, New Zealand: Potton & Burton

War veterans

For publications relating to war veterans check Library Search|Ketu under subject headings commencing *World War 1939-1945 – veterans* and *Veterans – New Zealand*. 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. There are a few newspapers with coverage of the period available on Papers Past at <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>.

Military newspapers

The *N.Z.E.F. Times* was an official free weekly newspaper for members of 2NZEF, published between June 1941 and December 1945. It was initially published in Egypt and later in Italy. It incorporated both war news and news from New Zealand. The Hocken has good holdings, covering the whole period of publication with occasional gaps.

The *Southern Cross* was published in London by the NZEF Education and Rehabilitation Services “for the New Zealand forces”. It incorporated war news along with news from home and was published weekly from January 1945 to January 1946. The Hocken has most issues until mid-September 1945, with one issue from January 1946.

We also have some copies of *Union Jack*, the British forces daily newspaper, ranging between January 1944 and February 1945 (with many gaps). Some are labelled ‘Eastern Italy Edition’.

Troopship magazines

People aboard troopships en route to war (and a few returning) sometimes published magazines. We have the following publications:

Aquitatler 1941, published aboard the *Aquitania* in October 1941 for the 7th Reinforcements.

Aquitatler 1942: Eighth Reinforcements, published aboard the *Aquitania* in 1942.

The Blitztourist, published in Capetown 1941 for the 2nd Echelon aboard the *Duchess of Bedford*.

Convoy, published aboard HMT 24 (*Nieuw Amsterdam*) by the 4th Reinforcements in 1941.

Serial Waves: Souvenir Number, Transport no. 12, 3rd Echelon, published 1940 in Bombay for the 3rd Echelon aboard the *Aquitania*.

Tonga Tatler, published aboard HMTE 14, en route home to New Zealand, in 1945.

The above troopship magazines can all be ordered via Library Search|Ketu. We also have some troopship magazines in the archives collection – Aaron Fox’s military history collection (MS-1474/095) includes a folder of these (order via Hākena, the art, photographs, ephemera, and archives catalogue). Those included in the Fox collection are:

Ake Ake Kia Kaha, printed in Ceylon for the 5th Reinforcements aboard H.M. Transport No 25 (*Mauretania*), 1941.

Borax 3, published aboard HMT X3 (*Empress of Britain*) for the 2nd Echelon, May 1940.

Cruisaiders H.M.T. 26, published aboard HMT 26 (*Nieuw Amsterdam*).

Outward Bound! published in Cairo for the 26th Rifle Battalion, Divisional Signals, 6th Field Ambulance and NZASC travelling on the *Orcades*.

The Queue Ship, published August 1943 by the 10th Reinforcements aboard the *Nieuw Amsterdam*.

Sixes and Sevens, published in Dunedin as souvenir of voyage home to NZ aboard the *Strathaird* by those who had mostly gone overseas with the Sixth and Seventh Reinforcements.

Tekapo, Victory Voyager, published for those returning home to NZ aboard the *Strathmore*, September 1945.

Troopship Tattoo, published aboard the *Aquitania* by the 7th Reinforcements – we have both issues, published in September and October 1941.

Te Waka O-Tu (The War Craft), published aboard the *Aquitania* for part of the 2nd Echelon. We have the second issue, published May 1940.

Aquitatler 1941; Aquitatler 1942; Convoice and *The Blitztourist* are duplicates of those in published collections, listed above.

The Dunedin Public Libraries also has a good collection of troopship magazines - <http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/heritage/mcnab/troopships-collection> and they can be viewed online at <https://dunedin.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/199660>.

NZ General Hospital magazines

The NZ General Hospitals of the 2nd NZEF produced souvenir magazines. Aaron Fox's military history collection includes several of these, which are collected with the troopship magazines listed above (order item number MS-1474/095 on Hākena). They are:

Whareora: 1st N.Z. General Hospital 2nd NZEF, published 1941 in Cairo.

Hospitiki (The 3 N.Z. General Hospital Magazine), published 1941 in Cairo.

3 N.Z. General Hospital in Italy: Kia Kaha, published 1945 in Italy.

4th Generalities: Unit Magazine of 4 N.Z. General Hospital, published December 1943 in Wellington.

We also have a second issue of 4th *Generalities* which can be ordered via Library Search | Ketu:

4th Generalities: Souvenir of the 4th N.Z. General Hospital, published 1944 in Wellington.

Prisoner of War camp magazines

Tiki Times was a newspaper produced by prisoners at E535, a working camp attached to Stalag VIII B, Teschen, Germany. Hocken has a copy of *The Tiki times: a souvenir booklet of the camp newspaper for prisoners-of-war who were at E535, Milwitz, Upper Silesia, between July 1944 and January 1945* published in 1950.

The papers of T.B. Aitken include *Pow Wow*, newsletter of camp Stalag XVIII A. Order via Hākena (MS-1186/008).

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 1939-1945 – songs and music* will find many items of interest.

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>

Video

Search Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *World War 1939-1945* and refine results to type 'Audio Visual' and library to 'Hocken Library'. We have a DVD of the documentary *Colour of War the Anzacs*, published in 2004 using original colour footage from World War II.

Maps

We have several maps relating to World War II – check Library Search | Ketu under the subject heading *World War 1939-1945 Maps*.

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>

Ephemera

There are a few items relating to World War II in the ephemera collection. They include a couple of World War II posters produced by the New Zealand Legation, Washington, D.C., United States of America (Eph-Gp-0165), and these are viewable via Hocken Digital Collections at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. As description of the ephemera collection onto Hākena has only recently started, not all relevant material is listed yet. Please talk to staff at the reference desk if you wish to consult this material.

Archives

The Hocken has large holdings of archives relating to World War II, which cannot all be listed here. Try a subject search for *World War 1939-1945* on Hākena – you can then refine your results to the archives collection.

Personal papers of servicemen and women

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

John Borrie papers [AG-691]. John Borrie was serving as a doctor with the New Zealand army in Greece when he was captured by the Germans. The collection includes Borrie's diaries and other material relating to his time as a prisoner of war in Greece and Germany.

Davidson family papers [MS-1338]. Jim and Jack Davidson were brothers from Clyde who both served during World War II– Jim as a gunner in B Troop, 46th Battery, 4th NZ Field Regiment in the Middle East and Jack as a pilot officer with 194 Squadron of the Royal Air Force in Singapore, Malaya, Burma and India. The collection includes a large number of letters written home to their parents.

Alexander Smith Falconer papers [MS-0804]. Falconer was Colonel of the Otago and Southland Regiment, Royal NZ Infantry Corps. His papers include diaries from both World Wars, along with correspondence and military magazines and newsletters.

Gweneth Mitchell diaries [MS-2937]. Gweneth Mitchell (later Gweneth Elliot) was an Oamaru masseuse who served with 3rd NZ General Hospital in Egypt, Syria, Tripoli, Italy and England. She kept detailed diaries from 1941 to 1944 (these concentrate on her social life rather than her professional duties).

Duncan William Angus Trainor Diary [MS-3954]. Duncan Trainor served in the home service during World War II. This item is a photocopy of an original diary. The diary dates from 1940 to 1945 and details life in the home service during World War II.

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 II, among them papers of individual servicemen. For further details check Hākena.

Ross papers

Angus Ross, professor of history at the University of Otago, served with the 23rd Battalion during World War II, winning a Military Cross. He later wrote the battalion's official history. Ross's papers (ARC-0504) include research material for the history, including correspondence, extracts from official and personal accounts and maps. For details see Hākena.

Conscientious objectors

Ron Malcolm was a committed pacifist. During World War II he was imprisoned in a military defaulters' camp and his papers (AG-775) include a large collection of his letters written to his parents while detained. Try a search on Hākena under the subject headings *Pacifists - New Zealand; Conscientious objectors - New Zealand*.

Women and the home front

The Hocken has few archives collections relating directly to women's involvement in World War II. Check Hākena under the subject heading *World War 1939-1945 – Women*. Two interesting collections are:

Joan Wood: scripts of radio talks [MS-1122]. Joan Wood gave radio broadcasts every Monday morning on the 'Home Front', covering such topics as financial matters, food and fuel shortages, rationing, cooking hints, and the work of women and patriotic organisations.

Lindis Pass Ladies Patriotic Guild: minute book [Misc-MS-1196]. This guild was typical of many local patriotic organisations. Started as a home nursing class, it later focussed on assembling parcels for troops and raising money.

Politicians

Politician J. T. Paul was New Zealand's Director of Publicity during World War II. His papers (ARC-0191) include subject files of clippings, correspondence, booklets, reports, and other material relating to his tenure in this position.

Records of organisations

Otago Provincial Patriotic Council (OPPC) [ARC-0514/002, ARC-0514/005, ARC-0514/006, ARC-0272/002]. The OPPC was formed in 1939 to provide support and welfare for those serving in World War II. It also took over the functions of the World War I equivalent, the Otago Patriotic and General Welfare Council once the latter's funds had run out in the 1940s. The OPPC has been inactive since 1994. The Hocken holds minutes and other administrative records of the OPPC. There are also administrative records of the Relief and Welfare Committee and the Patriotic and Canteen Funds Board. The OPPC's files dealing with claims and assistance for individual World War Two soldiers and dependents were deposited by the Dunedin RSA and can be found with their records. Please note that access to all these records is restricted – details of restrictions are given on Hākena.

South Otago Patriotic Welfare Committee [97-059]. Hocken has minute books covering the period 1940-1987 for this organisation.

Palmerston Patriotic Committee [ARC-0163]. The records of the Palmerston Borough Council include a minute book (1939-1945) [AG-622-007/001] for this committee. Please note that access requires the permission of the Hocken Librarian.

Dunedin Returned Services Association [ARC-0272]. The records of the Dunedin Returned Servicemen's 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. There are also files relating to claims for war pensions. 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.

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.

Middlemarch Returned Services Association. We have minutes dating from 1934 to 1967 for this organisation [ARC-0272/003].

2nd NZEF Association [AG-373]. Hocken has records of the Dunedin branch of this now defunct organisation. The collection includes administrative records and newspaper clippings.

3 N.Z. Division Association [MS-2138]. Hocken has records of the Otago branch of this association, formed by those returning from service in the Pacific Islands during World

War II. The collection includes administrative records, newsletters, publications, and many photographs.

New Zealand Ex-Prisoners of War Association [AG-706]. We hold records for the Dunedin branch of this organisation, ranging between 1954 and 1999.

Crete Veterans' Association [MS-3000]. We have records of the Otago Branch, formed in 1970. These include minutes, records of anniversaries and a reunion tour to Greece, newsletters, and various other administrative records.

Red Cross. New Zealand has been involved in the international Red Cross movement since 1914. Hocken holds the records of several local branches which cover the Second World War period. Check Hākena for details.

Toc H [ARC-0445]. Toc H is 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. The women's section was especially active during World War II, knitting for soldiers and babysitting for working wives.

Art

The art collection has several art works relating to World War II. Of particular interest are three sketch books of watercolours and ink drawings by William James Reed, who served with a Field Ambulance Unit of the 3rd Division in the Pacific. Reed's vivid drawings feature military life in New Caledonia, the Treasury Isles and Guadalcanal. There is also a collection of water colours and drawings by John Ernest Brown, who served with British forces from 1940-1944, later migrating to New Zealand. Try a subject search on Hākena under *World War 1939-1945* and then refine results to the 'pictures collection.'

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 II include photographs. See the Aaron Fox collection (MS-1474) – this includes a series of World War II photographs (among them several albums), which are listed on Hākena.

A portion of the photography 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 Snapshot' folder to browse by topic. Files of interest include:

World War II 1939-1945 POW camps. Includes Sgt Colin Thomas Power's collection of photographs taken at Stalag VIII B Camp, Germany, 1942-3.

Conscientious objection. Includes a collection of photographs taken at the Detention Camp, Whitanui, 1941-6.

The Hocken also has several albums featuring World War II photographs – try a subject search on Hākena under *World War 1939-1945* and then refine results to the photographs collection. Significant albums are:

A.J.B. Jones albums Albums 259 [P1990-016/5], 260 [P1990-016/4] and 261 [P1990-016/3]. Photographs taken by A.J.B. Jones of the 5th Field Ambulance Unit in Italy, Africa, and Syria.

Cyril Ryan album Album 523 [P2002-041]. This album of photographs belonged to Cyril Ryan, 5th NZ Engineers Co, serving in Japan in 1947.

Useful books in our publications collection for identifying uniforms are:

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

Barry O'Sullivan (2023). *New Zealand naval forces: uniforms, clothing, badges and personal equipment, 1921-1948*. Wellington, New Zealand: Defence of NZ Study Group. (Two volumes).

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 II. Take the links to 'New Zealand at War', then 'Second World War'.

Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand includes a section on the second world war: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/second-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 II. 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.

New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Archives - <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/>. Personnel files for those serving in World War II are held by the New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Archives at Trentham Military Camp. Details of access to these is provided on their website, and they can be emailed via the website. The site also includes information relating to war medals.

Army Museum - <https://www.armymuseum.co.nz/>. A specialist military museum.

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

Archives New Zealand - <https://archives.govt.nz/>. Their war reference guide gives information about their holdings: <https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/war-records>. 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>.

Second World War posters - <https://collections.tepapa.govt.nz/topic/2307> Te Papa has digitised a few examples and made them available via their Collections Online website.

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PAMBU) has developed a range of finding aids to assist researchers navigate the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau collections. They include a World War Two finding aid: <https://pambu.anu.edu.au/online-resources#section-10425>.

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



Group of RNZAF fighter pilots and their Squadron Intelligence Officer, Jacquinot Bay, New Britain, 1945. P1990-015/49-317-031, Photography Collection.

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