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WHAT'S NEW AT THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM?

"Anne Frank" A History for Today The Opening



It was a pleasure to see so many enthusiastic students arrive for the opening of the "Anne Frank" Exhibition, after all this exhibition is so important for the message it brings for the children of today.

Our guests included: The Ambassador of Israel, His Excellency Mr Shemi Tzur and his wife Mrs Orit Shem-Tov, Col P Van Den Broek, members of the Jewish Association: Chairperson; Ing Woolf, Secretary; Irene Adler, Founding Chairman; Steven Sedley and Committee member; Syd Szusterman, Anne Frank NZ Committee Chairman; Mr Boyd Klap, Project Manager Patricia Deen, 'Friends' of the Museum, Representatives from; Taoroa School, Taihape Area School, Tewaoteu School, Ngamatea School, Wanganui College, Freyberg School, Mangaweka School, Waiouru primary School, Marton School and Monrad Intermediate.

After morning tea the Director, Col (Rtd) Raymond Seymour, led the way to the 'Tears on Greenstone' memorial area, where a moving opening address was given.

I think everyone would agree, that we were held captive by the unforgettable captions recited by the Director from Anne Frank's diary.



After the opening address the Director led the way up to the exhibition where the official opening was declared.

Representatives from the schools put their hands in their pockets and pulled out buttons, buttons that children had been collecting from schools all around the North Island for the Holocaust Memorial sculpture.

Pictured right; Shylah Haitana and Jessica Law, two school children from Taoroa School, depositing all the buttons they had collected into the container provided by the National Army Museum.



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Lost In Afghanistan

It was a day of great sadness when Lt Tim O'Donnell, DSD, RNZIR was killed in action, and LCpl Matthew Ball and Pte Allister Baker were injured during an insurgent ambush in Afghanistan on 3 August 2010.

Lt O'Donnell's patrol was returning to the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team's base when an improvised explosive device exploded under his vehicle, and insurgents opened fire on the patrol using rocket propelled grenades and high powered rifles; forcing them to take cover in a nearby building and radio for assistance. LCpl Ball and Pte Baker sustained most of their injuries removing Lt O'Donnell from their vehicle. Bad weather prevented air support being used and it was several hours before the patrol was able to be reinforced and returned to their Bamiyan base.

We extend our sincere condolences to Tim's family and wish his injured comrades a full and speedy recovery.

This Afghanistan tragedy is a stark reminder of the dangers faced by those who serve in our nation's armed forces, and we acknowledge their courage, commitment and sacrifice.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Clare Galambos Winter's smock



Photo from The Auschwitz Album http://www.yadvashem.org/exhibitions/album_auschwitz/page13.html

Women slave labourers lined up wearing slave labour uniforms

Clare Galambos Winter was issued with this smock when she was selected for slave labour in August 1944 and sent from Auschwitz Birkenau to the munitions works in Allendorf, (Hesse).

During the Second World War, Stadtallendorf was a secret munitions centre producing ammunition and explosives. At the time, it was the greatest of all munitions production centres in Europe.

The number on the smock was Clare's prisoner number. Prisoners were referred to by their

The monogram on the collar, G K, stands for Clare's initials in Hungarian, Galambos Klari.

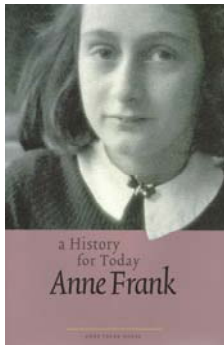
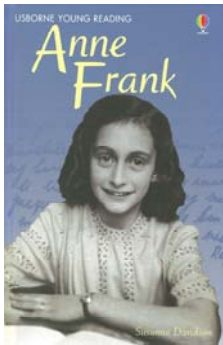
It is not known where the garment was made, but note the fine needlework, obviously the work of experienced seamstresses who worked as slave labourers. The number was sewn on the garment when it was issued to Clare, but the monogram was sewn on some time later.

This smock was the only garment that Clare had during the exceptionally cold winter of 1944-45.

"Anne Frank - A History for Today"

See Clare Galambos Winter's smock on display in the Anne Frank exhibition. This is indeed a rare piece of history. We are humbled and honoured to have been given such a privilege.

What's Hot in our Gift Shop?



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KIDZ HQ Family Day
HEADQUARTERS
2 OCTOBER 2010

10% OFF ALL HUNTECH



20% OFF

PANTS & TOP COMBO

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THE MUSEUM SHOP**



Book of the Month:

Anne Frank The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany in 1929. In 1933 following Hitler's rise to power and anti-Jewish measures, the Frank family moved to Amsterdam in search of safety. However, on 6 July 1942, two years after the occupation of the Netherlands, they were forced into hiding. The story of what life was like living in such close quarters is vividly portrayed in Anne Frank's diary, which has become the most unique and enduring testament of the time.

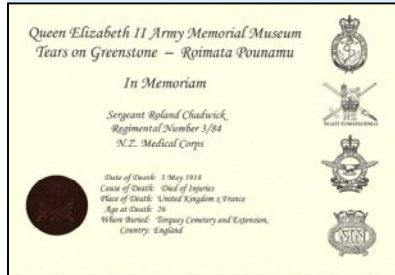
(Book available at our gift shop)

A warm welcome to our new "Friends of the Museum"

Mr Clive Martis
Andrew Baxter
Delamere Taylor

Sam Morgan
Andrew Morgan
Rawiri Paparao

Memorial and Service Certificates available at the Kippenberger Library



Other certificates available; just ask our friendly staff at the Kippenberger Library



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Support the National Army Museum by becoming a friend.

The National Army Museum was established to show the part played by the NZ Army in the development of the nation and national character.

Your membership with the Friends provides an opportunity to support the National Army Museum. As a registered charitable trust we depend on your generosity, which will provide valuable help towards:

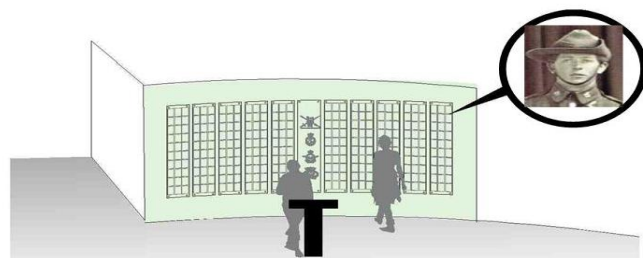
- Conservation, preservation and archiving
- Roll of Honour database and memorial services
- Development of new exhibitions
- Acquisition of artifacts
- Education services
- Other projects

As a friend you will receive:

Membership card
Invitations to selected functions and exhibitions
Updates on what's on and what's coming to the museum
Members newsletters

Please visit our website (www.armymuseum.co.nz) for our prices and enrolment form.

Honoured and Remembered



Do you have a relative or friend that was killed in the war and is on our Roll of Honour; would you like to remember them?

The National Army Museum has a memorial database called "Tears on Greenstone" which remembers the names of all Armed Services personnel including Merchant Navy who were killed while on active service.

Certificates are available through the Kippenberger Library at a cost of \$10 each, including postage, or you can receive a certificate and place an image of your relative or friend onto the 'Tears on Greenstone memorial wall' at a cost of \$50 each.

You will need to provide:

- Name
- Photo
- Rank
- Service Number
- Period of Service
- Death and burial details (if known)