

# Heartlanders



## NEW ZEALANDERS OF THE GREAT WAR



**HEARTLANDERS New Zealanders of the Great War** is the National Army Museum's travelling exhibition touring New Zealand. The exhibition, built in containers, tells the stories of ordinary New Zealanders in World War One and brings their special stories back to the communities where their journey began.

With the support of the New Zealand Lotteries Commission and in collaboration with Lawrence Watt of Mōa Film and TV, the exhibition will travel to over 25 New Zealand destinations around the country and is part of the Museum's extensive World War One centenary programme.

Marketing Manager Nicola Bennett said, "With the National Army Museum holding arguably New Zealand's premier collection of World War I artefacts, it has always been the museum's intention to get a large number of these artefacts on public display during the centenary. This travelling exhibition goes some way to achieving this goal."

The stories of the HEARTLANDERS are both survivor's tales and about those who fell and never returned home to New Zealand. A poignant example is the trumpet of Trooper Lewis Munro who died at Chunuk Bair. There are stories about raids behind the lines at Gallipoli, by Wellington sniper Hami Grace and 'demolition man' Sergeant Thomas McCarroll. Victoria Cross winners are not left out either with coverage of the likes of Samuel 'fighting' Frickleton on the Western Front.

Original film footage sourced from New Zealand and overseas, period music and battle sounds, together with original artefacts from the museum's own collection, make up the bulk of the exhibition. An interesting feature is an Auckland War Memorial Museum Artefact Digitisation Unit which makes it easy for visitors to search the Cenotaph database for information on soldiers who served.

Nicola Bennett describes the travelling exhibition as "a good overview of New Zealanders' involvement in World War One and is a great resource for schools who are seeking to embrace the learnings during the centenary. We're hoping visitors will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn the New Zealand story of World War One as well as see a 'snapshot' of the wonderful museum back in Waiouru."

The travelling exhibition is free to the public and the North Island tour begins in Palmerston North at 10am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, and finishes in Ohakune on Armistice Day. The South Island tour will be in February and March 2016.

For more details see [www.armymuseum.co.nz](http://www.armymuseum.co.nz).

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