World War I Sources at the Hocken Collections

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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.

As you arrive
We seek to preserve all the taoka we hold for future generations. So that all taoka are properly protected, we ask that you:

- place your bags (including computer bags and sleeves) in the lockers provided
- leave all food and drink including water bottles in the lockers (we have a researcher lounge off the foyer which everyone is welcome to use)
- 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://goo.gl/HVNTqH 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 pictures, photographs and archives and manuscripts, use Hākena - https://hakena.otago.ac.nz
  The Hākena Search Help Guide https://otago.libguides.com/hakena contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;
some of the photographs from the Pictorial Collections are available for viewing online via Hocken Snapshop at https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/. Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/.

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

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- **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 Deal With in the Campaign Volumes; (c) The work at the bases.* Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs.


They are also available electronically at the New Zealand Electronic Text Centre [http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/](http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/).

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/AWMOHWW1/](https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/AWMOHWW1/).
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 http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/:


**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:


**Rolls**

The *Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives* (available on the ready reference shelves and available online at [https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary](https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/parliamentary)) 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 Maori Reinforcements who were killed or wounded, and also 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 (as a result of wounds or disease contracted during active service) and during training.


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.

**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:


**Māori and the war**


There is some discussion of Māori and conscription in:


### 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:


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.


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


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:


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:


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/


War memorials and graves

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


**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:


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


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 PapersPast at [https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/](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.

*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 Maori language newsletter for Maori 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:


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


- *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.


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


- *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 and manuscripts section – Aaron Fox’s military history collection (MS-1474/135) includes a folder of these – order via Hākena, the pictures, photographs, archives and manuscripts catalogue. Those included in the Fox collection are:


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


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.

A number of items have been digitized and can be viewed on OUR Heritage at http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/collections/show/60.

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.

A range of World War I campaign maps can be found online at https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/first-world-war-maps.
Ephemera and Posters
There are a few items relating to World War I in the ephemera collection. There are also several World War I posters, mostly produced overseas, in the posters collection. Please talk to staff at the reference desk if you wish to consult this material.

Archives and Manuscripts
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, the pictures, photographs, archives and manuscripts catalogue.

Personal papers of servicemen and women
There are numerous war diaries, letters and reminiscences. The following are just a few examples. A search under World War 1914-1918 on Hākena will provide links to others.

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. Buillon: Diary of Military Service in Egypt (Misc-MS-0865). Buillon 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 (AG-835). 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 the Hākena archives catalogue 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-2757/184). 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.

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.

Paintings

The pictorial collections (upstairs) have a number of 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. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to access the pictorial collections.

Photographs

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

The Hocken photographs collection (upstairs) has a reader access file where you can browse through copies of photographs. 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)

These photographs can be viewed online at Hocken Snapshop:
https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/.

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. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to access 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.

*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:


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


This has been published as four 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’.


Auckland Museum - http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/ Domain Drive, Parnell / Private Bag 92018, Auckland. 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 - http://archives.govt.nz/ 10 Mulgrave Street / PO Box 12050, Wellington - reference@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: http://archives.govt.nz/war. References to individual records can be found on their online catalogue, Archway https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ (digital versions of many personnel records can be downloaded). They also have an information sheet on their holdings of war art: http://archives.govt.nz/war-art-0.

New Zealand Defence Force - http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/ The website includes information about personnel records, plus details relating to war medals. Take the link to ‘personnel records’, which has a further link to their medals website.


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

Map and Plan Collection Online - http://mapco.net/index.htm This site includes some maps of Gallipoli.

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

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