

# NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL

*Le Quesnoy | France*

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL MUSEUM TRUST - LE QUESNOY



*Le Quesnoy in winter. Photo credit: H el ene Lebon.*

Greeting friends,

This is a quick note to let you know things are moving at pace at the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy, as 2022 gets underway, and the project moves to the implementation phase.

The mansion house doors are open and the building team are inside stripping it back, ready to begin the restoration process. Much more information will follow in a couple of months, including the plans for what might go inside.

The purpose of this email is to reach out to our friends to see if you have any relatives who fought in WWI, and if you have any primary source material from them that you'd be interested in sharing with our new visitor experience provider. Specifically, they're looking for primary sources that are:

- First person accounts.
- Preferably personal and intimate in tone, showing the humanity of those involved.
- Accounts that are descriptive, and which can help carry the narrative of events.

These may cover the Le Quesnoy narrative, and/or the wider narrative of people's lives before, during and after the Great War. These might be in the form of letters/postcards, diary notes, memoirs, photographs or other material passed down to family members. They may also be from the people of Le Quesnoy in France.

If you have something to share, please email us details of:

- The name of the person involved in WWI. It would be really helpful to include their service number and unit they served in, as well as their town of origin.
- Their relationship to you.
- The source material you hold.
- Some scanned pages of relevant stories, for example of the Le Quesnoy battle, to give us an idea of what you have.
- Any other brief outlines of your story.

Please email this information to our trust administrator at [info@nzwmm.org.nz](mailto:info@nzwmm.org.nz) or simply reply to this email. We'd appreciate hearing your stories and will pass them on to our creative people.

At this stage this will be for research purposes only, and if they would like to use any material as part of an exhibition, your consent would be sought.

Many thanks.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McKinnon', written in a cursive style.

*Sir Don McKinnon - Chair  
New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy*