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Remembering the Territory's Fallen ANZACs

A fascinating new online collection that pays tribute to the 68 Territorians who lost their lives during World War I will be launched by the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC at the Northern Territory Library at 4pm tomorrow, 11 November 2009 to coincide with Remembrance Day.

The online collection 'Fallen ANZACs of the Northern Territory 1914-1918' was extensively researched by Northern Territory Library staff and reveals intriguing details about these Territorians from their military service to their life in the Territory.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said there was originally no recruiting office in the Territory so most recruits paid their own way interstate to enlist, which also meant there was no accurate records that distinguished them as Territorians.

"Attempts were made in the 1920s to compile a list but it contained a number of errors, omissions and the inclusion of serviceman who did not die during the war, 'Fallen ANZACs' aims to have an accurate record of these Territorians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War," Ms McGill said.

"The collection is an attempt to preserve the names and stories of those Territorians who may have been forgotten, this is also an interactive collection which allows family members and the public to contribute their memories of the fallen and we encourage them to send in any information and photographs via this collection on the Northern Territory Library's website.

"In the last few years a great number of electronic records have become available online including resources from the Australia War Memorial, National Archives of Australia, National Library of Australia and the Australian Defence Force Academy," Ms McGill said.

"We've created the 'Fallen ANZACs' database to link all these electronic resources together which includes newspaper articles, obituaries, quotations from Unit histories, War diaries, Service records and nominations for medals and awards just to name a few."

Ms McGill said a free exhibition *The Somme: From Pozieres to Victory, 1916-1918* is currently on display in the Northern Territory Library, Parliament House to coincide with Remembrance Day and to compliment the launch of the 'Fallen ANZACs' collection.

"The exhibition has an extensive display of objects, memorabilia, and life size models depicting trench warfare in the Battle of the Somme, one of the largest and most costly battles of the First World War," Ms McGill said.

The Somme: From Pozieres to Victory, 1916-1918 will be on display at the Northern Territory Library in Parliament House, Darwin until 6 December 2009. The new online collection 'Fallen ANZACs of the Northern Territory 1914-1918' can be viewed from tomorrow at www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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Image from the 'Fallen ANZACs of the Northern Territory 1914-1918' collection

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