

NEW ZEALAND AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

1914

28 June, 1914
Assassination of
Archduke Franz
Ferdinand

29 August, 1914
New Zealand forces
capture German Samoa

16 October, 1914
New Zealand
Expeditionary Force
Main Body departs

4 August, 1914
Britain declares war
on Germany

16 September, 1914
Māori Contingent
formed

8 December, 1914
ANZAC name
introduced



1915

3 February, 1915
New Zealand soldiers
see first combat

25 April, 1915
Gallipoli landings

5 May, 1915
Second Battle
of Krithia

8 August, 1915
New Zealand troops
capture Chunuk Bair

15 December, 1915
Evacuations from
Gallipoli



1916

1 March, 1916
New Zealand
Division formed

25 April, 1916
First ANZAC
service

31 May, 1916
HMS New Zealand
takes part in the
Battle of Jutland

1 August, 1916
Conscription
introduced

4 August, 1916
Battle of Romani

15 September, 1916
New Zealand
Division goes
into action on the
Somme



1917

9 January, 1917
Battle of Rafah

25 June, 1917
German raider
lays mines off NZ

12 October, 1917
New Zealand's
blackest day – at
Passchendaele

7 June, 1917
Battle of Messines

4 October, 1917
Third Battle of Ypres



1918

26 March, 1918
Back to the Somme

29 September, 1918
Breaking through
the Hindenburg Line

11 November, 1918
Armistice Day

23 September, 1918
Last major action in
the Middle East

4 November, 1918
Liberation of Le
Quesnoy

20 December, 1918
Occupation duties



1919

15 March, 1919
Troops riot at
Sling Camp

28 June, 1919
Treaty of Versailles



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