





REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1918



Christmas in Cairo

In December 1914, sixty five New Zealand men met at Shephard's Hotel in Cairo for a Christmas dinner. A reunion of friends, colleagues, soldiers and sporting rivals who were all a long way from home, came together to celebrate Christmas and pay homage to absent friends and family. For many this would be their last Christmas; by the following year most had been wounded or killed in action.

The image on this card shows some of these men, from 1st Canterbury Company, on the banks of the Suez Canal in February 1915.

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