



MEDIA ALERT

New insights into the First World War

The Australian War Memorial will hold a major international First World War conference, *1918: year of victory*, on 27–28 November 2008.

The conference will present new research that offers fresh insights into the First World War. It will be a forum for the discussion of military operations, as well as the diplomatic, political and social dimensions of conflict. Speakers include:

- Keynote speaker Professor Jay Winter (Yale University) will examine why the allied victory was so long in coming.
- Dr Peter Pedersen (Australian War Memorial) will discuss some command and control aspects of the Australian Corps's operations under Monash in 1918.
- Professor Robin Prior (University of Adelaide) will consider whether the German army was really defeated during the war.
- Mr Ashley Ekins (Australian War Memorial) will speak on military morale and discipline in the armies of 1918. Why did some troops refuse to fight while others continued to obey orders?

The two-day conference will be opened by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Alan Griffin MP.

What:	<i>1918: year of victory</i> international conference
When:	Thursday 27 November 2008 Friday 28 November 2008
Suggested attendance: Thursday 27 November 2008	
8.45 am	Conference opened by Minister for Veterans' Affairs
9.00 am	Keynote address <i>1918: the road to victory</i>
10.00 am	<i>Over the front: the Great War in the air</i> media launch (ANZAC Hall)
Where:	BAE Systems Theatre Sign in at Security Desk behind HMAS <i>Brisbane</i> bridge Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent, Campbell ACT

Further information, conference attendance, or to interview conference delegates:

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Conference program: <http://www.awm.gov.au/events/conference/2008/program.asp>

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