

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Last Advances to Victory**

This weekend is the last opportunity to visit *1918 Advancing to Victory* before it closes on Wednesday 11 February.

“The exhibition provides a timeline of the major battles of 1918 - the battles of Villers-Bretonneux, Hamel, Amiens and Mont St Quentin, and the Allies final advances to victory including the breaking of the Hindenburg Line,” said Exhibition Curator Peter Burness.

“The exhibition is significant as we have recently seen the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War.”

“Key features include the sponson of a Mark IV tank to demonstrate the dangerous and cramped conditions inside early tanks, an 18-pounder field gun with its limber, the first display of Lieutenant George Ingram’s Victoria Cross and large works of art including Will Longstaff’s *Night attack by 13<sup>th</sup> Brigade on Villers-Bretonneux*, which is on display for the first time in the exhibition. “The Armistice on 11 November is also included, which was a time of mixed emotions.

The Memorial’s *YouTube* site shows a video of conservators removing the tank’s sponson for the first time since 1918, especially for the exhibition. See <http://youtube.com/user/AustWarMemorial> .

*Advancing to victory, 1918* is the fourth and final in a sequence of First World War anniversary exhibitions presented by the Memorial. It closes on 11 February 2009.

It was sponsored by the Australian Government and Thales

The next special exhibition *A is for Animals* offers an A to Z of animals in war will be on display from 27 February\* – 22 July 2009.

**\* Media previews will be available on 26 February 2009**

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