

MEDIA ALERT

Untimely death of artist's brother led to great tribute

Next Monday, 20 July, marks the 64th anniversary of the death of Sapper Raymond John Nolan, who drowned in a tragic accident just months before the end of the Second World War.

In memory of his death his brother, internationally acclaimed artist **Sidney Nolan**, donated a collection of 252 works of art to the Australian War Memorial in 1978.

A selection of Nolan's *Gallipoli* series will be displayed together for the first time in 30 years in a new exhibition to open at the Memorial on August 7.

The Gallipoli series was completed by Nolan over a 20-year period and is a public and personal lament that commemorates the campaign that cost so many Australian lives.

This exhibition of 81 powerful images looks at how Australian identity is perceived and provides new insights into the nation's military history.

It is a rare opportunity for visitors to experience these striking and iconic works of art by one of Australia's most complex, innovative, and prolific artists.

Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series will be on display until 18 November 2009, before travelling to other exhibition venues. **Exhibition curators are now available for media interviews.**

What:	<i>Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series</i>
Where:	Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT
When:	7 August - 18 November 2009; media preview on Wednesday 5 August.
Interviews:	Now available with exhibition curators

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