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ESPLANADE ARCHIVES HOSTS EXHIBIT OF MEDALS FROM FIRST WORLD WAR

MEDICINE HAT, AB – The Esplanade Archives announces an exhibition of war medals from the First World War that will be on display in the Esplanade Gallery Foyer until Mar. 31.

“This exhibition is a bit different from our usual Archives exhibitions as the feature content is comprised of items from a private collection by someone in the community, and then is supplemented with photographs from the Esplanade Archives that fit the content,” explains Philip Pype, Archivist at the Esplanade.

Local resident Chris Enslin has been collecting military memorabilia for 10 years and recently narrowed his focus to researching items and stories directly relating to men who served from Medicine Hat. Enslin’s thorough research through the Esplanade Archives, Esplanade Museum, and various other resources has resulted in a superb collection of war medals which tells of the sacrifice of the individual and our nation in the First World War.

This is the first time Enslin’s medal collection has been shown in a museum setting.

The exhibition also features photographs from the Esplanade Archives of local battalions and regiments as they prepared to head overseas.

Archives staff carefully planned the installation of this exhibit to coincide with the timing of *For You the War is Over: Second World War POW Experiences*, which is currently on display in the Heritage Gallery.

“The medal exhibition adds another element to explaining how the World Wars affected the people of our community,” adds Pype.

The First World War medal collection is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. until the end of March.

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