

## The Cenotaph Palmerston North's War Memorial



Circa 1930



2007

### Location: The Square, Palmerston North

The Cenotaph, Palmerston North's War Memorial, was constructed in 1926. Money for the monument was raised by the Palmerston North and Districts Soldiers Memorial Fund. At the time, there was considerable discussion over the form of the memorial and its location in the centre of the Square, which at that time was occupied by the railway line. Eventually it was decided to deviate the railway to site the memorial in the central location.

The monument is a copy of one found in Folkstone, England. The figure represents the spirit of motherhood and holds a wreath of remembrance and a New Zealand Flag. She looks North West towards the battlefields of Europe.

Subsequent war dead have been added to the monument. The memorial has remained largely unchanged over the years until it was rededicated in 2005 with various additions including plaques listing the names of all the war dead from the region, the 6 flagpoles, and steps bordered on either side by stone plinths.

For more information about the Cenotaph see the following:

### New Zealand and Pacific Islands Zone – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:

#### Books: Local Collection

Bradfield, A. G. S. (1956). *Forgotten days* (pp. 150-156).

Palmerston North, New Zealand: Author.

Bradshaw, R. (1999). *Palmerston North & surrounds* (pp. 21).

Palmerston North, New Zealand: Author.

#### Photographs: Palmerston North City Library Photo Collection

Monuments: Mo 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, Mo 2, Mo 7, Mo 9, Mo 11,  
Square: Sq 176a, Sq 234, Sq 262

#### Newspaper Articles: Newspaper Index

Manawatu Standard card and computer index: "war memorial"

### Ian Matheson City Archives – Ground Floor:

CA: Richards Papers – Lists of Palmerston North War Dead

PNCC: 1/5/5 file 31/7 Maintenance and Landscaping

PNCC: 4/8/2 Plan 232/4 and 232/13

PNCC: 11/8 PN & Districts Soldiers and Memorial Fund.

PNCC: Series 63 Roll of Honour 2005

Research File: A175/72/3 War Memorial

#### Websites:

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/?q=node/1041>

Other references and resources on the War Memorial may be found in the New Zealand and Pacific Islands and Archives areas of the Central Library.