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**Special Exhibition *Sand to Snow: Global War 1915*  
Opens at National World War I Museum**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The year 1915 was pivotal in terms of the world-wide involvement in the war. World War I was the first truly global war starting in Europe, then spreading to Africa, Asia and the Near East. The European powers mobilized their colonies and commonwealths around the world. Soldiers and laborers from Southeast Asia, India, Africa and the Caribbean were sent to Europe and the Near East to fight. The special exhibition [\*Sand to Snow: Global War 1915\*](#) examines the vast reach of this worldwide conflict and opens Friday, May 1 at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial.

*Sand to Snow: Global War 1915* illustrates the convergence of diverse military, political, economic and social forces of the combatant nations and neutral countries. The faces, actions, voices and objects of the people, often from an individual viewpoint, serve as our guides. Their contributions and sacrifices are the central themes.

“*Sand to Snow* allows the Museum to highlight what transpired in countries across the world in 1915 – both combatants and nations that remained neutral,” said National World War I Museum Senior Curator Doran Cart. “Nearly all of these items have not been on exhibition before and this particular collection is incredibly diverse in its scope.”

The exhibition showcases objects and documents from more than 20 countries across the world – the most encompassing special exhibition in the Museum’s history – including Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, Australia, India, Germany, Montenegro, Poland and the United States. The vast majority of items are on exhibition for the first time at the Museum.

“*Sand to Snow* continues our efforts to present special exhibitions in conjunction with centennial events from the Great War in an engaging manner that allows people to derive lessons and meaning from the war,” said National World War I Museum President & CEO Matthew Naylor.

All objects and documents featured in *Sand to Snow* are from the extensive collection of the Museum. The exhibition showcases objects that represent different aspects of the war including:

- Indian Lancer’s Kurta for a non-commissioned officer in the 41st Indian Cavalry
- Ottoman Empire Infantry rank insignia shoulder board
- Australian/New Zealand cribbage board and writing utensil box from Suvla Bay Gallipoli, Aug. 6, 1915
- RMS *Lusitania* paperweight
- Austro-Hungarian Model 1911 fur ulanka
- Imperial German M1915 “gummi” gas mask
- Australian infantry uniform and equipment

- Deck chair from the RMS *Lusitania*

The exhibition, located in Exhibit Hall and free with admission to the Museum, runs through April 10, 2016.

**About the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial**

The National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial is the only American museum solely dedicated to examining the personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in the world today. The National World War I Museum holds the most diverse collection of World War I objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and experiences of the war. The Museum takes visitors of all ages on an epic journey through a transformative period and shares deeply personal stories of courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice. Designated by Congress as America's official World War I Museum and Memorial and located in downtown Kansas City, Mo., the National World War I Museum inspires thought, dialogue and learning to make the experiences of the Great War era meaningful and relevant for present and future generations. To learn more, visit [theworldwar.org](http://theworldwar.org).

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