

ENEMY ALIENS Internment in Canada, 1914–1920

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

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A TRAVELLING EXHIBITION DEVELOPED BY THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES FOUNDATION.

During the First World War, national security fears and wartime prejudice drove the policy of internment, which lasted until 1920. During this time, Canada interned 8,579 people identified as "enemy aliens", mainly Ukrainian and German immigrants, across a network of 24 camps.

"Enemy alien" was the term used to describe citizens of states legally at war with the British Empire, and who resided in Canada during the war. These included immigrants from the German Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria. They could be interned for a number of reasons, including unemployment, attempting to leave Canada and failing to abide by government regulations.

Using photographs drawn from Canadian archival collections one hundred years later, this exhibition explore internment operations and the experiences of the internees: who they were, the conditions they endured and the legacy they left behind.



City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1244, Item 880

CONTENT

•25 graphic panels•2 maps

REQUIRED EXHIBITION SPACE 20-27 linear metres (70-90 linear feet)

AVAILABILITY 2015–2019 (minimum 12-week rental)

LOAN FEE

Starting at \$2,000¹, transportation included.² The borrower must provide insurance for the total value of the exhibition.

ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL

- Installation manual.
- Promotional material.

SECURITY

- •24-hour electronic or human surveillance.
- Human surveillance during the unloading and loading of crates.
- Human surveillance during the installation and dismantling of the exhibition.

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