

EXHIBITION 119: War Comes to the People, a story written  
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WAR COMES TO THE PEOPLE - by Therese Bonney

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INSTALLATION LIST

- Exploque #1 - by Archibald MacLeish 40.4823.82  
 Mount #2 - In August at the Great Manoeuvres - photo 40.4823.190  
 Mount #3 - I stood beside a woman of the people - photo 40.4823.191  
 Mount #4 - Watched the Troops go by - photo 40.4823.189  
 Mount #5 - And saw what she saw - Those who were to give their lives. photo

THERE WAS PEACE IN A LAND

- Group #1 ✓  
 ✓ The President and his wife sat contentedly in their home in Helsinki 40.4823.183A  
 ✓ The Prime Minister governed his country wisely 40.4823.100  
 ✓ The archbishop watched over his flock 40.4823.53

FINLAND - label

- Group #2 ✓  
 ✓ Sibelius lived in his Ivory tower at Jarvenpaa 40.4823.187
- Group #3 A ✓  
 ✓ Artists worked in their studios 40.4823.186  
 ✓ Factories prospered 40.4823.52  
 ✓ Trade thrived 40.4823.66  
 ✓ Industries developed 40.4823.102
- B ✓  
 ✓ The Farmer sat at his hearth in the Ladoga country 40.4823.103  
 ✓ The lassies milked their cows on the rich countryside 40.4823.24  
 ✓ Miners worked day and night 40.4823.32
- Group #4 ✓  
 ✓ Athletes trained for the Olympics 40.4823.185
- Group #5 ✓  
 ✓ Market places hummed in village and town 40.4823.25  
 ✓ The last surviving Kalevala bard sang of the heroes of old 40.4823.184
- Group #6 ✓  
 ✓ The farmers tilled their soil on the edge of the forest 40.4823.163
- Group #7 ✓  
 ✓ Children went back to classes 40.4823.85  
 ✓ On Saturday the Sauna 40.4823.26
- Group #8 ✓  
 ✓ The folk danced at Seussari 40.4823.62
- Group #9 ✓  
 ✓ Peace 40.4823.192  
 ✓ Contentment 40.4823.1  
 ✓ Well Being 40.4823.75
- Group #10 ✓  
 ✓ Women wove beautiful textiles 40.4823.33  
 ✓ Boys took their girls to parties 40.4823.193

Group #11 ✓ ✓ And the Farmer's wives all over the land put up their jam  
for winter 40.4823.162

SUDDENLY

Group #12 ✓ ✓ War is declared in Europe - A Finnish extra announces it 40.4823.54  
✓ Parliament meets to discuss neutrality 40.4823.138  
✓ And a people pray for peace in the great church 40.4823.161

AND THEN

Group #13 ✓ ✓ Ready in the forests of Karelia 40.4823.107  
✓ Waiting in the University Halls 40.4823.2  
✓ Heroes on the shelf 40.4823.39

Group #14 A ✓ ✓ Unknown soldier comes to life 40.4823.195  
✓ Professors without classes 40.4823.38  
✓ Home fires replaced 40.4823.196  
✓ New Lessons for old 40.4823.27

B ✓ ✓ Refugees in the shadow of Christ 40.4823.197  
✓ Voice of youth replaced by stretchers 40.4823.172  
✓ "And there was light" but in air raid shelters 40.4823.31

Group #15 ✓ ✓ The teachers place is taken 40.4823.198A  
✓ Pleasure turns to paint 40.4823.37  
✓ Men like these await the call 40.4823.23

Group #16 ✓ ✓ While the public finds peace more and more difficult 40.4823.173

SOON AFTER

Group #17 ✓ ✓ Professors in uniform 40.4823.69

Group #18 ✓ ✓ Lottas at first aid classes 40.4823.198B

Group #19 A ✓ ✓ Girl scouts helping 40.4823.67  
✓ Youngsters too 40.4823.98

B ✓ ✓ For the soldiers' families 40.4823.61  
✓ Red Cross busy 40.4823.77  
✓ Automobiles converted into ambulances 40.4823.74  
✓ Gas masks for the children 40.4823.81

C ✓ ✓ Clerks knit 40.4823.151  
✓ Sentinels at their posts 40.4823.72  
✓ Officers in their tents 40.4823.146  
✓ They watch for the first enemy planes 40.4823.64

D ✓



Group #19 D	✓	✓ Women in white at their task	40.4823.80
		✓ Doctors serve	40.4823.154
		✓ Day and night	40.4823.73
		✓ To a man the country is ready	40.4823.200
Group #20	✓	✓ The men march to the east	40.4823.174
Group #21	✓	✓ Refugees to the west	40.4823.175
<u>FROM DAY TO DAY</u>			
Group #22 A	✓	✓ The president at his desk	40.4823.171
		✓ In the trenches	40.4823.88
		✓ Chief of staff studies Polish campaign	40.4823.116
		✓ Prepares his own	40.4823.6
	B	✓ Maki at home	40.4823.20
		✓ A soldier	40.4823.14
		✓ Sibelius' daughter an actress	40.4823.44
		✓ In a new role - bandages for the wounded	40.4823.4
Group #23	✓	✓ Changing the guard at midday	40.4823.170
		✓ Mobilization in the night	40.4823.169
Group #24 A	✓	✓ Smorgasbord food aplenty	40.4823.95
		✓ Porridge soldier's fare	40.4823.43
		✓ Field of Karelia in August	40.4823.89
		✓ Tank obstructors in December	40.4823.168
	B	✓ Polytechnic students back to class	40.4823.65
		✓ Their school in ruins first day of war	40.4823.93
		✓ Coffee, miner's respite	40.4823.40
		✓ Soldier's delight-	40.4823.58
	C	✓ Happy crowds	40.4823.106
		✓ Serious groups	40.4823.3
		✓ First to return from Moscow, the delegate to his minister	40.4823.78
		✓ Last meeting of the peace cabinet, the opening of war	40.4823.29
Group #25	✓	✓ Constitution of Finland, 1919	40.4823.167
		✓ First enemy tract over the country, 1939	40.4823.47
Group #26	✓	✓ Lunch hour in a factory	40.4823.194
		✓ A few months later in a hospital	40.4823.199
Group #27	✓	✓ The old rock	40.4823.139
		✓ Flee from their homes-	40.4823.8
		✓ Horses plough the fields	40.4823.5
		✓ They are mobilized	40.4823.16
		✓ Harvesting in the sunshine	40.4823.113
		✓ For the soldier's beds	40.4823.48

Group #28 ✓	✓ Traffic in August	40.4823.21
	✓ Traffic in December	40.4823.59
Group #29 ✓	✓ The Peasant ponders	40.4823.166
	✓ Soldiers determined	40.4823.165
Group #30 A ✓	✓ Cuisine de luxe	40.4823.158
	✓ Refugees soup	40.4823.9
	✓ Happy children troop to class	40.4823.11
	✓ Refugees wait for food	40.4823.45
B ✓	✓ The farmer takes his milk to the cooperative	40.4823.46
	✓ The soldier to the regiment	40.4823.68
	✓ Olympic games	40.4823.112
	✓ To air raid shelters	40.4823.164
C ✓	✓ Neutrality	40.4823.12
	✓ Hotel's grand piano becomes first aid table	40.4823.22
	✓ Happy art students	40.4823.42
	✓ Their bit for defense	40.4823.7
D ✓	✓ Women and children pray	40.4823.101
	✓ The first bombs fall	40.4823.104

THEN CAME CHRISTMAS

Group #31 ✓	✓ Church and sleigh bells ring out over the land	40.4823.176
Group #32 ✓	✓ Peace on earth to men of good will	40.4823.57
	✓ In the shadow of the star of Bethlehem	40.4823.41
Group #33 ✓	✓ They praise God in the highest	40.4823.201
Group #34 A ✓	✓ Joy in the supreme sacrifice	40.4823.10
	✓ Carols of the season	40.4823.30
	✓ Back from Karelia far from home	40.4823.17
B ✓	✓ Packing up eager to return to the front	40.4823.202A
	✓ And yet one day was like another	40.4823.13

THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE LAND

Group #35 ✓	✓ Gates opened on disaster and there is bombing everywhere	40.4823.177
Group #36 ✓	✓ Grim reminders of the menace	40.4823.150
	✓ Time to save so little	40.4823.149
	✓ Such precious memories	40.4823.110
	✓ Errands of mercy never accomplished	40.4823.96
	✓ Temples burn	40.4823.202B
Group #37 ✓	✓ Ships sunk in the harbors	40.4823.117
Group #38 ✓	✓ Women and children civilian victims	40.4823.76
	✓ Rooms unsafe the dying lie in corridors	40.4823.122



Group #38 (cont'd) ✓  
 ✓ Even the wounded are carried to shelters 40.4823.148  
 ✓ The old 40.4823.147  
 ✓ The young 40.4823.145  
 ✓ So many homeless 40.4823.178

Group #39 ✓  
 ✓ Yet they all face the morrow with indomitable courage 40.4823.63

#### AND HELP

Group #40 A ✓  
 ✓ Hoover delegates confer with the Prime minister- 40.4823.60  
 ✓ American Red Cross brings aid 40.4823.159  
 ✓ Swedish volunteers cross the gulf 40.4823.160  
 ✓ Salvationists do great work 40.4823.157

B ✓  
 ✓ English author does her bit 40.4823.70  
 ✓ Danish officer volunteers 40.4823.71  
 ✓ French nurse to a more urgent task 40.4823.179  
 ✓ A Portuguese aviator answers the call 40.4823.180

#### THERE WAS A PEACE

Group #41A ✓  
 ✓ A gallant soldier 40.4823.36  
 ✓ To his men 40.4823.28  
 ✓ A President 40.4823.18  
 ✓ To his people 40.4823.19

B ✓  
 ✓ The news on the street 40.4823.15  
 ✓ Correspondents stunned, file the story 40.4823.97  
 ✓ Flags at half staff; a country mourns 40.4823.35

Group #42 ✓  
 ✓ The reason - an army exhausted 40.4823.181

Group #43 ✓  
 ✓ The price - 450,000 homeless 40.4823.34

#### AND IN ANOTHER COUNTRY - BELGIUM

Group #44 ✓  
 ✓ A Sunday in May near Brussels 40.4823.76  
 ✓ Women gossip 40.4823.91  
 ✓ Children play 40.4823.90  
 ✓ Cocktail hour 40.4823.182  
 ✓ Aviators quartered in chateaux 40.4823.92  
 ✓ Grown-ups talk neutrality 40.4823.87

#### AND ANOTHER - FRANCE

Group #45 ✓  
 ✓ War seemed so far away 40.4823.84

Group #46 ✓  
 ✓ And almost phoney 40.4823.86

Group #47 ✓	✓ Soldiers worked in the field	40.4823.108
	✓ Went home on leave	40.4823.156
	✓ Children played as men dug trenches	40.4823.115
	✓ Suddenly May 10th - communications disrupted	40.4823.155
	✓ Transportation paralyzed	40.4823.119
Group #48 <sup>A✓</sup> B✓	✓ In many a village and town	40.4823.125
Group #49 ✓	✓ Only an hour to leave	40.4823.56
Group #50 ✓	✓ Hordes of refugees in camions	40.4823.143
	✓ On trains	40.4823.118
	✓ On the roads as far as the eye could see	40.4823.83
Group #51 ✓	✓ Three wars 1870-1914-1940	40.4823.144
	✓ In their Sunday best they traveled afar	40.4823.109
Group #52 ✓	✓ So many days with so little food	40.4823.49
Group #53 ✓	✓ They gathered before the churches	40.4823.132
	✓ Huddled before the stations	40.4823.51
	✓ Took refuge in barns	40.4823.79
Group #54 ✓	✓ Abandoned baby carriages and wheelbarrows	40.4823.136
	✓ Searched in vain for loved ones lost on the roads	40.4823.142
	✓ Tried to communicate with each other	40.4823.134
Group #55 ✓	✓ They slept: ✓ in garages	40.4823.123
	✓ under carts	40.4823.203
	✓ anywhere	40.4823.153
Group #56 ✓	✓ Halted	40.4823.135
	✓ From time to time	40.4823.140
Group #57 ✓	✓ Tried to save what they loved: ✓ a clock	40.4823.55
	✓ his dog	40.4823.50
	✓ her doll	40.4823.183B
Group #58 A ✓	✓ So many wanted to help: ✓ nurses	40.4823.131
	✓ nuns	40.4823.121
	✓ scouts	40.4823.129
B ✓	✓ There was so little one could do	40.4823.99
	✓ Only a few men	40.4823.130
	✓ Such a long trip	40.4823.137
	✓ And so bewildering	40.4823.128
	✓ Babies born on the roadside	40.4823.124
	✓ Meals cooked in the fields	40.4823.120
C ✓	✓ Just once in a while someone broke down	40.4823.127
	✓ Thousands of tots lost	40.4823.152
	✓ Danger everywhere	40.4823.204
Group #59 ✓	✓ Impossible to fight back	40.4823.114



Group #60 ✓

✓Planes overhead  
✓The bomb fell  
✓They tried to help each other  
✓And the old gave the example

40.4823.141

40.4823.111

40.4823.126

40.4823.133

Group #61 ✓

✓To the young to trudge on

40.4823.105

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