

# KATHERINE MANSFIELD SOCIETY

## ESSAY PRIZE 2013

The Katherine Mansfield Society is pleased to announce its essay prize competition for 2013, open to all, on the subject of

### **Katherine Mansfield and World War One**

Essays are invited that seek to examine Mansfield's writing in relation to the First World War. Vincent O'Sullivan has asserted that, '[f]rom any perspective, the most important public event in Mansfield's lifetime was the First World War'. By 1918, there were few families in Britain and many of its colonies whose lives had not been directly affected by the conflict. The war was represented, both during and after the event, as Armageddon, as a flood, as the death of a generation. Mansfield was part of that generation. She lost her brother in the conflict. In 1915 she travelled, illegally, to the war zone near the Belgian border. Later she witnessed the after-effects of gas poisoning as the injured were brought in their thousands through the stations of Paris. Mansfield wrote, criticising Woolf, that to write without relation to the war was a 'lie in the soul'. We welcome submissions that consider Mansfield's response to the war, directly or obliquely, both in her fiction and her personal writing.

The winner will receive a cash prize of £200, and the winning essay will be considered for publication in *Katherine Mansfield Studies* (the peer-reviewed journal of the Katherine Mansfield Society, published by Edinburgh University Press)

The distinguished panel of judges will include:

**Dr Santanu Das**, Reader in English Literature, King's College London

**Professor Margaret Higonnet**, Professor of English, University of Connecticut

**Professor Sydney Janet Kaplan**, Professor of English, University of Washington, Seattle

Essays in word (.docx) (.doc) format should be submitted by email attachment to Dr Kate Kennedy and Alice Kelly, [kms@katherinemansfieldsociety.org](mailto:kms@katherinemansfieldsociety.org) by 31 October 2013.

Further details, including style guidelines, are available at:

<http://katherinemansfieldsociety.org/essay-prize/>

Image of Katherine Mansfield's brother, Leslie Beauchamp (1915) © Gerri Kimber

