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ANZAC Day

In respectful remembrance of our brave Australian
and New Zealander cousins in War.

What is ANZAC Day?

ANZAC Day was first observed in 1916 to honour the memories of the brave fallen Australian and New Zealander soldiers of the Gallipoli Campaign during World War 1 and has since become an annual day of remembrance for Australian and New Zealand military personnel and patriots, alike.

The Gallipoli Campaign was a disastrous, ill-planned and rushed push into heavily fortified territory on the Dardanelles Straits (modern-day Turkey) - held by the well trained and fierce soldiers of the Ottoman Empire (who was allied with the Germans during WW1), their troops were entrenched, well fed and well prepared for an amphibious assault.

A campaign that cost many thousands of British, Australian, New Zealander, Irish, Indian, Canadian (and others from the colonies) as well as huge numbers of Turkish Ottoman lives, for little to no military gain.

Many thousands died due to this poorly managed assault, and not just of direct fire. Conditions were so bad that many died of minor wounds becoming affected by disease afterwards during the allied evacuation, after the campaign was abandoned.

The Red Poppy - the famous symbol of war-death remembrance being first used in 1919 by the Royal British Legion to commemorate such a devastating waste of human life during WW1, and partially due to that campaign, who chose it as their official emblem and symbol of honour to the dead and help for those living, left behind.

The Poppy has since been adopted and accepted as the globally known Anglo-sphere emblem of remembrance.

May this day serve as a sobering reminder of the sacrifices made of our brave and selfless ancestors, distant cousins, friends and allies, we will not forget them.



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