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ANZAC DAY

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The Diggers

Digger is a military term that means « soldier » and was used by soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. Evidence of its use has been found in those countries in the early 1850s, but its current usage in a military context, did not become popular until World War I, when Australian and New Zealand troops began using it on the Western Front around 1916–17.



Before WW1, the term was used in Australasia to mean a miner and also referred to a Kauri-gum digger in New Zealand.

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ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC DAY is a commemoration of the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli (Turkey) on 25 April in 1915.

A tribute to the diggers

Remembrance of Anzac Day takes two forms. Memorial services are held at dawn, the time of the initial landing at Gallipoli, across the country. Later in the day, ex-servicemen and women gather to march through the big cities and in many smaller centres.



In addition, lots of messages are sent. They include famous Anzac quotes as well as messages of gratitude such as:

"Thank you for your sacrifice, for what you gave up to provide a better future for generations to come" or simply *"Let's not forget"* from a poem by Rudyard KIPLING.



The Villers-Bretonneux memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France, pays tribute to the 10,773 soldiers killed during the First World War.



Red poppies

Sir J. Monash



Sir J. Monash was born on June 27, 1865 in Victoria, Melbourne. He died on October 8, 1931 in Melbourne too.

He was a civil engineer and soldier, best known for his role as commander of the Australian army corps in France during World War I. He was given command of the AIF's 4th Infantry Brigade, landing at Gallipoli on 26 April 1915. In July 1915, he was promoted to brigadier. After a bad performance in Gallipoli, he took his brigade to France in June 1916. He became a major general in July 1916 and took command of the 3rd Division. The battle of Messines, was a great success. In May 1918, he was promoted to lieutenant general and given command of the Australian Corps. His first battle in this role was in Hamel. He remained in command through the victorious battles in the last months of the war. He is considered as one of the best Allied generals of the First World War and the most famous commander in Australian history.



ANZAC Biscuits : On Anzac day, they remake biscuits that diggers ate during WWI. And they put red poppies on the soldiers' names.

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