

What does ANZAC stand for?

Australia and New Zealand Army Corps

Which countries were mostly involved in the First World War?

Allied Forces

France
British Empire (Including ANZAC)
Russia
United States
Italy
Japan

Central powers

Germany
Austria-Hungary
Ottoman Empire (Including Turkey)
Bulgaria

What is Anzac day about?

Anzac Day is held on the 25th of April every year because on this day, in 1914, the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) came ashore at 'Anzac Cove' on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. The landing was part of a campaign to help Allied Forces win the First World War.



The First World War began in 1914 and ended in 1918, killing 17 million people, including soldiers and civilians. This is more than half of the people that live in Australia today. Many of the soldiers who fought and died in the First World War dug trenches to escape new technologies, which included machine guns, aeroplanes and tanks. Trench warfare was tough, dirty and miserable with thousands of people dying to gain small amounts of ground as they clambered up and charged across to their enemy's trench while being fired upon.

The First World War was the first time that Australia and New Zealand had been part of a war. They fought for their country, to protect the people they loved and to show the worth of their young nations to the Allied efforts. The ANZAC were reportedly brave, resilient and had a good sense of humour to cheer up everyone around them. These qualities became known as the Anzac spirit and many of these traits are part of the Australian and New Zealander culture.

The Flanders Poppy symbolises the bloodshed of those soldiers who died on the battlefields of France and Belgium. They were the first plants to grow after the devastation. We wear these red poppies on Anzac Day as a reminder of those killed and of the destruction that war creates. Rosemary is also worn on Anzac day. Rosemary grows throughout the Gallipoli Peninsula and is used in traditional medicines to assist memory. Both of these plants represent the tone of Anzac Day ceremonies, which is to honour and remember those who served in the First World War and to prevent a war like this from ever happening again. This is what is meant by, 'Lest We Forget'.

Glossary

Civilian - A person who is not in the army, navy, air force or police force.

Corps - A group of soldiers within a large army.

Lest - Intention to prevent something undesirable from happening.

Peninsula - An area of land, which sticks out from the mainland, almost entirely surrounded by water.

Traits - A quality or characteristic, usually belonging to a person.

Trench - A long, narrow ditch.



Questions

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2. Why did ANZACs land in Gallipoli?

3. What were some new technologies used in World War One?

4. What is the ANZAC Spirit?

5. What do we mean when we say 'Lest We Forget' during ANZAC Day Services?

Design and write a 'Postcard to the Troops', sending a message to someone serving in Australia's current Army, Navy or Air Force. You can take these postcards to your local RSL (Returned and Services League) who will send them to someone who is fighting for Australia today.

Answers

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5. What do we mean when we say 'Lest We Forget' during ANZAC Day Services?

Lest We Forget means that we should honour and remember the sacrifice of those who fight for Australia, as well as do everything possible to avoid another brutal conflict that damages people in the future.