

ANZAC DAY

April
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YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD THE TERM ANZAC BUT DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT STANDS FOR?

THE LETTERS STAND FOR **A**USTRALIAN AND **N**EW **Z**EALAND **A**RM**Y** **C**OR**P**S.

Australians celebrate ANZAC Day on the 25th April each year. It is on this day that we remember the brave men and women who have served our country in times of war so that we may live freely.

People who have defended our country have been awarded special medals; you will often see these worn in ANZAC Day parades by relatives of soldiers who have passed away.



On ANZAC Day flowers and wreaths of red poppies are laid at the bottom of war memorials as a way of saying we have remembered these brave people. A war memorial is a place that honours all those who have died in wars. The Last Post is a piece of music sounded on a bugle on ANZAC Day to remind us of the many soldiers killed or hurt during wars.



On other special days in the year, like Remembrance Day, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month (November) we also remember those who have fought for our country. On Remembrance Day, Australia, and many other countries, celebrate the end of World War 1. Countries that were at war signed an important piece of paper on that day to say that they would no longer fight.

The Ode is part of a special poem that is said during the ANZAC Day service. Here are the words:

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”



ANIMALS IN WAR

Animals became members of Australian military units serving overseas in a number of different ways. Sometimes they were taken overseas as pets, other times as mascots, and often to serve in combat. No matter what their role, most of them became close companions of the men and women, who described them as gallant friends.

Justin is one of eleven specially trained black Labrador tracker dogs sent into conflict in Vietnam between 1962 & 1972. Justin went to Vietnam in 1967 when he was about two and a half years old. These dogs were used to follow up enemy trails or to locate suspected enemy hideouts after contact. The dogs were very successful at their task, and often saved the lives of their handlers and team members. After two years duty in Vietnam, Justin was due for retirement. His unit offered to pay for his quarantine costs in Australia, but the Army refused to bring him home.



WALERS were a special type of horse, a mixture of different breeds, especially suited to Australian conditions. They were used by the Lighthorse brigade during the campaign in the Middle East during the First World War. They were known as Walers because the first of these horses came from New South Wales. They were sturdy, hardy horses, able to travel long distances in hot weather with little water.

