

SALUTING THEIR SERVICE 2017



**GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA**

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The aim of this year's challenge is to -

- ★ Encourage Guides to conduct research or undertake activities to increase understanding of the sacrifice and service of Australian veterans and the involvement of animals in times of conflict.

The challenges have been designed for the following age ranges -

Ages - 5 years to 9 years

- ★ 3 of the following challenge need to be completed.
- ★ Participating in an ANZAC Service must be one of the challenges.

Ages - 10 years to 14 years

- ★ 5 of the following challenges need to be completed.
- ★ Participating in an ANZAC Service must be one of the challenges.

Ages - Over 14 years

- ★ 7 of the following challenges need to be completed.
- ★ Participating in an ANZAC Service must be one of the challenges.

These challenges can be completed by the Guide herself or as part of a Patrol, Unit or State program.

Participation in an ANZAC Service can be part of a Guide activity, attendance at a school service or a service attended with family or friends.

On completion of the challenges the ANZAC Badge can be presented. This badge can be worn in the "special interest" section of the sash (back of the sash at the top) for the next 12 months. This badge is available for purchase from your State's retail shop.

ANIMALS IN WAR BOOKS

A list for titles that Guides may wish to read -

TITLE	AUTHOR
Animal heroes	Anthony Hill
Diggers' menagerie	Barry Stone
Only a donkey	Celeste Walters
Cracker: the best dog in Vietnam	Cynthia Kadohata
The red poppy	David Hill
M is for Mates: animals in war time from Ajax to Zep	Dept Vet. Affairs
The donkey man	Glyn Harper
The donkey who carried the wounded	Jackie French
The bantam and the soldier	Jennifer Beck
Lofty's mission	Krista Bell
Midnight	Mark Greenwood
The Horse Soldier	Mark Wilson
Simpson and Duffy	Mary Small
War horse	Michael Morpurgo
The amazing story of Adolphus Tips	Michael Morpurgo
War horse	Michael Morpurgo
Farm Boy	Michael Morpurgo
Loyal Creatures	Morris Gleitzman
The Horses didn't come home	Pamela Rusby
Our brother Andy	Pamela Rusby
Caesar: the true story of a canine ANZAC hero	Patricia Stroud
The Anzac puppy	Peter Millet
Soldier dog	Sam Angus
Captain	Sam Angus
A horse called hero	Sam Angus
The silver donkey	Sonya Hartnett
Caesar, the war dog	Stephen Dando-Collins
Feathered soldiers : an illustrated tribute to Australia's wartime messenger pigeons	Vashti Farrer
Walers go to war	Vashti Farrer
Faithful elephants: a true story of animals, people and war	Yukio Tsachiya

ANIMALS AT WAR

Over the years, we have relied on animals in times of conflict. They have been used for transport, communications and companionship.

- ★ **Mules and Donkeys** have been a vital pack animal during times of war. The most famous was Simpson's donkey, who carried first aid supplies and transported the wounded soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign in World War 1.
- ★ **Dogs** were used to carry messages, ammunition, and medical supplies and were used to locate injured soldiers. Dogs have also saved many lives in Afghanistan by sniffing out Improvised Explosive Devices.
- ★ **Horses** were used by mounted troops in the Australian Light Horse.
- ★ **Pigeons** were used by the allies during both World Wars. Pigeons were extremely useful when communication was very limited and difficult.
- ★ **Camels** served in the Camel Corps in the Middle East during World War I. They are obviously well suited to the desert environment, being hardy and not requiring much water. On average, camels could walk 4.8km an hour, while carrying a soldier and all his equipment.

Using the above information as a starting point, pick your favourite animal and do some research. Share with your Patrol or Unit what you were able to find out.



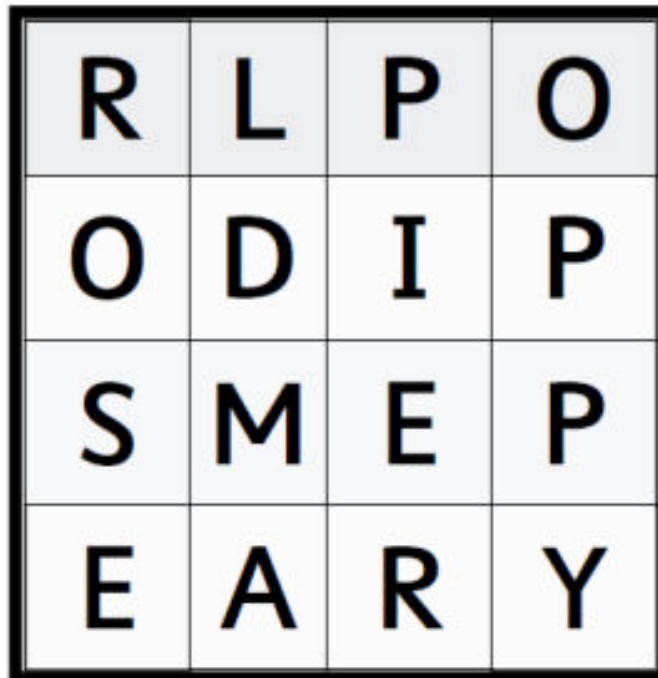
(Information from - www.australiapostcollectables.com.au)

ANZAC DAY BOGGLER PUZZLE

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below?

Score 1 point for each 3 letter word
 2 points for each 4 letter word
 3 points for each 5 letter word

Score an extra 2 points for every ANZAC themed word you find.



My points _____

(Information from the Activity Village website - www.activityvillage.co.uk)

PURPLE POPPY



To commemorate the deeds and sacrifices of all animals in war, the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation (AWAMO) has issued a purple poppy, which can be worn alone, or alongside the traditional red one, as a reminder that both humans and animals continue to serve.

What else can you find out about the Purple Poppy?

With your Patrol or Unit have a go at making a purple poppy or try making the purple poppy ribbon.

(Picture from - www.australiapostcollectables.com.au)
(Information from the Australian War Memorial website - www.awm.gov.au)

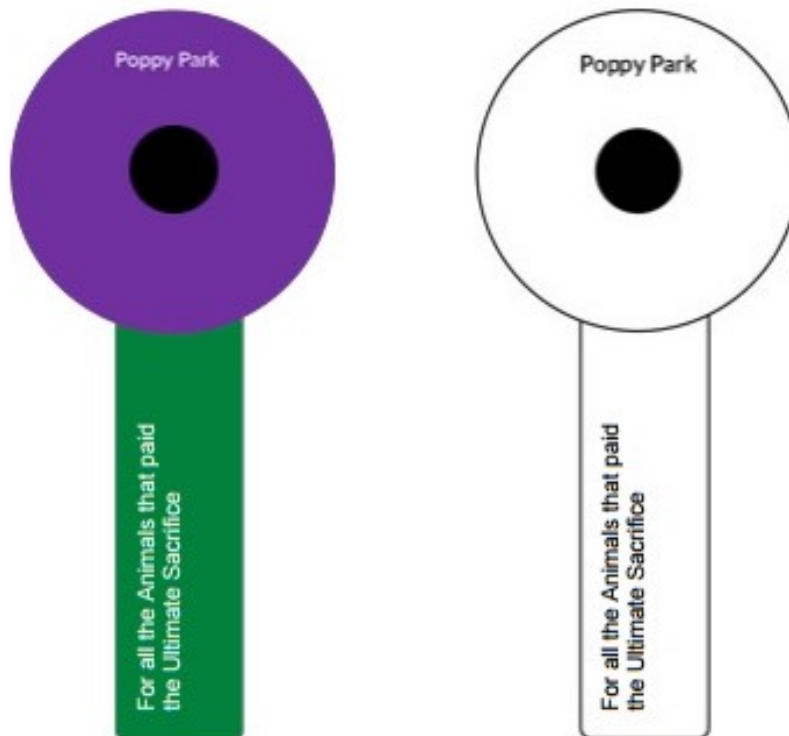
PURPLE POPPY RIBBON

MATERIALS:

- ★ Template (Below - colour or black and white)
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Glue
- ★ Laminating Pouches
- ★ Purple Ribbon
- ★ Safety Pin

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ★ Colour in, cut out and laminate the Purple Poppy Ribbon
- ★ Hole punch, add on a purple ribbon and safety pin
- ★ Wear beside the traditional red poppy to remember the animals of war

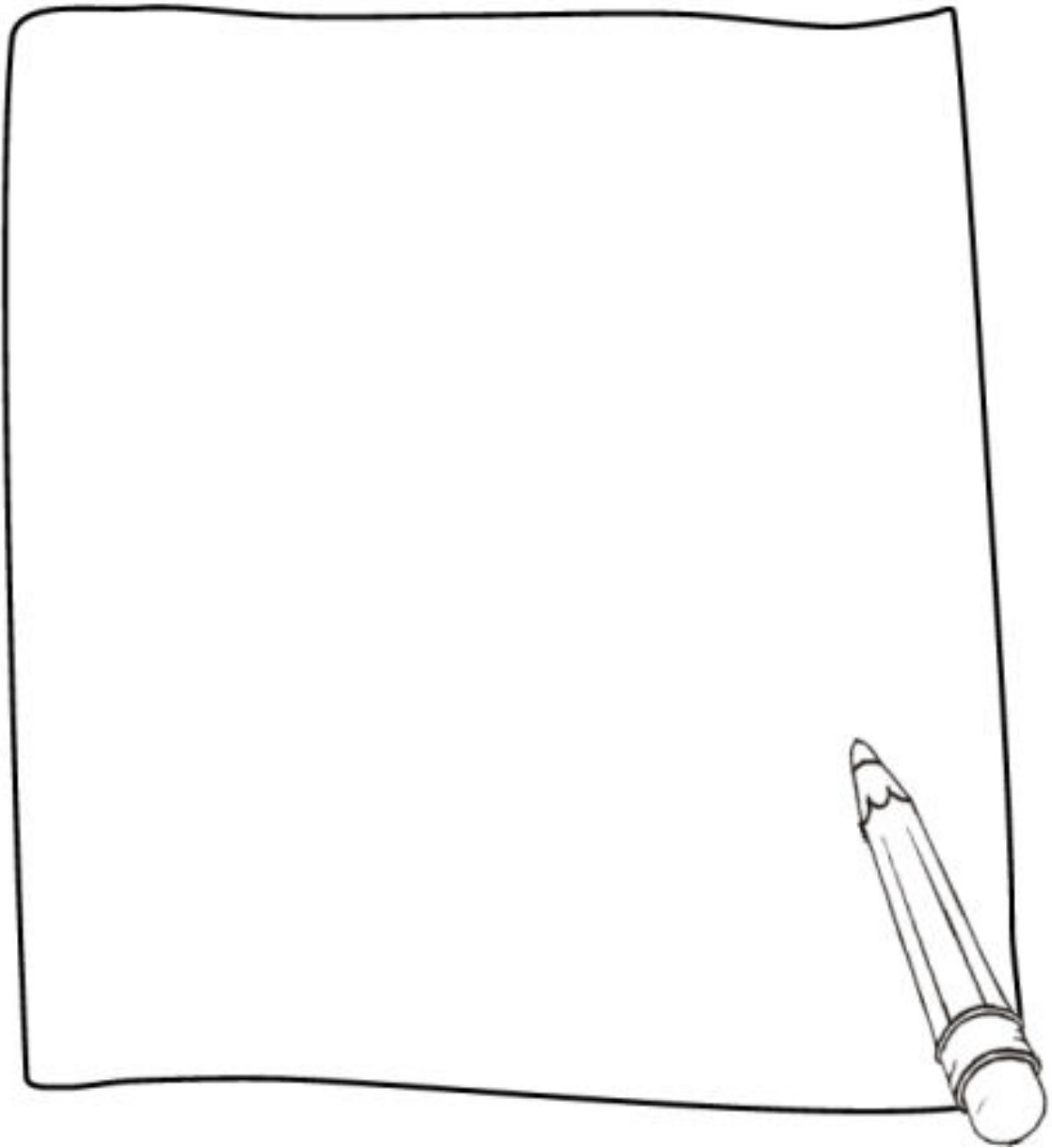


(Free printable poppy ribbon - www.poppypark.org.au)

Other poppy patterns can be found at <http://www.anzacwebsites.com/activities/craft.htm>
including making a living wreath

LETTER HOME FROM GALLIPOLI

Write a letter to your family, it could be to your parents and siblings or your wife and children. You can let them know about the daily routine, your friends, the food you are eating and the sights and sounds. Include information about the animals that you encounter and what they are doing.



(Information from the Activity Village website - www.activityvillage.co.uk)

HARD TACK

Hard tack, also known as "ANZAC Wafer", or "ANZAC Tile", has a very long shelf life, unlike bread. Hard tack or biscuits continued to be eaten during the Second World War. Have a go at making a batch of Hard Tack.

Caution: Hard tack is really hard! There are stories of soldiers breaking their teeth on it, so be careful!

INGREDIENTS

- ★ 1½ cups self-raising white flour
- ★ 3 cups self-raising whole meal flour
- ★ 5 tablespoons sugar
- ★ 3 tablespoons milk powder
- ★ pinch salt
- ★ 1 cup water

METHOD

- ★ Preheat the oven to 180C.
- ★ Place dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix together. Make a well in the center and add the water. Mix together until an even dough is formed.
- ★ Turn the dough onto a floured board and knead for a few minutes. Shape the dough into a ball and let rest for half an hour.
- ★ Divide the dough into three and then roll each ball into thick 1cm sheets.
- ★ Cut the rolled sheet of dough into 9 cm squares, using the edge of a steel ruler, rather than a knife. This pressing action helps to join the top and bottom surfaces of the biscuit and will improve the "lift" in baking.
- ★ Now make a regular pattern of holes in each biscuit, five holes across by five holes down (25 holes in all). Push it through to the bench, twist slightly and withdraw
- ★ Place on a slightly greased baking tray, being careful that the biscuits are not touching.
- ★ Bake on the center shelf for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown. Leave the biscuits on a cooling rack until they harden.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial website - www.awm.gov.au)



EXPLORE AND DISCOVER

VISIT A MEMORIAL

War Memorials can be found in most towns and cities throughout Australia.

The capital city in your state will have a War Memorial and Australia's National War Memorial is in our national capital city, Canberra.

As a Unit, Patrol or with your family, see how many different types of war memorials you can find in your own area.

Look for:

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|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ★ Statues | ★ Memorial Drives | ★ Arches |
| ★ Fountains | ★ Hospitals | ★ Street Names |
| ★ Rotundas | ★ Honour Boards | ★ Sports Grounds |

Photograph or sketch one of the memorials you discover and find out something about it:

- ★ When was it built?
- ★ When was it dedicated?
- ★ Are there names on the Memorials?
- ★ Have more recent names been added?
- ★ Is it well looked after?
- ★ Why do you think Memorials are built?

Share your information with others in your Patrol or Unit.

SHOW OF SUPPORT

SEND A MESSAGE OR CARE PACKAGE TO AN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER

The most effective way to show support is to send an email message to the troops. These messages are widely circulated and much appreciated by Defence members.

SENDING PARCELS TO DEPLOYED PERSONNEL

- ★ Members of the public wishing to send parcels to deployed personnel for Anzac Day are asked to ensure that packages are made up of non-perishable goods. In order to ensure an equitable distribution of parcels it is requested that all donations are gender-neutral, and be addressed to 'An Australian Defence Member', not to a specific job title, trade or unit member.
- ★ To ensure that all items are able to be delivered to our deployed forces, donors are advised to visit the Defence website for more information about requirements and restrictions.
- ★ Unfortunately, Defence cannot accept care packages for Military Working Dogs or Explosive Detection Dogs due to strict care requirements relating to both their diet and their training programs.

For further information go to www.army.gov.au - under the Our Work Tab



ANZAC DAY POPPY ART



Using coloured paper, black buttons, newspaper and green string to make a poppy art piece and then hold a Unit Art Exhibition.

Invite family and friends to view the masterpieces that have been created.

(Information from - Pinterest, Momo M - Art Ideas)

DICKIN MEDAL FOR ANIMALS AND BIRDS

The Dickin Medal, instituted by Mrs Maria Dickin, founder of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals in England, was popularly referred to as "the animals' Victoria Cross (VC)". It was awarded to any animal displaying conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty associated with, or under the control of, any branch of the Armed Forces or Civil Defence units during World War II and its aftermath. At least two Australian carrier pigeons attached to the Australian Army have received the Dickin Medal:

- ★ Blue bar cock No. 139:D/D:43:T Detachment 10 Pigeon Section (Type B) attached to etachment 55 Port Craft Company, Madang 12 July 1945. Awarded the Dickin Medal for gallantry carrying a message through a severe tropical storm thereby bringing help to an army boat with a vital cargo, in danger of foundering.
- ★ Blue chequer cock No. 879:D/D: 43: Q Loft No. 5 of 1 Australian Pigeon Section, attached to the US forces, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands 5th April 1944. Awarded the Dickin Medal for gallantry carrying a message through heavy fire thereby bringing relief to a Patrol surrounded and attacked by the enemy without other means of communication.

Conduct some further research into the animals that have been awarded the Dickin Medal and share what you find out with your Patrol or Unit.



(Information from the Australian War Memorial website - www.awm.gov.au)

GUIDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (GIS)

Twenty- four Australian Guide volunteers gave up their work or study in 1942 to form volunteer teams working with Guides from the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Kenya and New Zealand during World War 2 to give service to those affected by the conflict.

GIS members had to "Be Prepared" wherever for whatever, anything or everything at any time! They learned survival, medical, communication and outdoor living skills. They had to be resourceful, quick thinking and good team members. Equipment was in short supply, so they had to be inventive with what they had and could find.

Cleaner camps, mobile kitchens, mobile hospitals, distribution of stores, food and clothing rations, care, nurturing and constructive entertainment of children were all among the achievements of the GIS.

Plan your own Guide International Service to help refugees today

Invite a member of an organisation like the Red Cross, Salvation Army or Care Australia to explain their work and how you can help.

Action:

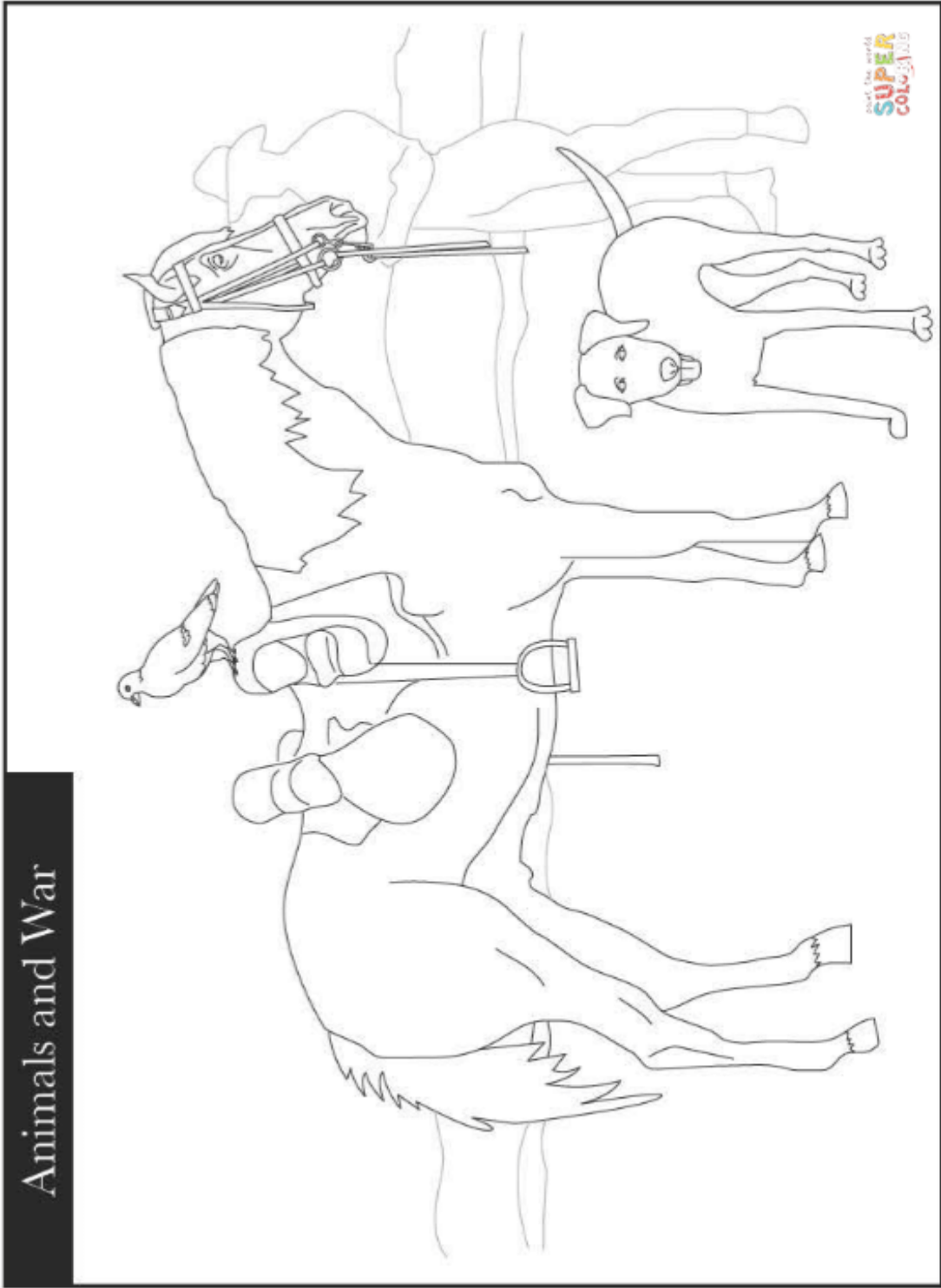
Carry out your service plan.

Check:

Was your service plan a success?
What else could you do?

(Information from the website - www.kinderart.com)

Animals and War



ANZAC DAY QUIZ

Test your knowledge on *Anzac Day*!

1. **When** is *Anzac Day*?
2. **What** does *ANZAC* stand for?
3. **From** which war did *Anzac Day* originate?
4. **Where** did the Australians and New Zealand soldiers fight in this war?
5. **How long** did this war last for?
6. In **what** year was *Anzac Day* officially recognised and named?
7. **What** flowers are often used during *Anzac Day* commemoration?
8. **What** is the important remembrance ceremony for *Anzac Day* that is observed around the country?

Answers

1. *Anzac Day* is on the **25th April**.
2. *ANZAC* stands for **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps**.
3. *Anzac Day* first originated in **World War 1**.
4. The Australians and New Zealand soldiers fought in **Gallipoli in Turkey**.
5. This war lasted for **eight months**.
6. In **1916** the *Anzac Day* was officially recognised and named.
7. **Rosemary and poppy** are often used during *Anzac Day* commemoration.
8. The **Dawn Service** is an important remembrance ceremony for *Anzac Day* that is observed around the country.

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Name: _____

Individual Challenges	Date Completed
	Date Badge Presented