

Australian and New Zealand soldiers have been immersed into the British Armed Forces since the earliest days of the birth of both Nations

I am therefore proud to be lighting a Lamp Light of Peace on 6 June 2024 as part of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, not only on a personal account as several direct family members serving in the British Army landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, that day, but also as I have served in both the New Zealand and Australian Defence Forces. Although far from home, the ANZACs were part of all the decisive events during the Second World War including Normandy.

Many ANZACs were part of the Normandy landings, approximately 3,200 Australians and several hundred New Zealanders. They served with the Royal Air Force (RAF), Royal Navy (RN) and the Merchant Navy. Some skippered landing craft that carried troops and tanks to the invasion. Others were seamen or officers of battleships, destroyers or hospital ships. A small number of Australian soldiers also served on the ground with the British Army, while New Zealanders in the RAF were among the crews of Dakotas and gliders, which carried airborne troops. Other ANZACs also flew fighters and bombers, sent out on operations in support of the landings.

ANZACs troops were among those killed on 6 June in Operation Overlord, and hundreds more were killed over the course of the campaign while flying in support of the ground forces in Normandy, so the light from my lamp will represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness so bravely fought for by my fellow countrymen and the New Zealanders alongside them.

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Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation

Lest we forget, four-legged diggers served too.

D-Day 6 June 80 Years on, Lest We Forget the ANZACs



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