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TODAY WE REMEMBER
ANZAC DAY

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Ottawa, Today – Mr. Stéphane Ouellette, President and Chief Executive Officer, Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project (MNCTP) and the Honourable Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, observed ANZAC Day. This was to honour the men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), and the Royal Newfoundland Regiment (then The Newfoundland Regiment), who fought in The Gallipoli Campaign during World War One.



It was on April 25, 1915, when Australian, New Zealand, and Newfoundland soldiers landed on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey to open the Dardanelles Strait to the allied navies. Meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders, their mission was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire (an ally of Germany). The Gallipoli campaign resulted in over 35,000 killed or wounded. In addition, the Turkish defenders suffered more than 250,000 casualties.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment was the only North American regiment involved in the campaign. More than 1,000 Newfoundlanders served, with 115 wounded or dead.

Quote

"As the only North American Regiment involved in the Gallipoli Campaign during the First World War, we give our sincere thanks to the more than 1,000 Newfoundlanders who fought alongside the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May we always take time to reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of all who serve, particularly on this important anniversary."

– The Honourable Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

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