



ANZAC DAY PILGRIMAGE

AUSTRALIAN GRAVES IN ENGLAND

To-day is Anzac Day, the anniversary of the famous landing at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915. Over 1,200 Australian soldiers have died in the United Kingdom during the past three years, and a pilgrimage to their graves to-day has been fittingly initiated by the London Branch of the Australian Natives' Association. Burials have taken place in over 250 cemeteries situated in various centres all over the country, and some in Ireland. Arrangements have been made, however, for all graves to be specially visited to-day and for floral tributes to be placed upon them. The association is providing a suitable card for attachment to these tributes, and on it is quoted the following verse by an Australian writer, W. A. Horn:-

“They had feared no death when Honour
Summoned them to Britain's aid,
Now they rest in shrouds of glory,
Every debt of Honour paid.”

The organizer, Mr A. T. Sharp, Melbourne-place, Strand, states that British friends are warmly co-operating with Australian residents in the movement. So far as the London district is concerned, the principal burying-places are Brookwood, Harefield, Wandsworth, Kensal-green, Nunhead, and St. Albans, while in the provinces the largest number of graves are at Durrington, Tidworth, Birmingham, Plymouth, Netley, Brighton, Codford, Sutton Veny, and Cambridge.

It is hoped that, as one outcome of the pilgrimage, arrangements will be made whereby the graves not only of Australian but of all other overseas soldiers buried in this country will be visited from time to time. (*The Times*, Thursday 25th April, 1918)