



Durrington

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Memories of fallen Australian soldiers still linger with the people of Durrington (Wiltshire). Larkhill Camp is in the locality and during the war large numbers of troops were quartered there, among them being the 3rd Australian Division and Australian training battalions. On every anniversary since 1920, according to the "North Wilts Herald," there has been an Anzac pilgrimage to the Durrington Cemetery to lay flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers, including 140 Australians.

On last Anzac Day the procession formed at the War Memorial in the Durrington churchyard. The memorial consists of a fine stone cross erected on the steps of an old preaching cross erected more than 1,000 years old, from which the cross had long been missing. It bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of the men of the First Training Battalion Australian Imperial Forces who died on active service at Larkhill."

After a short service at the cross, the pilgrimage, headed by a band and 200 children bearing daffodils, was made. Prayers were offered, and while the band played a selection, flowers were placed on all the graves.

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