Codford

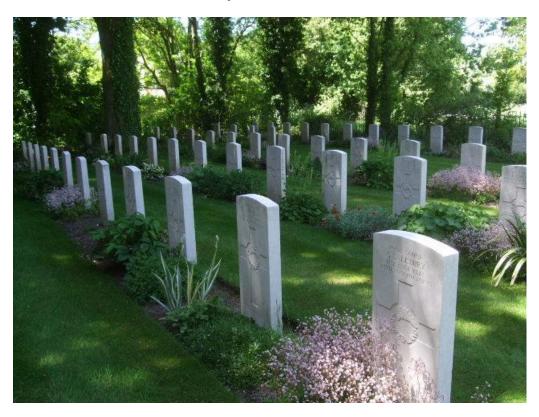## In Memory of ANZAC Soldiers

Anzac Cemetery *(Photo by Romy Wyeth)*

A Wiltshire village which is home to the second biggest Australian and New Zealander war graves site in Britain, celebrated Anzac Day on Wednesday, April 25.

Villagers in Codford marked the day, which commemorates the bravery of soldiers from New Zealand and Australia in the two world wars, by holding a dawn remembrance service with military honours.

Captain Craig Shortt of the Royal Australian Infantry attended the service and Codford man Harry McFabyen sounded the first and last bugle calls.

About 100 Anzac war graves, including 66 New Zealand soldiers, are buried in Codford.

Rosemary Wyeth, chairman of Codford Parish Council said New Zealand forces have left the most visible effects on the village, which has housed various foreign soldiers.

She said: "Every year soldiers from New Zealand and Australia take part in Operation Longlook, cleaning the Codford Badge First World War memorial."

The war graves site resulted from the Anzac soldiers' role in the First World War.

"Injured soldiers would be sent to Codford to toughen up after leaving hospitals at the front, but a lot of men in their 20s and 30s died here because of a Spanish flu epidemic," said Mrs Wyeth.

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