



OVERSEAS ANZAC CEREMONIES

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Two thousand Australians and New Zealanders, including Australian Test cricketers, attended an Anzac Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall yesterday.

The High Commissioners Sir Thomas White (Australia) and Sir Frederick Doidge (N.Z.) simultaneously laid wreaths on behalf of their Governments and people as Big Ben chimed the last stroke of 11 a.m.

Lieut.-General Sir Edmund Herring, leader of Australia's Coronation contingent representing the Returned Servicemen's League, and Lieut.-General Lord Freyberg for N.Z. Returned Services' Association, then placed wreaths on the cenotaph. Following them was the manager of the Australian Test team (Mr G. A. Davies), who laid a wreath from the cricketers.

The big line-up of men around the Cenotaph waiting to lay a wreath included representatives of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy and the Governments of the United States, Holland, France, India and Pakistan.

Other tributes were laid on the Cenotaph by the Agents-General of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. Captain Kharak Sing Gurung placed a wreath on behalf of the Gurkha Coronation contingent. Contingents of Australian, N.Z. and British ex-servicemen were drawn up at Whitehall during the ceremony.

The N.Z. Air Force based at Cyprus held a dawn service at Nicosia. In Athens the Greek Prime Minister (Mr Sifnaios) placed a wreath on the British Empire war Memorial at the Anzac Day service.

Simple Service

Anzacs were also remembered in a simple early morning service at the gravesides of Australian servicemen buried in a Wiltshire churchyard.

The village of Sutton Veny was the headquarters of an Australian division during World War 1 after it had suffered heavy casualties in France in 1916. The first military hospital for Commonwealth troops was opened there.

Yesterday's service was held at the gravesides of 160 men who died at the hospital.

U.S. Remembers

In Washington an Anzac Day memorial service was held at the N.Z. Embassy. The Australian Ambassador (Sir Percy Spender) said that the spirit of Anzac would be needed to face the tasks ahead.

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