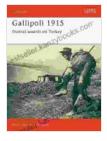
# Gallipoli 1915: The Frontal Assault on Turkey's Campaign

The Battle of Gallipoli, also known as the Dardanelles Campaign, was a military campaign of the First World War that took place on the Gallipoli peninsula in the Ottoman Empire (now Turkey) between April 1915 and January 1916. The campaign was fought between the Allies (primarily the British and French) and the Ottoman Empire. The Allies' goal was to capture the Gallipoli peninsula and secure the Dardanelles Strait, which would have allowed them to control access to the Black Sea and potentially knock the Ottoman Empire out of the war. However, the Ottoman forces, led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, were able to successfully defend the peninsula, and the Allies were forced to withdraw.



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and it also helped to convince the Ottoman Empire to join the Central Powers. The Battle of Gallipoli also had a significant impact on the development of military strategy, and it led to the development of new tactics and technologies.

#### Background

The Gallipoli peninsula is a narrow strip of land that separates the Aegean Sea from the Sea of Marmara. It is located in northwestern Turkey, and it is about 50 miles long and 20 miles wide. The peninsula is strategically important because it controls access to the Dardanelles Strait, which is a narrow waterway that connects the Aegean Sea to the Black Sea.

In 1915, the Ottoman Empire was allied with the Central Powers, which included Germany and Austria-Hungary. The Allies, which included Great Britain, France, and Russia, were determined to defeat the Ottoman Empire and open up the Dardanelles Strait. The Allies believed that if they could capture the Gallipoli peninsula, they would be able to control the Dardanelles Strait and cut off the Ottoman Empire from its allies.

### The Landing at Gallipoli

On April 25, 1915, the Allies launched a landing at Gallipoli. The landing was opposed by the Ottoman forces, who were led by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The Allies were able to establish a beachhead on the peninsula, but they were unable to advance inland. The Ottoman forces were able to dig in and defend their positions, and the Allies were unable to break through their lines.

The fighting at Gallipoli was fierce, and both sides suffered heavy casualties. The Allies made several attempts to break through the Ottoman

lines, but they were unsuccessful. The Ottoman forces were able to successfully defend the peninsula, and the Allies were forced to withdraw.

#### The Withdrawal from Gallipoli

In January 1916, the Allies began to withdraw from Gallipoli. The withdrawal was completed on January 9, 1916. The Allies suffered a major defeat at Gallipoli, and the campaign had a significant impact on the course of the First World War.

## The Legacy of Gallipoli

The Battle of Gallipoli is remembered as a major defeat for the Allies. The campaign showed that the Allies were not able to easily defeat the Ottoman Empire, and it also helped to convince the Ottoman Empire to join the Central Powers. The Battle of Gallipoli also had a significant impact on the development of military strategy, and it led to the development of new tactics and technologies.

The Battle of Gallipoli is also remembered as a symbol of the ANZAC spirit. The ANZACs were the Australian and New Zealand forces who fought at Gallipoli. They fought bravely and with great determination, and they earned the respect of their enemies. The ANZAC spirit is still remembered today, and it is a symbol of courage and sacrifice.

The Battle of Gallipoli was a major event in the First World War. It was a defeat for the Allies, but it also had a significant impact on the course of the war. The battle showed that the Allies were not able to easily defeat the Ottoman Empire, and it also helped to convince the Ottoman Empire to join the Central Powers. The Battle of Gallipoli also had a significant impact on

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#### **Additional Resources**

- Australian War Memorial: Gallipoli
- First World War: Gallipoli
- History.com: Battle of Gallipoli

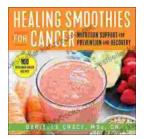


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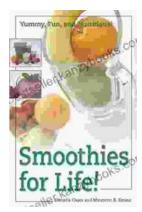
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