# Suvla August Offensive: The Bloody Battleground of Gallipoli

# Suvla: August Offensive (Battleground Gallipoli)



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The Suvla August Offensive was a major engagement of the Gallipoli Campaign during World War I. It was launched on August 6, 1915, by the British and French forces against the Ottoman Empire. The offensive was aimed at capturing the strategic heights of Sari Bair, which dominated the Dardanelles Strait.

The battle was a disaster for the Allies. The Ottoman forces were wellprepared and entrenched on the high ground, and they inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers. The British and French forces were unable to break through the Ottoman defenses, and the offensive was eventually called off. The Suvla August Offensive was one of the bloodiest battles of the Gallipoli Campaign. The British and French forces suffered over 50,000 casualties, while the Ottoman forces lost around 25,000 men.

### Background

The Gallipoli Campaign was a British and French attempt to force the Dardanelles Strait and capture the Ottoman capital of Constantinople (now Istanbul). The campaign was launched in April 1915, but the Allies soon became bogged down in a bloody stalemate.

In August 1915, the Allies decided to launch a new offensive to break the deadlock. The Suvla August Offensive was planned as a two-pronged attack. The British forces would land at Suvla Bay, while the French forces would land at Kiretch Tepe. The two forces would then converge on Sari Bair.

# The Battle

The British forces landed at Suvla Bay on August 6, 1915. They were met with stiff resistance from the Ottoman forces, and they were unable to make much progress. The French forces also landed at Kiretch Tepe, but they too were unable to break through the Ottoman defenses.

The Allies made several attempts to break through the Ottoman lines, but they were all repulsed. The Ottoman forces were well-prepared and entrenched on the high ground, and they were able to inflict heavy casualties on the attackers.

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#### Casualties

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The British forces suffered the most casualties, with over 31,000 men killed, wounded, or missing. The French forces lost around 20,000 men.

#### Legacy

The Suvla August Offensive was a major setback for the Allies in the Gallipoli Campaign. The failure of the offensive led to the resignation of the British commander, Ian Hamilton.

The Gallipoli Campaign ended in a stalemate, and the Allies were eventually forced to evacuate their troops from the peninsula. The campaign was a major disaster for the Allies, and it cost the lives of thousands of men.

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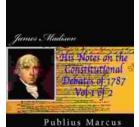


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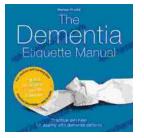
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