

## The Battle for Krithia

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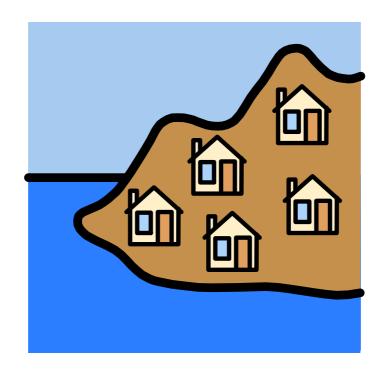


Gallipoli is a peninsula in Turkey.

It guarded an important sea route to Russia.

Turkey was stopping ships using the route.

Russia asked Britain for help.



The British wanted to capture Gallipoli.

They thought they would win easily.

They sent many soldiers and ships.

But the Turkish army was stronger.

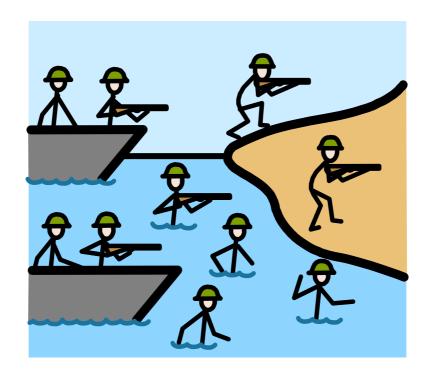


The British wanted to capture Krithia.

Krithia was a village in the middle of the peninsula.

It was important because it was on high ground.

There were three big battles to win the village.

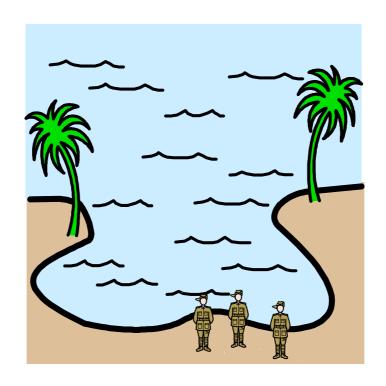


One of the problems was bad communication.

The soldiers landed from ships.

They fought their way from the beaches.

But the soldiers didn't know what to do next.

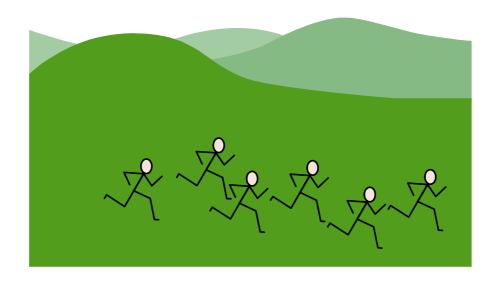


The Turkish soldiers defeated the allied soldiers.

Many were Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

They landed at a place called Anzac Cove.

Many soldiers died there too.



The Allied forces tried to capture Krithia three times.

Each time the Turkish army was stronger.

The land was very steep and it was hard to dig trenches.

At the end the British soldiers evacuated the area.



