



The Old Fliers' Group

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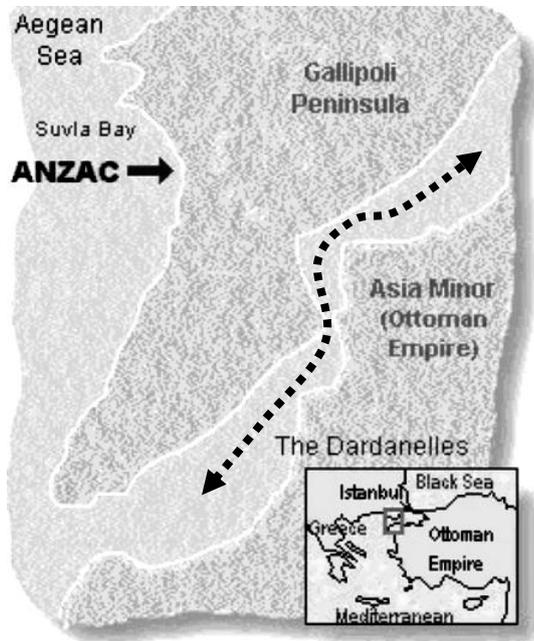
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Last Meeting

The *Speaker of the Day* at the October meeting was Les Jubbs who told the story of Gallipoli. He had many slides that showed the harsh conditions under which the soldiers worked and fought.

The aim of the Gallipoli campaign was to open a sealane through the Dardenells Strait to provide a base for attacking the Central Powers through, what Churchill described as the "soft underbelly of Europe", and divert enemy attention from the Western Front.

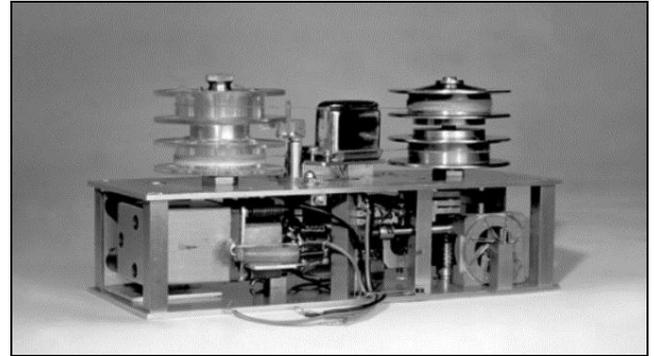
The objective was to capture Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire, which was an ally of Germany during WWI. The ANZAC force landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Army commanded by Mustafa Kemal, later known as Atatürk. What had been planned as a bold strike to knock the Ottomans out of the war and open the Straights quickly became a stalemate and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915, the Allied forces were evacuated after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships.



The range of photographs presented by Les showed the human side of war at Gallipoli.

As *Mini Speaker*, your editor, gave a short coverage of the development of the Cockpit Voice Recorder and the Flight Data Recorder – both devices were invented in Australia by scientist David "Bunny" Warren. Unfortunately the project was, at the direction of our government, developed overseas.

Warren's trail-blazing technical development today plays an indispensable role in air safety investigation.



The first flight recorder by David Warren.

Aviation Magazines

The "Mag-Swap" program appears to be successful. Many were returned and many were re-borrowed. Remember, if you have any spare magazines, don't bin them, bring them to the next meeting so that they may be shared with other members.

Library Books

If you are down-sizing or trying to make space by clearing out your aviation books, then there is an obvious course of action. You can donate them to the Royal Aero Club Library via the Old Fliers' Group. The "R.O Giles Library" at the Club has over four hundred titles on the shelf. Additions are always welcome. We can pick up.

While on the subject of books; if you are looking an idea for a Christmas gift, then Tom Saggors and Doug Brenkley will have a selection of aviation oriented books on display at the next meeting. All very reasonably priced.

Next Meeting – Christmas Meeting

Now that CHOGM is over, we will be back to normal for the next meeting – the last Friday of the month.

The next meeting is therefore our "Christmas Meeting" and apart from the normal fare we will have the traditional "Christmas Pudding" between speakers. There will be no meeting in December so the next meeting will be the last for 2011.

Come along on Friday 25th November to the Royal Aero Club and hear Patrick Edmonds talk on piloting a glider from England to "cross the Rhine" with troops and equipment in 1945. Chris Beattie will also be there to tell a mini story about a "Man of the Cloth" who offended DCA by his actions as a pilot.

Lunch gets under way at noon – hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan