

Memorials to Gallipoli



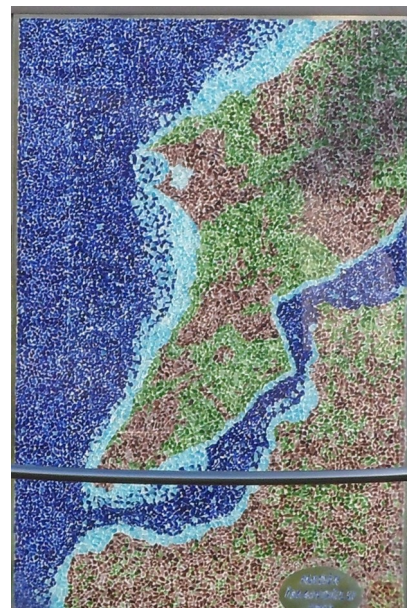
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Introduction

This sheet accompanies War Memorials Trust's 'Gallipoli centenary 2015' helpsheets for primary and secondary teachers and information sheet for youth groups. It contains photographs of and information about some of the war memorials in the UK that commemorate the Gallipoli campaign of 1915 and can be used in activities focusing on what happened during the campaign and how Gallipoli is remembered today.

Gallipoli memorial, National Memorial Arboretum

The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire covers 150 acres and contains memorials to the Armed forces and civil services. One of these is the Gallipoli memorial. Unveiled on 25th April 2004, the anniversary of the first day of the battle, the memorial was designed by Nadir Imanoglu. It consists of three panels set into curved metal frames, which contain a map of the Gallipoli peninsula (this panel is shown in the photo, right) and information about the battle. The inclusion of a map was due to the wish of the designer to show exactly where the fighting took place, given that the landscape played such an important part in the course of the battle.



The map shown in the central panel of the Gallipoli memorial © War Memorial Trust, 2013.

Surrounding this sculpture are dead oak trees that were

intended to resemble hands reaching as if for help (shown in the photo, left). These were included in the memorial design to be symbolic of those wounded during the battle and because images of burnt trees are a common part of our understanding of the

First World War landscape.



The Gallipoli memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum © War Memorials Trust, 2013.

Anzac Gallipoli plaque, Battersea Park

Battersea Park contains a number of war memorials, among them a bronze plaque set into rock from near Bondi Beach in Australia. The plaque depicts a map of the Gallipoli peninsula and lists of locations shown on this map and the locations of memorials to the campaign. The inscription on the memorial explains that the rock was brought from Australia 'in honour of the undying Anzac spirit and the shores from which it came.' The memorial was unveiled on Anzac Day, 25th April, 2000.



Australian war memorial, London

The Australian war memorial is located at Hyde Park Corner in London. It is not specifically a memorial to Gallipoli but commemorates all Australian servicemen and women who fought in the First and Second World Wars. It consists of a

curved wall which is

Anzac Gallipoli plaque © War Memorials Trust, 2014

inscribed with the names of the places those who fought originally came from, and superimposed over these are the names of some of the battles they were involved in, one of which is Gallipoli (as shown in the second photo, right).

In the centre of the memorial various badges are shown on the panels of the wall along with the memorial's dedication which reinforces the links between Australia and the UK during the World Wars (third photo, below right). Further information and a map can also be found on panels close to the main wall of the memorial.

The memorial was unveiled on Remembrance Day, 11th November, 2003, in the presence of dignitaries from the UK and from Australia. It is often the venue for commemorative services on 25th April, Anzac Day.



Australian war memorial, London © War Memorials Trust, 2015

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