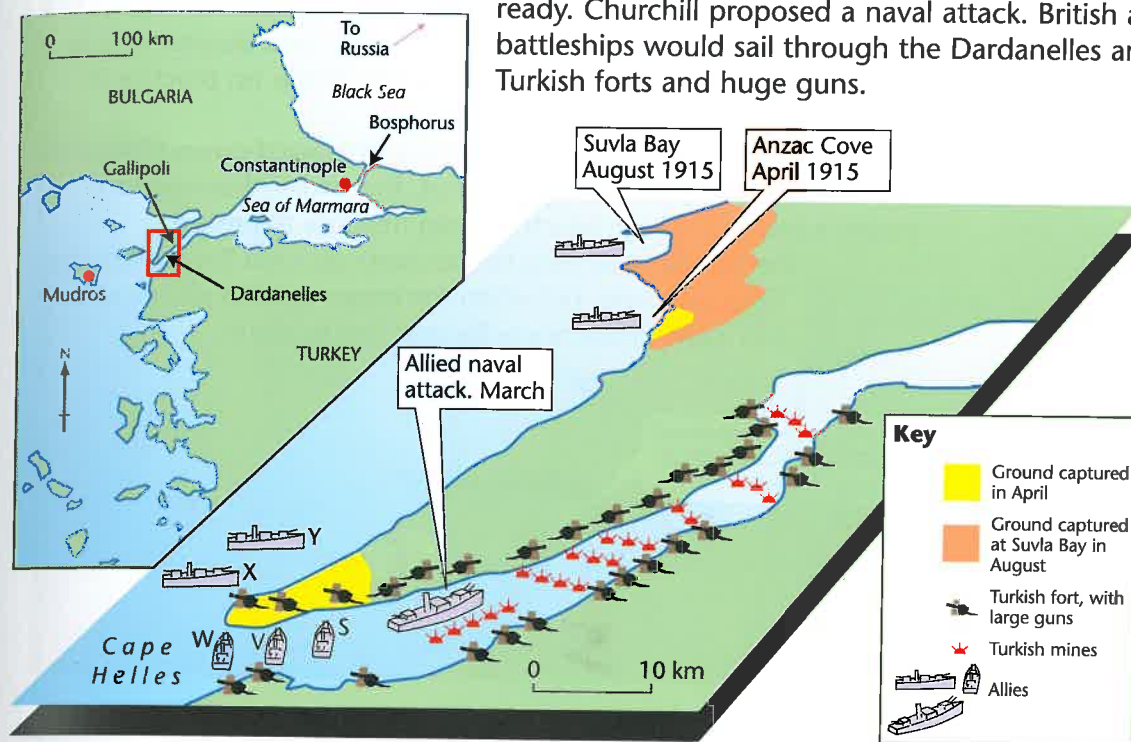


The Dardanelles campaign

In 1915 Britain could not spare troops for such a plan. The BEF was too busy in France and Lord Kitchener's army of volunteers was not ready. Churchill proposed a naval attack. British and French battleships would sail through the Dardanelles and destroy the Turkish forts and huge guns.



The naval attack began on 18 March 1915 but the Turks had put mines in the water and three battleships were blown up when they sailed into the Dardanelles. The rest of the fleet rapidly retreated. Some forts had been destroyed, but now the Turks had been alerted to the attack plan. Any chance of surprise had gone and the Turks were able to strengthen their position.

The Gallipoli landings

