

Austro-Hungarian Troops in Turkey and the Middle East during the First World War

This briefing will offer an overview of these hardly known episodes from the First World War that changed the Course of History. For Austria-Hungary the focus in the First World War was on the Eastern Front and South-East Europe and then on the Italian Front after 1915. But Austrian-Hungarian troops were also posted to other theatres, including the Ottoman Empire. Starting from the historical battle of GALLIPOLI a total of between 7.000 to 10.000 Austro-Hungarian soldiers have served in Turkey from 1915 to 1918.

Despite the long tradition of the Turkish Wars, Austro-Turkish relations with the Ottoman Empire had improved in the course of the 19th Century. In this context it should not be forgotten that many of the approaches taken in the co-operation between the two nations during the First World War continued to have effects for a long time even until now.

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Österreichisch-ungarische Truppen In der Türkei und Im Nahen Osten Im Ersten Weltkrieg



Kriegsschiffe am Goldenen Horn, 1916.
Gemälde des österreichischen Malers Wilhelm Victor Krausz (1878-1959),
aus dem Prachtband 'Österreich im Weltkrieg'.

