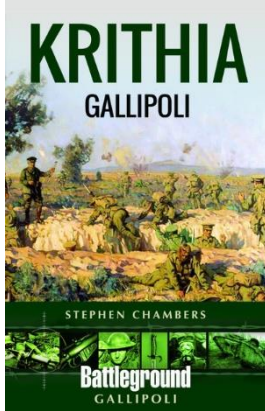


BOOK REVIEW
KRITHIA
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Of the 170 plus titles in the “*Battleground Series*” this work by Stephen Chambers maintains the standard of a well written and informative history and guide with a key focus on the three battles of Krithia. Having visited the peninsula nine times and walked Anzac, Suvla and Helles with a particular focus on the Royal Naval Division (RND) I did wonder why, specifically a work on Krithia. However this work covers the campaign from the landings on 25th April 1915 through to the final evacuation of Helles during 8th – 9th January 1916. The three battles of Krithia are comprehensively covered along with the fighting for the nullahs in the quiet times and the infamous action at the Vineyard. In keeping with the ethos of the tours described will more than satisfy the novice and the experienced Gallipoli sage. The narrative contextualises the campaign in the Helles/Krithia sector at the operational and tactical levels and includes the experiences of those who were there from many ranks expressed in mix of diaries letters and photographs. On a personal note I was very pleased that tours of the much-overlooked French sector and of the RND at Kanli Dere were included. This title is a valuable addition to the Gallipoli aficionado’s bookshelf and one to keep in your rucksack when walking the battlefield!

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