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UNDER THE CRESCENT FLAG
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INTRODUCTION

ONLY a few Germans know much of the eight months' heavy fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula, which, in 1915, decided the possession of the entrance to the Dardanelles and the occupation of Constantinople.

There were only five hundred Germans who, there distributed among a large Turkish army, far from home, under burning heat, short of ammunition and under continuous ships' fire, held high the honour of the German name against a powerful Anglo-French landing army.

Now that twelve years have passed, one of the bravest among the five hundred German comrades has taken his pen to write, and has depicted in the most vivid manner the story of this bloody campaign, which stands incomparable in the world's history. Only personal experience and knowledge of incidents hidden from history enable the writer to tell his story in such a clear and simple manner as to find its way immediately to the heart of the German people.

The brilliant work of the English Minister, Winston Churchill, *The World Crisis*, 1915, is here supplemented from the German side in a manner which deals equally justly with the German activity as with that of our late

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Turkish allies and with the brave enemy. It is my hope that this clear, truthful and extremely interesting book of General Kannengiesser will meet with the reception which it deserves.

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PREFACE

ON 20th December, 1925, we Gallipoli veterans celebrated for the first time the day on which, ten years previously, the English had evacuated the Gallipoli Peninsula and thus retired from the fighting for the Dardanelles. It was a joy to all of us to meet again the greater part of the men who formerly, under most curious and difficult circumstances, fought a heavy fight under conditions which certainly up to date could only have been known in their extreme peculiarity to those who had fought with us.

Shall the deeds of those men be forgotten who there, under the Crescent, fought for Germany's name and honour?

Every regiment prizes its war record, with justice. I have to date vainly awaited a history of the Gallipoli campaign, something more than a casual story in the newspapers, which so depicted the terrible difficulties of the heavy fighting in Oriental surroundings as to make them for the first time completely understandable, and which first did real justice to the political importance of those battles. This is the reason why I have now seized a pen and believe myself to be fulfilling a comradely duty, not only to my German comrades but also towards the brave Turkish army. What I have to say about the Turkish army really only affects Turkey as she was in 1914 and 1915, measured by the impressions which I received before and

on Gallipoli, and which I shall endeavour to relate and substantiate. I limit myself, therefore, to depicting the conditions and circumstances of that period. These I have embodied in a story of my personal experiences.

BAD GRUND (HARZ) WALDHAUS,
Autumn 1926.

THE AUTHOR

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Liman von Sanders Pasha by the Turkish 16th Division)*

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