



About Professor Stanley and *Die in Battle, Do not Despair*

Professor Peter Stanley of the University of New South Wales is one of Australia's most active military–social historians. He is the author of 28 books on Australian and British imperial military history including *Bad Characters*, which was jointly awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

Die in Battle, Do not Despair is the first account of Indian troops involved in Gallipoli, a campaign closely associated with the creation of the 'Anzac legend'. It has been written a century after that seminal campaign ended in December 1915 by an Australian scholar using, amongst others, Indian archival sources. Professor Stanley's research brings to light characters and stories of long-dead sepoy, drivers and gunners, which have remained hidden in army files and regiment records for a century. Indian soldiers like Jan Mahomed, whose orders were accepted by thirsty Australians when he controlled a well under fire, Karam Singh, who continued to give orders to his gunners though blinded, and Subedar Gambirsing Pun, who commanded the Gurkhas in the fight for the Gallipoli summit.

Professor Stanley drew on Australian and New Zealand soldiers' letters, diaries, memoirs and photographs to reveal stories about Indians comrades. The Anzacs and Indians developed warm friendships, beginning a positive relationship that continues to this day. It is testament to the close Australia–India relationship that this Indian story has been told by an Australian historian.

Die in Battle, Do not Despair includes over 80 photographs, many seen for the first time, as well as colour maps and a complete list of the Indian dead at Gallipoli. It has been published by Helion & Co. in the UK and distributed in India by KW Publishers.



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The Australian High Commission
invites you to the Indian launch of

DIE IN BATTLE DO NOT DESPAIR

- The Indians on Gallipoli, 1915 -

A book by Professor Peter Stanley
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*Distinguished Australian historian Professor Stanley will be
'in conversation' with renowned Indian military writer Rana Chhina
of United Service Institution of India*

Tuesday, 8 December 2015, 3pm to 4.30pm
Murray Harris Room, Australian High Commission (Entry through Gate 1)

Professor Stanley and Squadron Leader **Rana Chhina** will discuss the Gallipoli campaign, the Indian contribution and the Australian–Indian defence relationship over the past century.

In 1915 some 16,000 troops of the Indian Army – including Gurkhas, Sikhs, Muslims and Hindus – served as part of the British force involved in the dramatic eight-month Gallipoli campaign in World War I. About 1600 Indian troops, one man in 10, died while serving alongside Australian, New Zealand and British soldiers whose part in the Great War has been extensively documented.

The Indians have had to wait a century for their story to be told.

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