

"GALLIPOLI (TV EPISODE)"

By

Jason Sacchi

Chang Suk Sacchi  
42854 Lindsey Heights Pl, Ashburn, VA 20148  
(571) 992-5285  
jss29223@gmail.com

TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT.: SS RIVER CLYDE - CONTINUOUS

April 25, 1915.

Onboard the SS *River Clyde*, 50,000 Australian Diggers and 15,000 New Zealanders are preparing for their first amphibious assault on Gallipoli including TWO AUSTRALIAN DIGGERS, CAPTAIN CLEAVER AND PRIVATE FREEMAN, AND NEW ZEALANDER SOLDIER NAMED PRIVATE WHITE. SS *River Clyde* was protected by the British Fleet.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

We have a message from Captain Burt.

Captain Cleaver reads the message from Captain Burt:

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

*"The Ottoman's raid on Suez Canal have failed.  
I'm sending a MEDICAL OFFICER POWERS FROM  
NEWFOUNDLAND to assist you to attack Gallipoli.  
Good luck! - Captain Burt."*

PRIVATE WHITE

Powers? What about Russell?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Russell must leave the Middle East, along with Burt, Mishra, and Kane. Lieutenant Bachchan will join us today.

CUT TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR: THE ANIMATED SERIES

CUT TO:

EPISODE TITLE: GALLIPOLI

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

FADE IN:

EXT: SS RIVER CLYDE - CONTINUOUS

PRIVATE FREEMAN

You mean the Indian Gunner who defended  
Suez Canal earlier?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Exactly. Since the Ottomans are defending  
positions on Gallipoli, we will have the  
advantage to defeat them.

PRIVATE WHITE

How can we defeat the Ottomans in  
Gallipoli?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

The first two waves at Anzac Cove have  
failed, including our forces in Cape  
Helles.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Is that mean we're in the final wave to  
Anzac Cove?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

I'm afraid it is Private Freeman. We must  
rethink our strategy to break through the  
Ottoman defenses.

CUT TO:

EXT.: THE BRITISH FLEET AT ANZAC COVE - CONTINUOUS

The British Fleet are preparing for a NAVAL BOMBARDMENT at  
ANZAC Cove, but the Ottoman artillery batteries FIRED BACK  
at the British Fleet. Some of the British Fleet were HIT by  
the artillery barrage.

PRIVATE WHITE

We're under heavy fire, Sir!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Everyone, get in the boats! It's time for  
our first amphibious assault!

All the ANZACs went to the boats as the shells RAINED DOWN  
on the Allied Forces.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

We're never going to reach it on time!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Yes, we are. **Brace yourselves!**

The ANZACs successfully landed on the beaches as the  
Ottomans fired with their Spandau Machine Guns.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER (CONT'D)

**Now it's our chance! Let's go, men!**

The ANZACs got off the boats while the Ottomans continued  
firing at the attackers.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ANZAC COVE - CONTINUOUS

As the Ottomans continued firing at the ANZACs, some of the  
ANZACs suffered casualties.

PRIVATE WHITE

We're taking heavy casualties, Captain  
Clever!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Not if we take out guns there first.  
Private Freeman, use the grenade.

Private Freeman throws the grenade right at the Ottoman  
defenders.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

The gunner is down, but there's one more  
gunner on the left side.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

It's all yours, White. Use your sniper rifle.

PRIVATE WHITE'S P.O.V - OTTOMAN MACHINE GUN NEST

Private White kills two Ottoman defenders with his sniper rifle. The Ottomans had no choice but to flee.

BACK TO SCENE

LIEUTENANT WHITE

We did it! We saved the ANZACs!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

No, we *didn't*. We lost a few soldiers during our amphibious assault, today.

LIEUTENANT FREEMAN

What shall we do, Captain?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

We need reinforcements to continue to push forward to our victory.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

EXT.: ANZAC COVE - DAY

Some of the ANZAC Soldiers are wounded during the amphibious assault against the Ottoman defenders. Medical Officer Russell took care of wounded soldiers on the ANZAC Cove.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Hello, Mate. No time, no see.

MEDICAL OFFICER RUSSELL

Hello, Freeman. Captain Burt told me I should evacuate the wounded soldiers.

PRIVATE WHITE

Wait, are you leaving now?

MEDICAL OFFICER POWERS

Captain Burt and Private Mishra already left earlier, so Russell and I must stay here until all our forces evacuate Gallipoli.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Evacuate? Why?

MEDICAL OFFICER RUSSELL

Because the Ottomans are heavily fortified at Gallipoli, Lieutenant Bachchan will join you and your gang.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Hello, Lieutenant Bachchan. I'm Captain Cleaver and this is Private Freeman and Private White.

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

I'm glad to join with me, guys.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

How many casualties so far?

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

We lost 2,000 soldiers in the First Battle of Krithia and 6,500 of them in the Second Battle of Krithia.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Then we must fight *them* for a third time.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Third time? But...

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

No, but, Lieutenant. We must take a risk.

PRIVATE WHITE

At Krithia?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Exactly! Here's the plan. Private White, I want you to follow Bachchan's lead on the first wave, and Private Freeman, you're with me in the second wave.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Yes, Sir!

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

Come on, White, let's go.

PRIVATE WHITE

Right away.

CUT TO:

EXT.: KRITHIA - CONTINUOUS

June 4, 1915.

On the trenches, the Ottoman artillery shells RAIN DOWN on the desert floor.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

This isn't going to work, Captain Cleaver.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Not if they succeed in their first wave.

COLONEL HALIL SAMI BEY

(Shouting in Turkish)

**Fire!**

The Ottomans OPEN FIRE on their Howitzers. The Allies wait patiently until their right moment.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Lieutenant Bachchan, ready when you are.

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

(Shouting in Hindi)

**Fixed bayonets!**

(pauses)

**Company, shoulder arms!**

(pauses)

**Soldiers, march!**

Lieutenant Bachchan leads the attack on their first wave with White.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

*COLONEL BEY, the Allies are advancing!*

COLONEL HALIL SAMI BEY

(Shouting in Turkish)

**Soldiers, defend your positions!**

The Allies continued their advance towards the enemy lines.



COLONEL HALIL SAMI BEY (CONT'D)

(Shouting in Turkish)

***Fire!***

The Ottomans took out the Allied Soldiers with their rifles and machine guns, forcing the Allies to retreat.

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

(Shouting in Hindi)

***Fall back! (x2)***

The Allied Soldiers retreated to their own lines, leaving the dead soldiers behind.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

*They're in retreat, Colonel!*

COLONEL HALIL SAMI BEY

(Shouting in Turkish)

***Cease fire! (x2)***

Private White and Lieutenant Bachchan are at their own lines, along with the remaining forces. Private White had some bad news!

PRIVATE WHITE

Our first wave has failed, Captain!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Private Freeman, follow me to the second wave. We must push forward, or we will lose this battle for good.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

EXT.: KRITHIA - DAY

The remaining Allied soldiers went back to their position.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

What happened out there?

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

The Ottomans brought the howitzers...

PRIVATE WHITE

...and they're already fortifying their position!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Then it's our last chance to break through the enemy lines. Private Freeman, follow my lead. It's time to fix bayonets.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Yes, Sir!

The Allies launched their second and final wave to reach the enemy lines as the Ottoman shells rained down on them.

CUT TO:

EXT: KRITHIA - CONTINUOUS

10,000 Allied soldiers marched across the enemy lines, but this time, Private Freeman threw the grenade and destroyed one of the artillery pieces.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**Charge!**

Some of the Allied soldiers broke the Ottoman's defenses, while others were either killed or wounded before reaching the enemy lines. The Allies and Ottoman soldiers clashed each other with bayonets, but the Ottomans held their positions to repel the Allied assault.

The Ottomans returned fire forcing the Allies to retreat, but the Allies killed 3,000 Ottoman soldiers compared to the Allied Infantry Division.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

We've lost the battle. **Everyone, fall back!**

The Allies began to retreat, but the Ottomans were preparing for a counterattack. The Ottomans pushed the Allies back to ANZAC Cove. The Allies' plan to take Achi Baba failed.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

*The ANZACs are in retreat!*

COLONEL HALIL SAMI BEY

(Speaking Turkish)

*Good work! Send our warships into battle against the British Fleet. The ANZACs must not reach Gallipoli.*

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Yes, Colonel Bey.*

CUT TO:

EXT.: ANZAC COVE - DAY

Captain Cleaver and his Infantry Division are at the ANZAC Cove where Medical Officer Powers treated the wounded soldiers.

LIEUTENANT POWERS

What happened out there?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

We've lost our men in Krithia. We must rethink our strategy before we can move on.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Captain Cleaver, look over there!

Captain Cleaver looked behind the British Fleet. To his horror, the Ottoman Fleet attack the British Ships and Transports to prevent any Allied reinforcement at Gallipoli. Both sides were either sunk or damaged.

PRIVATE WHITE

They sank our fleet!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

No! It can't be! The Ottomans brought their ships into battle! What are we going to do, Lieutenant Powers? Just sit there and do nothing?

LIEUTENANT POWERS

There's another way to defeat the Ottomans in Gallipoli. If you lead your men at Gully Ravine, then you'll have a chance to redeem yourself to victory.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

You heard Officer Powers. We need a map to rethink our strategy before we have a chance to defeat the Ottomans.

Captain Cleaver shows the map of Gallipoli to his Infantry Division.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER (CONT'D)

We're at ANZAC Cove. There's another way to defeat the Ottomans at Gully Ravine. If we can outflank the Ottoman Forces, then we will buy some time before we get caught. Private White, take sniper rifle with you. The rest of you follow me to Gully Ravine.

Captain Cleaver leads his soldiers to Gully Ravine. Hopefully, they will succeed in Gallipoli. The same way that they did at the Suez Canal, but the Ottomans already have enough supplies from Germany.

With the help from Germany, the Ottoman had a bigger plan to repel the Allied Invaders away from Gallipoli. They dispatched armored cars to hold the Allies off before reaching Gallipoli.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

EXT.: GULLY RAVINE - CONTINUOUS

June 28, 1915.

The Allied Army patrolled at Gully Ravine to keep an eye on the enemy from above. While GENERAL FAIK PASHA takes command of the Ottomans.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Can you see anything?*

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #2

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Not yet, General Pasha. We're still waiting for the ANZACs to show up.*

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Keep looking. We can't let the ANZACs take control of Gallipoli.*

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #2

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Yes, Sir.*

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Soldier, if the invaders show up, take them out with your sniper. They must not leave Gallipoli alive.*

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #3

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Yes, General.*

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

I'm not sure it was safe from below, but the Ottomans will easily spot us from above.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Then we must do this, quietly. Everyone, split up in case the enemy shows up.

ONE OF THE OTTOMAN SOLDIERS used binoculars to spot the Allied soldiers below while the OTHER OTTOMAN SOLDIER was using a sniper to position the Allies below.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #2

(Speaking in Turkish)

*Is that the same Allied Infantry Division who attacked us earlier?*

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #3

(Speaking in Turkish)

*We defeated the British once, and we can do it again.*

One of the Allied soldiers was killed by the Ottoman sniper.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**It's an ambush! Open fire!**

The Allied soldiers ATTACK the Ottomans from above with their rifles, but Private White takes out the Ottoman sniper from above. Both sides suffered casualties in a GUNFIRE, but one of the Ottoman soldiers was killed and falls off the cliff, until Private Freeman found a shortcut to get to the top of Gully Ravine.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Captain! I found a shortcut!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**This way, men!**

The Allied soldiers took a shortcut and attacked the Ottomans on one side and attacked the Ottomans on the other side of Gully Ravine.

PRIVATE WHITE

Is this the last of them?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

We're outnumbered. We won't stand a chance against the Ottomans. Prepare for evacuation.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Where's Russell and Powers?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

They're leaving Gallipoli and so are we.

PRIVATE WHITE

Captain, the Ottomans brought reinforcements!

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**Everyone, back to the transport! Now!**

With the Allied victory at Gully Ravine, Captain Cleaver and his men have no choice but to evacuate Gallipoli as the Ottoman reinforcements are closing in, fast. Lieutenant Bachchan holds them off with his Vickers Machine Gun blazing.

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

**Get out of here, Captain!**

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**I won't leave you, Bachchan!**

LIEUTENANT BACHCHAN

**Just go!**

Lieutenant Bachchan concentrated on the Ottoman Forces...

(MORE)



...but he didn't see the Ottoman sniper until it was too late! To Captain Cleaver's horror, the Ottoman sniper kills Lieutenant Bachchan, while the remaining Allied Forces leave Gallipoli.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

**No!**

We HEAR somber music playing as Captain Cleaver ANGRILY THROWS a grenade at the Ottoman soldiers to buy some time before heading back to the transport.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ANZAC COVE - DAY

Medical Officers Russell and Powers finished treating wounded soldiers at ANZAC Cove, but some of them were sick as Captain Cleaver and the Allied soldiers came to see them.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Russell! Powers! There's an emergency! We been overrun by the Ottomans! We got to get out of here!

MEDICAL OFFICER RUSSELL

And leave the wounded soldiers behind?

MEDICAL OFFICER POWERS

There's no time, Russell! We must leave, now!

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE OUT:

INT.: SS *RIVER CLYDE* - SAILING - DAY

Captain Cleaver and the Allied soldiers are onboard SS *RIVER CLYDE*.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Is anyone alright?

PRIVATE WHITE

Not everyone. Lieutenant Bachchan is dead and I'm not sure what happened to Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson at Gallipoli.

MEDICAL OFFICER RUSSELL

(Shocked)

No, it can't be! Bachchan was a machine gunner in the Suez Canal.

MEDICAL OFFICER POWERS

And now, we've lost him at Gallipoli, but we haven't seen Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson for a long time.

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Don't worry, guys. I've found a good place on the Western Front where we can meet up with the rest of the British Soldiers.

MEDICAL OFFICER POWERS

Western Front? Where?

PRIVATE WHITE

To meet Captain Finley Adams.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

Finley Adams? Is he still on the Western Front?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

Yes, Private Freeman. That's where we want to go. If we can't fight the Ottomans, then we must fight the Germans on the Western Front instead.

PRIVATE WHITE

What about Captain Henry Burt?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

He's with Lieutenants Kane and Mishra. I'm pretty sure they'll do better on the Western Front than we did in the Middle East.

PRIVATE FREEMAN

So, what will happen next on the Western Front?

CAPTAIN CLEAVER

We'll find out when we get there.

CUT TO:

EXT.: GALLIPOLI - DAY

January 9, 1916.

We HEAR the Arabian Desert music playing as the Ottomans secured Gallipoli and the soldiers on both sides were lying dead on the desert floor, while the Allied Soldiers, including Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson, were taken prisoners by the Ottomans. The Allies laid down their weapons as General Pasha interrogates two prisoners.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

You must be Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson who served as Cavalrymen in the Middle East.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

Yes, we are.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

And you two were responsible for attacking our men in Suez Canal.

LIEUTENANT ATKINSON

And Gallipoli Campaign until you brought the German weapons against us!

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

We have enough supplies to defeat you and your pitiful British Invaders.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

We're not Invaders! We're Liberators and we do the right thing to free the Middle Eastern Territory from your occupation!

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

Not this time. You and your friend will be executed if you don't tell me where your soldiers are.

LIEUTENANT ATKINSON

I already have friends on the Western Front.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

So, your friends are on the Western Front?

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

We were cadets in England. Instead of going to the Western Front, we ended up here instead.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

Oh? Are you saying that Captain Finley Adams and Lieutenant Charles Young are still fighting against our Allies in the Western Front?

LIEUTENANT ATKINSON

I doubt that.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

I'm going say that again one more time.  
Tell me exactly where your friends are at.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

We're not telling you anything!

LIEUTENANT ATKINSON

Yeah, I agree with Captain Anderson! You  
just wait until the Arab Resistance  
Fighters to free us all!

GENERAL FAIK PASHA

They're not going to free you this time.  
If you're not telling the truth, then you  
two will be executed and my soldiers will  
teach you a lesson.

And they did. The Ottoman Soldiers LOAD their weapons. The  
rifles are pointing directly at the two prisoners.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA (CONT'D)

(Shouting in Turkish)

**Ready. Aim. Fire!**

Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson are executed for  
their treason against the Ottoman Empire. General Pasha and  
his troops left two prisoners dead while others boarded the  
train as prisoners of war.

GENERAL FAIK PASHA (CONT'D)

(In Turkish)

*Take the prisoners to the train.*

Ottoman Soldiers herded the prisoners onto the Ottoman  
Train.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The Gallipoli Campaign ended in 12 months.  
The Allied Offensive on Gallipoli failed.

(MORE)

NARRATOR (V.O.) (CONT'D)

The Ottomans killed 56,707 Allied soldiers with a loss of 56,643 of their own. It was a major defeat for the Allies, but the war rages on the Western Front and the Middle East. First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill was demoted, but he remained in the War Cabinet. It was the Allies' first amphibious assault in World War I to land on the shore of Gallipoli.

FADE OUT.

THE END