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- 1915.
- April 30—Australian submarine *AE 2* sunk in Sea of Marmora.
- May 2—Russian fleet shells forts on the Bosphorus.  
 „ 6—*Second Battle of Krithia begins.*  
 „ 9—Battle of Aubers Ridge; French attack N.E. of Arras.  
 „ 17—Austro-Germans cross the San River.  
 „ 19—*Turkish attack at Anzac defeated.*  
 „ 23—Italy declares war on Austria-Hungary.  
 „ 25—Formation of Coalition Ministry in Britain.
- June 3—Austro-Germans retake Przemyśl. British capture Amara.  
 „ 4—Third Battle of Krithia begins.  
 „ 13—Greek general elections: Venizelists win.  
 „ 22—Austrians retake Lemberg.  
 „ 26—German Crown Prince attacks in Argonne.  
 „ 29—Austro-Germans advance towards the Vistula and Bug Rivers.
- July 2—Battle for Carso Plateau in Italy begins.  
 „ 6—Anglo-French conference at Calais.  
 „ 13—Austro-German offensive from the Baltic to Bukovina begins.  
 „ 17—Secret treaty between Bulgaria and Germany signed.  
 „ 30—Russians fall back along entire line. Italian offensive in Trentino resumed.
- Aug. 5—Germans occupy Ivangorod and Warsaw.  
 „ 6—*Battles of Lone Pine and Sari Bair begin.*  
 „ 7—*Landing at Suvla Bay.*  
 „ 20—Italy declares war on Turkey.  
 „ 21—*Battle of Scimitar Hill and first attack on Hill 60 (Anzac) begin.*  
 „ 22—Venizelos accepts Premiership of Greece.  
 „ 25—Germans occupy Brest-Litovsk.  
 „ 27—*Second attack on Hill 60 begins.*
- Sept. 2—Germans capture Grodno. "*Southland*" torpedoed.  
 „ 18—Fall of Vilna and Russian retreat towards Minsk  
 „ 21—Mobilisation of Bulgarian Army ordered.  
 „ 25—Allied offensive on Western Front begins (Battles of Loos and Champagne). Turco-Bulgarian agreement signed.  
 „ 28—Battle of Kut.

- Oct. 1—Concentration of Austro-German forces along Serbian frontier.
- „ 3—Concentration of Bulgarian forces. Russian ultimatum to Bulgaria.
- „ 5—Allied troops land in Salonica. Venizelos resigns.
- „ 7—New Greek Cabinet formed under Zaimis.
- „ 8—Austrians enter Belgrade.
- „ 11—Bulgars attack Serbians. Lord Derby produces British recruiting scheme.
- „ 12—Greece refuses Serbia's appeal.
- „ 13—Delcassé resigns from French Cabinet.
- „ 14—Bulgaria declares war on Serbia.
- „ 15—State of war between Bulgaria and Great Britain.
- „ 17—*Sir Ian Hamilton relinquishes command of M.E.F.*
- „ 19—Italy declares war on Bulgaria.
- „ 27—*Sir Charles Monro assumes command of M.E.F.*
- „ 28—Briand succeeds Viviani as Prime Minister of France.
- Nov. 4—Greek Cabinet defeated—Skouloudis appointed Premier.
- „ 5—Fall of Nish after three days' fighting.
- „ 13—*Lord Kitchener lands at Anzac.*
- „ 19—“Pacific” blockade of Greece proclaimed by Allies.
- „ 20—Lord Kitchener interviews Greek King and Government
- „ 22—Battle of Ctesiphon (Mesopotamia) begins.
- „ 25—British retreat from Ctesiphon to Kut.
- Dec. 3—Joffre appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies.
- „ 5—Monastir evacuated. Siege of Kut begins.
- „ 6—First meeting of Allied War Council (in Paris).
- „ 7—*British Government orders Evacuation of Anzac and Suvla.*
- „ 10—Allied War Council decides to hold Salonica.
- „ 15—Sir Douglas Haig succeeds Sir John French in command of the British Armies in France.
- „ 20—*Evacuation of Suvla and Anzac completed.*
- „ 21—Sir William Robertson appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
- 1916
- Jan. 8—*Evacuation of Helles completed.*