

PRIME MINISTER

YOUR VISIT TO TURKEY : 24/25 APRIL 1990

You are to visit Turkey to attend the International and British Commemorative Ceremonies marking the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings. In addition you are to hold separate bilateral talks with the President and Prime Minister of Turkey and with the Australian Prime Minister.

There will be extensive press coverage of the ceremonies by both the British and international press (at least part of the International ceremony will be transmitted live on Breakfast TV here on Wednesday morning). The Turkish authorities have given an undertaking to monitor and control the Turkish media during your visit to the two cemeteries, but I fear that we may still have some problems.

I attach a programme for the visit: a detailed programme will be available on arrival.

*Peter Bean*

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23 April 1990

TUESDAY 24 APRIL

- c1535 After Questions, leave for Wellington Barracks.
- 1545 Depart Wellington Barracks by helicopter for London Heathrow Airport.
- 1550 Arrive Heathrow : embark VC10.
- 1555 Depart by air for Istanbul (4 hour flight - Turkey is two hours ahead of BST)
- 2200 Arrive Istanbul. Doors open. (Press leave by rear door.)
- 2202 Ambassador Gukdogdu Can (Turkish Escort Officer) and Sir Timothy Daunt (HM Ambassador) board aircraft up front steps.
- 2205 Ambassadors escort you down aircraft steps and introduce:
- Mr Cahit Bayar, Governor of Istanbul  
Lt-General Cengiz Alpa, Garrison Commander Western Istanbul  
Mr Nusretin Sozen, Mayor of Istanbul  
Mr Ali Arslan, MFA Interpreter  
Mr Eray Alpay, Protocol Officer  
Mr Michael Collins, HM Consul-General, Istanbul
- Walk across the tarmac to VIP lounge  
(NB: No Honour Guard).

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- 2207 Enter VIP lounge: drinks served.
- 2212 Depart by car for the Consulate-General.  
HM Ambassador to accompany you.
- 2233 Arrive Consulate-General.

Overnight in Consulate-General

WEDNESDAY 25 April

- 0715 Depart Consulate-General for Harbiye Heliport.
- 0725 Arrive Harbiye: embark helicopter
- 0730 Depart by air for Turkish Memorial.



0840 Arrive Turkish Memorial helipad: disembark.

**PRESS WILL COVER ARRIVAL**

Drive to Turkish Memorial (accompanied by HM Ambassador and Mr Powell)

0845 Arrive Memorial: met by Prime Minister Akbalut :  
bilateral talks

**PHOTOCALL AT BEGINNING OF TALKS**

0915 Talks end. Prime Minister Akbulut will escort you to  
ceremony site entrance.

0920 Welcoming formalities for Heads of International  
Delegations.

0930 International ceremony begins.  
(See Annex A for details of ceremony)

**PRESS WILL COVER THE CEREMONY**

1115 International ceremony ends: You are escorted to marquee  
for your bilateral talks with President Ozal (HM Ambassador  
and Mr Powell to attend).

1200 Bilateral with President Ozal ends.

**PHOTOCALL**

Depart by car for the British Memorial.

1210 Arrive British Memorial: met by General Sir R Ford, Vice-  
chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves who will introduce  
some British Gallipoli veterans.

1215 British ceremony begins.  
(See Annex B for details of the ceremony)

1240 British Ceremony ends: further opportunity to talk to  
veterans and Royal British Legion, and look around the  
Memorial.

**PRESS WILL COVER THE WHOLE OF THE CEREMONY**

1255 Depart British Memorial by car.

1256 Lay poppy bunch at grave of Turkish hero (Sgt Yahya):  
view V beach from clifftop.

**SMALL PRESS POOL TO COVER**

1259 Depart by car for V beach.

1301 Arrive V beach cemetery: lay poppy cross on Captain  
Walford's grave and walk around the cemetery.

**DOORSTEP WITH THE PRESS**

1320 Depart for Kabatepe by car.

1345 Arrive Kabatepe: met by Defence Minister Giray and escorted  
to lunch.

**PRESS MAY BE PRESENT FOR A PHOTOCALL**

1520 Depart by car for Shrapnel Valley, in company with the  
New Zealand Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves and  
Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke.

1530 Arrive Shrapnel Valley cemetery: lay a wreath at Memorial.  
Later lay a poppy cross at graves of Australian (Major  
Quinn) and New Zealand soldiers (Governor General and  
Australian Prime Minister to reciprocate).

**DOORSTEP WITH AUSTRALIAN PRESS**

1555 Depart by car for Anzac Cove.

1556 Slow drive past Anzac Cove: disembark at Turkish memorial  
and read the inscription-Ataturk's words of reconciliation.

1600 Arrive Commonwealth War Graves cottage. Bilateral talks  
with Australian Prime Minister.

**PHOTOCALL ON ARRIVAL**

1645 Bilateral talks end: doorstep farewell to Australian  
Prime Minister. (Change clothing if desired.)

1655 Depart by car for Kabatepe.



1705 Short bilateral meeting with Mr Hewson, Australian  
Opposition Leader.

1720 Talks end. Walk to helipad.

Embark Royal Navy Lynx helicopter (accompanied by  
Mr Ingham, Mr Powell)

1725 Depart Kabatepe for HMS Argonaut.

1730 Arrive HMS Argonaut: met by Rear Admiral Abbott, FOF2  
(Flag Officer Second Flotilla). Tour ship; present two  
Long Service and Good Conduct medals.

**SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER YOUR TOUR OF THE SHIP**

1820 Depart HMS Argonaut by Lynx helicopter.

1825 Arrive Turkish Memorial helipad: disembark.

Turkish farewell formalities: embark VIP helicopter.

1830 Depart for Istanbul airport.

1940 Arrive Istanbul airport: embark VC10.

approx1945 Depart Istanbul for Heathrow.

approx2145 Arrive Heathrow : disembark.

Drive to No 10

approx2215 Arrive No 10.

International Ceremony: Programme

0920 You are received by Turkish Defence Minister **Safa Giray** and then escorted by a ceremonial officer past the Guard of Honour (no inspection) to your seat.

0930 Ceremony begins with introductions.

You will then be invited, along with other Heads of Delegation, to lay a wreath at the Turkish Memorial. (Walk from your seat down a central path to the Memorial, carrying your wreath).

Return to your seat.

One Minute's Silence, followed by playing of national anthems (played in alphabetical order with the Turkish anthem last).

Speeches:

Welcoming speech by **Mr Muzafeer Ecemis**, Governor of Cannakkale Province.

Speech by **Mr Giray**

Speech by Governor-General of New Zealand, **Sir Paul Reeves**

Speech by **President Ozal**.

Parade by Military Bands and Guards of Honour.

1115 Ceremony ends.

PRESS WILL COVER THE CEREMONY



British Ceremony: Programme

- 1210 You arrive British Memorial, Helles Point. Greeted by Sir Robert Ford, Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who will introduce you to Colonel Gavin Peebles, Officer-in-Charge of the British Commemorations.

General Ford will escort you to the top of the steps where you will be received by a general salute and inspect the Guard of Honour. Introduced to Mr David Knowles, Chairman of the Royal British Legion, who will in turn introduce you to the five British and one Canadian Gallipoli veterans attending the ceremony. You will then be introduced to The Venerable Geoffrey Evans, Archdeacon of the Aegean and the Danube (who will conduct the Service of Commemoration), before being shown to your seat by General Ford.

- 1215 Service of Commemoration begins.

You will read the lesson (from a lectern near the memorial) following the first hymn. Return to your seat.

Wreath-laying will follow the third verse of the hymn "O Valiant Hearts" (Colonel Peebles will indicate when you should leave your seat). Yours will be the third wreath to be laid, following HM Ambassador (on behalf of HM The Queen) and General Ford (on behalf of HRH The Duke of Kent).

- 1240 Service ends.

PRESS WILL COVER THE SERVICE