

**The Body (*corpus tali*).**—The superior surface of the body presents, behind, a smooth trochlear surface, the *trochlea*, for articulation with the tibia. The trochlea is broader in front than behind, convex from before backward, slightly concave from side to side: in front it is continuous with the upper surface of the neck of the bone.

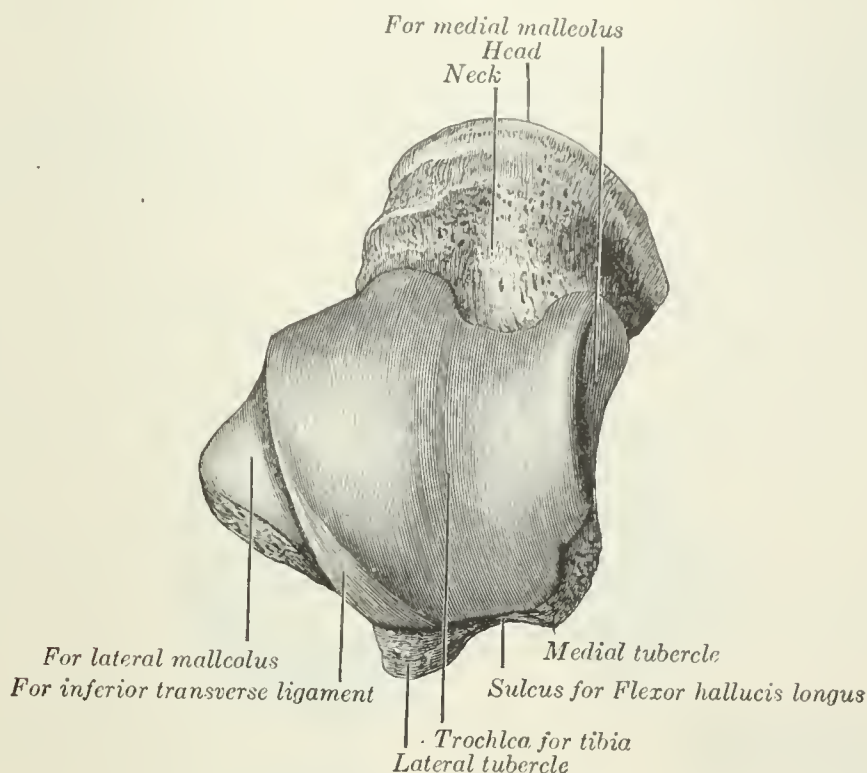


FIG. 270.—Left talus, from above.

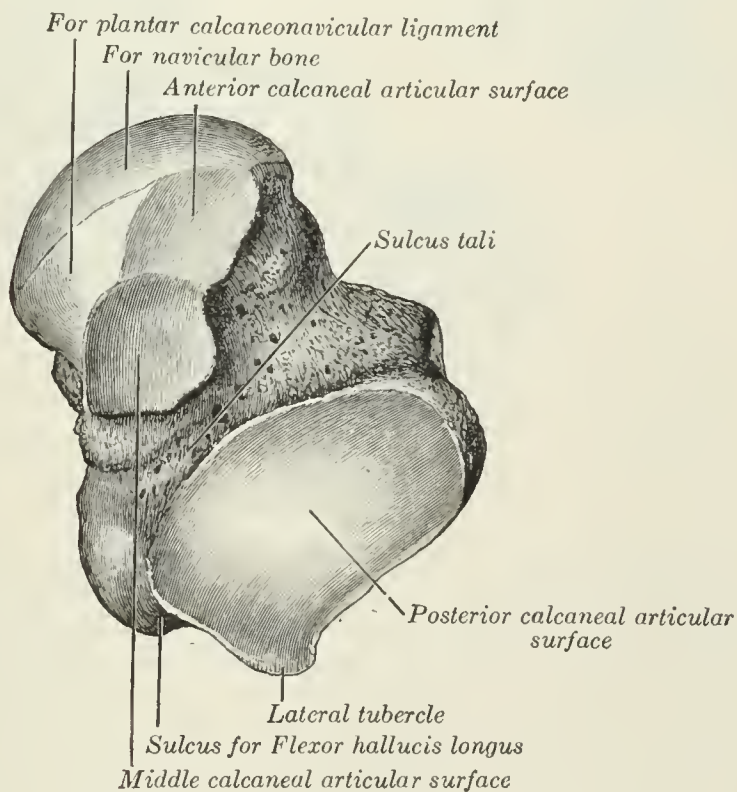


FIG. 271.—Left talus, from below.

The **inferior surface** presents two articular areas, the posterior and middle calcaneal surfaces, separated from one another by a deep groove, the *sulcus tali*. The groove runs obliquely forward and lateralward, becoming gradually broader and deeper in front: in the articulated foot it lies above a similar groove upon the upper surface of the calcaneus, and forms, with it, a canal (*sinus tarsi*) filled