

# CHUNUK BAIR

## INTRODUCTION

The battle of Chunuk Bair was fought from the 8<sup>th</sup> of August to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The objective was to break the stalemate between the two sides with an all out attack on the summit of Chunuk Bair.

It is most significant because it was the furthest point that the ANZACs reached in the Gallipoli campaign.

It was also significant to New Zealand because the Wellington and Auckland Battalions did most of the fighting, and suffered heavy casualties. New Zealand soldiers had a reputation of fearsome fighters after the Battle of Chunuk Bair.

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## WHERE WAS IT LOCATED?

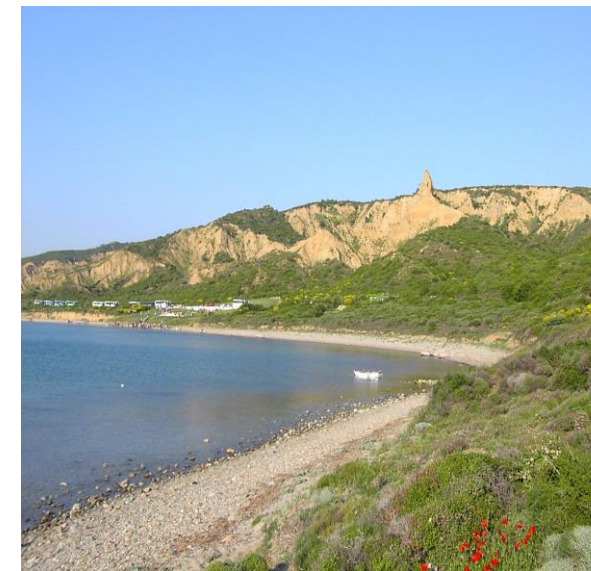


## WHAT WENT WRONG?

The Auckland Battalion was late getting ready to attack and were forced to attack in daylight where they were massacred by Turkish machine guns.

## WHO WAS INVOLVED?

- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- Ottoman Empire



**Chunuk Bair view from ANZAC cove.**

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## WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

The Auckland Battalion was ordered to charge in broad daylight and got massacred by Turkish machine gunners.

When the Wellington Battalion was ordered to charge Lieutenant-colonel William Malone refused to send his men out to commit suicide so the attack was postponed until nightfall.

On the pre dawn of August 8<sup>th</sup> 1915 the Wellington Battalion swiftly moved up the ridge and captured the summit that had been abandoned by the Turkish. The New Zealand soldiers held the summit supported by United Kingdom soldiers until the 10<sup>th</sup> of August when the allies were forced to retreat by massive Turkish counter attacks.

The Allies retreated to the Apex (a ridge line about 1 kilometre from the summit) where they held their ground until the end of the campaign.

The Allies suffered 6000 casualties.

The Turkish suffered 10,000 casualties.