



Malone Memorial Arch & Gates

Entry King Edward Park, Fenton Street

1923

Use:	Entry to King Edward Park, Memorial to Lieutenant Colonel Malone.	Historic Value:	3 out of 5
Materials:	Plastered Concrete	Architectural Value:	2 out of 4
NZHPT Registered:	Historic Places Category II	Technical Value:	1 out of 2
Legal Description:	Sec 1036 Pt Blks 2, 3, 6, 7 All Blks 14, 15 Egmont SD Crown Reserve Mt Egmont	Symbolic Value:	3 out of 3
		Rarity Value:	2 out of 2
		Townscape Value:	1 out of 2
		Group Value:	- out of 2
		Overall Heritage Value:	12 out of 20



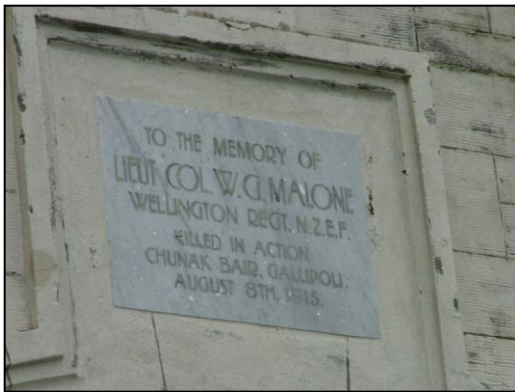
Lieutenant Colonel William George Malone was the commanding officer of the Wellington Regiment at Gallipoli, during World War One. Whilst there, he was ordered to lead his troop in capturing and securing Chunuk Bair. Beginning with a troop consisting of 23 officers and 823 ranks, they managed to hold Chunuk Bair until relief arrived, at which stage there remained only three officers and 80 men (some 400 having been killed). It was during this time that Malone lost his life.

William Malone was born in London in 1859. He was educated in France and England and chose to move to New Zealand in the 1880's seeking a change from his office employment in London. On arrival he worked on lighters in the surf in Opunake and enlisted in the armed constabulary, joining his brother. He later bought land on Opunake Road in Stratford which he farmed right up until leaving for the war.

His involvement in Stratford's history did not stop there though. While Stratford still came within the Hawera County Council, Malone was a member of it, and became County Clerk for the Stratford County Council (at their inception) in 1890, remaining in office until 1900. In 1893 he became Chairman of the Ngaere Road Board. During his time as County Clerk, continued to farm his land and study law. Subsequently, in 1892, he was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court and became the solicitor to the Council and established the Malone, McVeagh & Anderson law partnership in 1903.



Colonel Malone



On August 8, 1923, eight years to the day after Malone's death, Colonel Cox of the Wellington Regiment commended the spirit of the late Colonel, and how it had permeated the Wellington Regiment and indeed the rest of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, lasting until the end of the war. Lieutenant Colonel Cunningham also commended Malone on his citizenship and commented favourably on his 'sterling character and his great interest in the community'. These remarkable testaments were given to a large gathering during which the Malone Memorial Arch and Gates, at the entrance of King Edward Park, were unveiled. It was erected by the Wellington Regiment whose men had subscribed donations in the memory of Lieutenant Colonel William Malone's extraordinary leadership and bravery. Although it is not the only New Zealand memorial to an individual soldier, it is thought to be one of the largest.

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