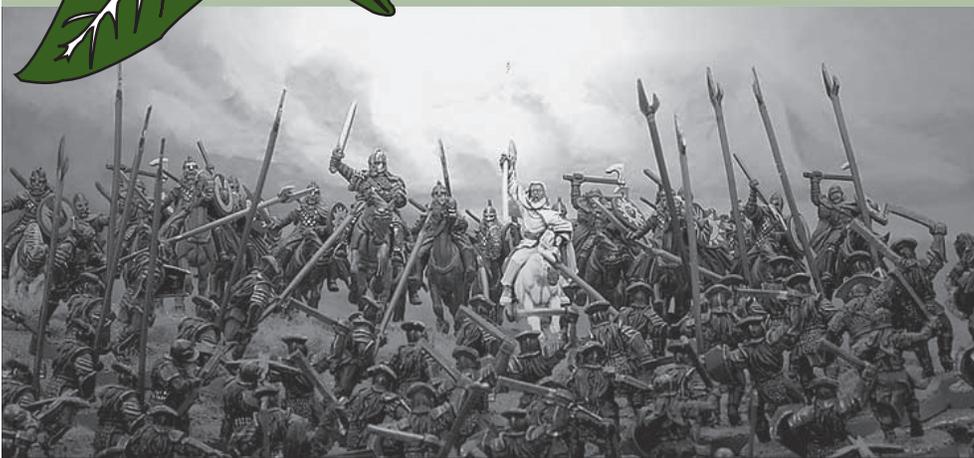




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Gandalf the White and the Rohirrim army drive away Saruman's army.

VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF HELM'S DEEP

After two days of battle in the walls of Hornburg, the forces of Rohan, along side with the Lothórien Elves, drove away the 10,000 Uruk-Hai infantry.

The 300 Helm's Deep soliders and 100 Rohan peasants were led by King Théoden of Rohan and Aragorn son of Arathorn with the assitance of Gamling of Rohan, Legolas of Mirkwood, and Gimli son of Glóin. Gandalf the White and Aragorn both knew that the battle would be lost if the people of Rohan. Gandalf the White left Rohan in search of help, and Aragorn sent a distress signal to the allies of Gondor. Elrond and the elves of Lothórien were the only ones to respond. To aid the forces of Rohan, 200 elves led by Haldir arrived at Helm's Deep.

At first, the battle seemed lost. The 600 forces of men and elves were outnumbered by Saruman's Uruk-Hai infantry. The infantry consisted of 10,000 warriors ready to tear down the walls of Helm's Deep. The great force of the Uruk-Hai was able to vreach the outside wall forcing the forces of Rohan to retreat into the caves of Hornburg.

As all signs of hope and victory began to fade away, Gandalf the White with Éomer and 2,000 of his Rohirrim army charged down the valley to flank Saruman's army. The charge was successful and forced the Uruk-Hai into a Huorn forest.

Although this was a pivotal victory for the Free Peoples, many lives were lost. Hundreds of men and elves lost their lives defending the people of Rohan.



HALDIR OF LÓRIEN FALLS IN BATTLE

The free peoples of Middle-earth lost a dedicated leader. Hundreds of souls lost their lives to Saruman's Uruk-Hai army in the Battle of Helm's Deep, including the Lothórien leader, Haldir.

Before the battle began, Aragorn sent out a distress signal. Elrond responded by sending Haldir and his troops to support the Rohirrim, in honor of an ancient treaty . He arrived with 200 warriors and helped the men of Rohan defend the walls of Hornburg. Haldir and his elven troops all died during the invasion of Helm's Deep. Their death will forever be remembered by the people of Rohan.

The only surviving elf from the battle was Legolas of Mirkwood.