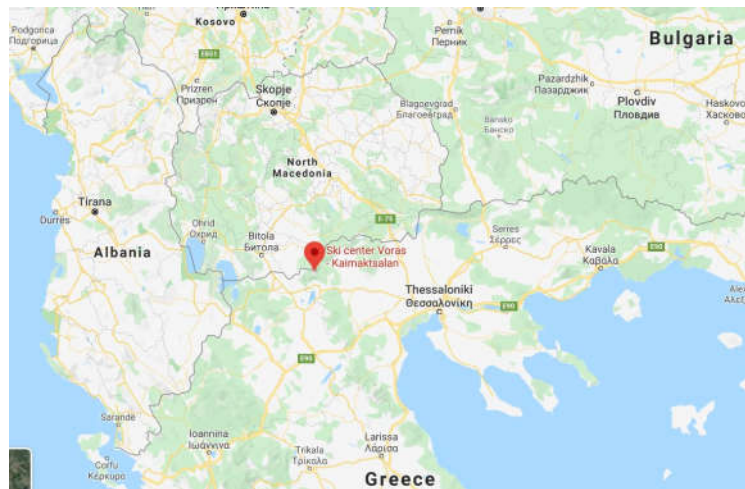


Battle of Kaimaktsalan



The peak Kaimaktsalan of Mount Voras, during the First World War was one of the key positions on the Macedonian Front. The Battle for Kaimaktsalan will be remembered in history for the large number of victims on both sides, ie the Bulgarian and Serbian armies which were stationed in this part of the front.

Kaimaktsalan battle was fought between 12 and 30 September 1916, when the first Serbian army managed to take the top St. Elias, ousting the Bulgarians. Between 26 and 30 September summit Kaimaktsalan has been taken over several times, until the Serbian army finally conquered it and kept it on 30 September. Human casualties were enormous on both sides, primarily due to man to man fight. With the conquest of Kaimaktsalan, the Allied troops were able to continue with further operations, which on November 19, 1916 resulted with the conquest of Bitola.

The Kaimaktsalan Chapel



According to some sources, immediately after the Kaimaktsalan Battle, given the large number of casualties on both sides, the soldiers started to build some kind of memorial on the peak. The chapel, with the nearby ossuary which houses the bones of many unknown soldiers, the Bell tower and the facilities were finished in 1928, marking the 10th anniversary of the end of First World War.