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The World War I Battle of Beersheba, which took place on 31 October 1917, was the first crucial step in bringing an end to Ottoman rule in Palestine. The 4th Light Horse Brigade of the Australian Imperial Force seized the strategic town of Beersheba from the Turks, initiating a chain of events that eventually culminated in the establishment of Israel in 1948.

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