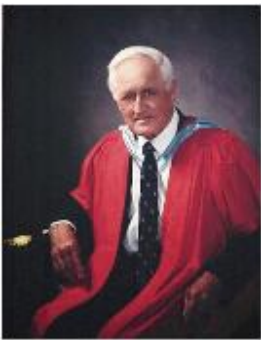


Tihei Mauri Ora!

Stand as Māori

Toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te whenua

The permanence of the language, prestige, and land



On discharging the Māori Battalion in 1946, Lieutenant-Colonel James Henare told his troops, "Go back to our mountains, go back to our people, go back to our marae. But this is my last command to you - ***stand as Māori, stand as Māori, stand as Māori.***" In later years, James Henare became a successful farmer, a dedicated family man, also a statesman, a diplomat, and scholar, having been conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University of Auckland in 1986, and a Knight of the British Empire in 1978.

It has been over seventy years since the Māori Battalion fought on the battlefields of the Middle East and Europe, displaying legendary bravery and sacrifice in battle. It is a story that epitomises what it means to be outstanding, to have courage and to gain success. The leaders of the Māori Battalion were the high achievers among Māori of that generation. They hoped the deeds of the Battalion would inspire and encourage young Māori to aim high. They knew advancement depended on education. Today we should live in celebration of our Māori identity, language and culture. Live knowing that we as Māori can achieve what we set our hearts on. Kia pai tó wiki!



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