

Tihei Mauri Ora!

You the peacemaker

Whāia te māramatanga, me te aroha, e ngā iwi!

Seek after knowledge and fellowship all people



Canon Wi Te Tau Huata QSO (1917–1991) of Ngāti Kahungunu, Anglican priest and renown military chaplain once said of his ‘boys of the Māori Battalion’ “when these boys fight, they do fight. Then when the scrap is over they talk about the days of peace. It is just like a fine day after a storm”. Courageously accepting an

invitation to speak at an Afrika Corps reunion in Germany after the war, he – on behalf of the Battalion, was paid a huge tribute “your greatness is not only in battle but also in your hearts by accepting our invitation of goodwill. You are the peacemakers”.

What challenges you to succeed as a leader where others have failed? Being a peacemaker is a growing experience. For Canon Wi Huata it was about being conciliatory and pragmatic; displaying tact and diplomacy; bringing unfinished business to an amicable resolution and thereby ensuring the lives of future generations are better. We need to confront our fears, our challenges, and our weaknesses. We meet these things head-on, and in so doing, we master them. It is a never-ending quest to better our best, constantly improve, and practice what we preach. Let us become more resolute, and more worthy of success in our daily endeavours. *Kia pai tō wiki!*



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