

28th Māori Battalion

The Māori Battalion Marching Song

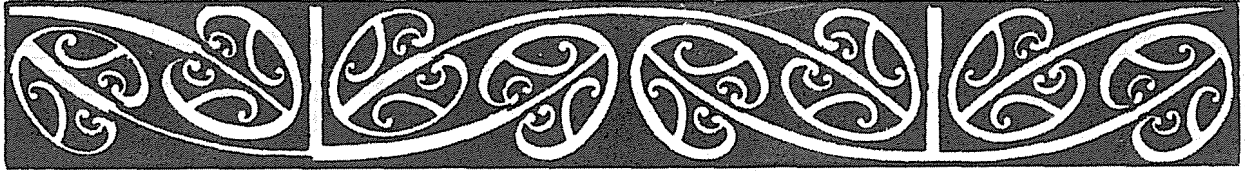
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"No infantry had a more distinguished record, or saw more fighting, or alas, had such heavy casualties."

*Lieutenant-General Bernard Freyberg, Commander of the 2 NZEF,
commending the 28th Māori Battalion.*

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MAORI BATTALION MARCHING SONG (AKE! AKE! KIA KAHA E!)

(Fight on fight on for ever and ever)

1st verse:

In the days that now have gone
When the Maoris went to war
They fought and fought till the last man died
For the honour of the tribe
And so we carry on
The traditions they have laid
And as we go on day by day
You will always hear us say:

CHORUS

Maori Battalion march to victory
Maori Battalion staunch and true
Maori Battalion march to glory
Take the honour of your people with you
You will march, march, march to the enemy
And will fight right to the end
For God, for King and Country au e
Ake Ake kia Kaha e

2nd verse:

A loyal band of Maoris
Sailing from New Zealand
To win us freedom and peace
Marching shoulder to shoulder onward
And we will shout again
Ake ake kia kaha E
Haere tonu Haere tonu ra
Kia ora Kia ora

CHORUS:

Live and love another day
For tomorrow you may be gone
Live and love another day
Its the best way to carry on
Join the ranks of happiness
You're as welcome as the flowers in May
Old soldiers never die
They only fade away

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