

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DAVID APANUI STEWART  
PAREIHA TUATI



1895 - AUGUST 16, 1915



EMERE APANUI &  
HETA REWETI STEWART

**Service of Aroha & Remembrance from the**  
**Whanau of**  
**David Apanui Stewart of Thames and Whakatane**  
**June 17 2009**

**Portianos Military Cemetery, West Mudros, Island of Lemnos,**  
**Greece.**

*Noelene*

We are gathered here today a small group of Whanau to honour David Apanui Stewart also known as Pareiha Tuati and known affectionately by those who loved him as Davie. Davie was born in Thames in New Zealand to his beloved parents Heta Reweti and Emere Apanui Stewart in 1895. After being mortally wounded in the side and the back during the Gallipoli Campaign he was brought over to this island of Lemnos to the military hospital. Sadly his wounds were so severe that he died and was buried on Monday, 16 August 1915, aged 20 years here at Portianos Military Cemetery, West Mudros on the Greek island of Lemnos.

Today we mark this spot to remind those who pass this way that he existed - that his life mattered in so many different ways and that above all else he was loved by his family and friends.

*Michael*

Although it is a sad time, it is well to remember that to take the sorrow out of death, you would first have to take the love out of life and where would we be if it were not for love. So life is eternal and love is immortal, then surely death is only a horizon.

It is written

There is a time to be born and a time to die, nowhere is it written how, where, when, - only that we most surely will.

Today we turn the clock back and we recall Davie as being a wonderful son, brother, uncle and friend. He was an important member of the Whakatane Maori Concert party and loved his culture. He enjoyed his time in Whakatane with whanau and shared cherished moments, blessings, laughter, joy, sadness and celebrations. When he heard the cry for men to enlist he did so on October 14, 1914 and travelled to the other side of the world to fight in World War 1, he left his home and those he loved dearly and joined the New Zealand Maori Contingent.

All

Lord's Prayer  
Our Father who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done on Earth  
As it is in Heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
.As we forgive those who trespass  
Against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen

E to matou Matua i te rangi  
kia tapu tou ingoa. Kia tae  
mai tou Rangatiratanga  
  
kia meatia tau e pai ai ki  
runga ki te whenua kia  
rite ano ki to te rangi  
  
Homai ki a matou ai anei he  
taro ma matou me tenei ra  
Murua o matou hara, me matou  
  
hoki e muru nei i to te hunga  
e hara ana ki a matou. Aua  
hoki matou e kawea kia whaka  
Waia, Engari whaka- orangia  
Matou i te kino. Amine

B

Ben...

Almighty God by your power and love, All things are sanctified and made perfect

Be merciful to us who gather here today and bless us.

May your face shine upon us always

This prayer we make through Christ our Lord. Amen

Janine

For the family gathered here today, Although we still have sorrow in our hearts

Give us the grace to live our lives to the full

Lord hear us

(And let our cry come unto Thee - E te Atua whaka-rongo mai)

Michael

For the comrades of those whom we remember today

May their memories of their friends be happy ones

Lord hear us

(And let our cry come unto Thee - E te Atua whaka-rongo mai)

Noelene

For the gifts God has given us Whether it be human life

Or the natural gifts of nature May we appreciate and respect them always

Lord hear us

(And let our cry come unto Thee E te Atua whaka-rongo mai)

Placing of the soil on David's grave

Michael, Ben, Janine, Keely, Emmason, Teah, Noelene

This soil has come with blessings from your mother's home in Whakatane in New Zealand - now we have brought it to the other side of the world as you also came so long ago, to lie in peace with you, A part of New Zealand, from the land you loved, to remain

with you for ever. May these grains of soil from Aotearoa, mingle with the grains of soil from Greece and join our countries for ever in peace and harmony . Amen

Michael

*We sprinkle this soil brought from Aotearoa in remembrance that our Uncle David Tuati was born in Aotearoa.*

*Let us remember those others in this cemetery who were born in Aotearoa. Bless all who lie here. Rest in peace for ever.*

*(Placing of stones Keely Emmason Teah. )*

Noelene

*These stones have also made the journey to remain here with you. Memories of New Zealand, painted by your whanau in Whakatane and from your nephew, Francis in Auckland.*

*(Placing of pounamu, poppies, and kiwi Michael Noelene)*

Michael

*This greenstone teardrop (Roimata) is left here as it indicates strength, independence, unity and pride. These are attributes which you had. Strength to leave home and come to fight for peace and freedom, independence to come here against your Mother's wishes, and unity and pride in yourself, your country and your family.*

*A kiwi, because that is what you are - and poppies for Remembrance of you.*

*I runga I te Whaka pono o Ihu Karaiti ka whaka tapua e tatou Enei taonga hei whaka maha ratanga ki tana pononga David Apanui Tuati, I runga I te Ingoa o Te Matua, O Te Tama, O Te Wairua Tapu. Amine*

Michael

*In the faith of Jesus Christ, We dedicate these taonga in memory of your servant David Apanui Tuati. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Last Post

Keely	They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
Emmason	Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
Teah	At the going down of the sun and in the morning
All	We will remember them Lest we forget.

Noelene

*E koro taou e koro he ketia Penei I a tatou kua mahue nei  
E kore hoki ratou e ngo I kore, A hakoia pehea I nga ahua tanga  
o te wa I te hekenga atu o te ra  
Tae noa ki te aranga mai I te ata  
Ka mau ma hara tonu tatou ki a ratou*

### Reveille

#### New Zealand National Anthem

God of Nations at Thy feet  
In the bonds of love we meet  
Hear our voices we entreat  
God defend our Free Land  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war  
Make her praises heard afar  
God defend New Zealand

E I howa atua  
O nga iwi o te Ao  
Ata Whaka rongonā  
Me aroha noa  
Kia hua ko te pai  
Kia tau to ata whai  
Mana aki tia mai  
Aotearoa

Australian National Anthem

Australian National Anthem

B Ben  
(1 minute's silence)

O Valiant Heart

O valiant heart who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle pain  
Tranquil you lie your knightly virtue proved  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved

Proudly you gathered rank on rank to war  
You who had heard God's message from afar  
All you had hoped for all you had you gave  
To save mankind yourselves you scorned to save.

Michael  
(Prayers)

M God our Father we thank you that you have made each of us in your image  
And given us talents with which to serve you  
We thank you for those whom we gather to remember today.  
The few short years shared with the family – the memories of an uncle  
whom we never met but feel so close to and a part of.

Now give us the strength and courage as we entrust David and his comrades to your continuing love and care confident in your promise of eternal life

This prayer we make through Christ our Lord Amen

B Ben

(Psalm 23)

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, he maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul.*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me,*

*Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, Thou annointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Deleene

Davie thank you for the privilege of having a tiny sharing in your life, for being a part of our existence and the sharing of the bonds of kinship to tie us together and enrich our lives.

We can shed tears that you have gone, or we can smile because you lived.

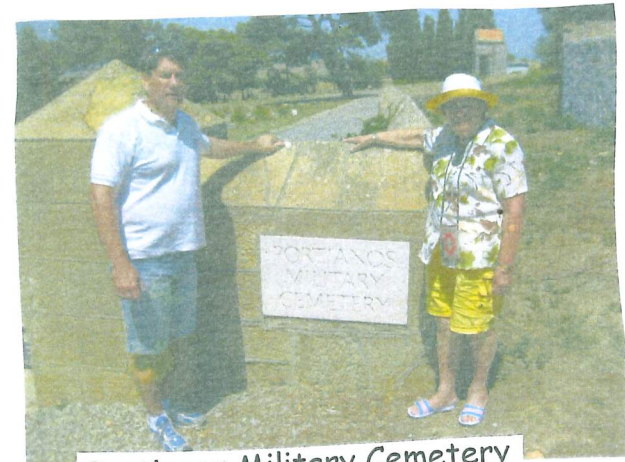
Our hearts can feel empty because we can not see you or they can be full

of the aroha shared by us all. We can remember that you have gone or we can cherish your memory and let it live on.

May you rest here in eternal peace until we meet one day.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Be with us and remain with us forever. Amen



Portianos Military Cemetery



Putting a greenstone roimata on David's grave.



The Hughes family at David's grave.



David's Grave surrounded by photos of Our whanau. Stones painted by the family.



A view across the cemetery.



Michael, Janine, Emmason, Keely, Teah Noelene and Ben leaving the cemetery.



Noelene

Michael  
Keely

Janine  
Emmason Teah

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David's mother brothers + sisters.



Alice

Ma

Melly

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