

Maori Deaths and Prisoners of New Zealand Wars

(Weblink WAR Transcripts Maori POW & Deaths NZ Wars)

While researching information about the deserters of the New Zealand Wars, I came across some interesting information about Maori deaths and prisoners of War in the 1864 AJHR.

We all know that there were prisoners of war in World War One and Two but I had never given it a thought about any prisoners during the New Zealand Land Wars.

Locating information about Maori deaths during this early period is virtually impossible so imagine my surprised to find details such as name and date of death in the "Daily Reports on Maori Prisoners". In these reports there is a lot of statistical information but I have only extracted brief details on prisoners who are named and include some who died.

For those who are undertaking early Maori research the journals are well worth looking at.

Vessel – Date - Remarks

- HMS "Curacoa" - 30 Nov 1863 - Chief Te Oriori of Ngatikoroki from Arikima received three wounds in engagement at Rangiriri etc. The old Chief Parioroku Tuhikaitai of the Ngatikoroki from Nukuha, Waikato received a wound etc. Peneamene Ngatipa of the Ngatitawhaki from Peria was wounded etc.
- HMS "Curacoa" - 24 Dec 1863 - Pairoroku Tuhikitia is quite recovered of wounds in the back. The sick and wounded are progressing favourably. The prisoners were removed this day to the "Marion" Hulk, at 4 and 5 p.m.
- "Marion" Hulk - 29 Dec 1863 - Tangataware Iwitaia was arrested etc and taken to goal Total 177 prisoners on board
- "Marion" Hulk - 11 Jan 1864 - Te Wirihana Huiputea of Ngatimahua received aboard Total prisoners 178
- "Marion" Hulk - 14 Jan 1864 - Four prisoners received aboard Paratene of the Ngatinaho (with Te Wheoro at Te Ta in August 1863); Manahi Ngatimahuta from Wahi; Hami Te Komekome from Wahi, Hori Te Whana from Wahi.
- "Marion" Hulk - 21 Feb 1864 - Te Rakatau sick on-board etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 22 Feb 1864 - Te Rakatau very weak
- "Marion" Hulk - 24 Feb 1864 - Chief Te Rakatau improving etc. Teoriori Te Hura discharged
- "Marion" Hulk - 25 Feb 1864 - Chief Te Rakatau better etc. Karaka sick etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 28 Feb 1864 - Chief Te Rakatau poorly etc. Karaka weak etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 29 Feb 1864 - The Chief Te Rakatau had a sudden turn yesterday at 3.p.m.; he gradually became weaker and ejected blood profusely from the mouth. He suffered little or no pain and expired 7.40 in the evening. [Later reports on diseased meat fed to prisoners]
- "Marion" Hulk - 8 Mar 1864 - Prisoner arrived yesterday Te Kemene Kahika of the Ngatinaho who was taken at Rangiawhia
- "Marion" Hulk - 13 Mar 1864 - Tuhikatia recovering etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 14 Mar 1864 - Tuhikatia convalescent etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 15 Mar 1864 - Tuhikatia fast recovering etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 16 Mar 1864 - Tuhikatia improving etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 17 Mar 1864 - Tuhikatia improving etc.
- "Marion" Hulk - 27 Mar 1864 - Three Maori prisoners were received on board last evening etc. taken in engagement at Rangiawhia named Hoepa Paituri of the Ngatiapakura; Penetita Te Wharaunga, Ngatiapakura; Kereopa Paraki from Kawhia total number of prisoners aboard 195
- "Marion" Hulk - 3 Apr 1864 - Half-caste boy Henry Wheeler delivered over to Bishop Pompallier.
- "Marion" Hulk - 19 Apr 1864 - Three Maori prisoners received Wi Karamoa of Ngatihinetu; Te Rewarewa of the Te Patupo, and Wi Hiore of the Rongowhakaata from Tauranga (Poverty Bay) all taken at Orakau
- "Marion" Hulk - 21 Apr 1864 - Werahiko Te Koputa had tumour removed etc. Chief Te Kepa refuses to wash etc.

- “Marion” Hulk - 26 Apr 1864 - Panapa weak etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 29 Apr 1864 - Panapa depressed state etc. Ririmu a lad about 18 year of age looks in decline etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 30 Apr 1864 - Panapa little better etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 1 May 1864 - Panapa and. Ririmu very weak etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 2 May 1864 - Panapa and. Ririmu better etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 3 May 1864 - Panapa and. Ririmu still very weak etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 4 May 1864 - Panapa and. Ririmu no change etc.
- “Marion” Hulk - 5 May 1864 - Panapa and. Ririmu taken on shore and lodged at Hone Ropiha’s etc. Total prisoner 195
- Mohi Tahuri doing better etc.

TO BE CONTINUED - 10 Sep 1864

Reference Sources: - Victoria University Law Library & Archives NZ - AJHR 1864 Volume I
Maori Prisoners E-1 (appendix) Reports of Officers in charge of Maori Prisoners

Additional Information to be transcribed

AD 3/1 1863/1850 (Correspondence register)

Writer Hy Steede from the ship 'Curacao' - Written 10 Dec 1863 - Received 12 Dec 1863

Subject about 55 of the Maori prisoners are insufficiently clothed

AJHR 1864 Volume II Surrender of Arms

E-6 = Return of Arms surrendered by Natives from the commencement of the War to the present date (25th November 1864)

Thames District

No – Date – Name – Hapu – Tribe – Residence - Arms Ammunitions Etc. - Remarks

- 1 - Feb 18 - Hakiha te Kahu – Ngatiapa – Ngatiruanui - Kawakawa Taupo - Double gun, cartouch box, 13 rounds ball cartridge - Declaration of allegiance made before R M Auckland. Fought against Volunteers under Col. Lyon at Wairoa, Sept 1863

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