

Tuhoe remembered on Armistice

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HEMANA Waaka was determined that he would take the three flags of the Pioneer Maori Battalion to the outreaches of the Tuhoe territory.

When World War I broke out, 77 Tuhoe men volunteered to join the Maori Pioneer Battalion and every year the tribe commemorates Armistice Day and those of their tribe who served their country with a service at Mahurehure Maori in Ruatoki.

After receiving requests from family members of those 77 men, Mr Waaka said he agreed to take the flags around Tuhoe territory.

On Monday he took the flags from Tuhoe's tribal headquarters, Te Kura Whare, in Taneatua to Waikaremoana before travelling back to Ruatoki in time for the Armistice Day celebrations tomorrow.

On his way back, he also called into other settlements so that the descendants of those Tuhoe soldiers who fought in World War I could see the flags.

Tomorrow the flags will be present at Mahurehure Marae and Mr Waaka – who is the Ruatoki RSA branch president – said they would commemorate the soldiers who served in the Pioneer Maori Battalion between 1914 and 1918.

"Each of these flags represents the years of their dedication to God, King and country of whom they served with distinction, bravery and honour as they upheld the mana, ihi and wehi for their

whanau, hapu, iwi, waka and as a Maori."

The commemorations begin at 6am with the raising of flags representing Belgium, France and New Zealand.

Later in the morning, following a powhiri, poppies will be laid on white crosses before New Zealand Defence Force personnel march onto the marae.

At 11am the bell will toll, and wreaths will be laid to commemorate the fallen soldiers, followed by a service delivered by the padre.

This year, the commemorations will also involve remembering John Teihi Claude "Corky" McCorkindale, who died earlier this year.

Mr Waaka said Mr McCorkindale was "the voice of our RSA within Ruatoki".

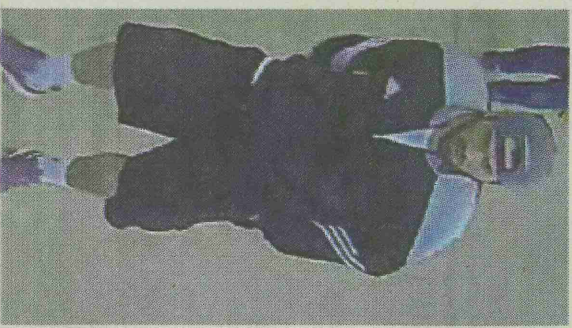
"He is united with the many elders of our RSA veterans from both world wars to all conflicts within Asia and to those veterans who lie in faraway cemeteries of the Commonwealth. It was you who lifted the memories of sadness to the widows and children of these veterans.

"You were responsible for the gathering of the many whanau who came to remember and pay accolades of teams and tributes. You welcomed everyone from all around the regions of Mataatua on many Anzac Day remembrances for over 20 years.

"This coming Anzac for 2018, as we remember our loved ones, so do we remember you.

"You have left a huge gap with your passing away. And so, to you Corky, gone but not forgotten from us here in the valley of Ruatoki and surrounding districts of Mataatua – Lest we forget."

Police seek identity of shoplifter



POLICE expect to be able to resolve multiple cases of shoplifting if they can identify this man, caught on security camera footage.

Whakatane police
Senior Sergeant Mark van

der Kley said the man was responsible for six alleged shoplifting offences.

Anyone who recognises the man should contact Whakatane Police Station on 07 3085255.

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THREE FLAGS: Private Luke Drennan, Ruatoki RSA president Hemanu Waaka and Warrant Officer Tama Andrew.

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PLANNED POWER OUTAGES AFFECTING TE KAHA AREA – SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER and SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017

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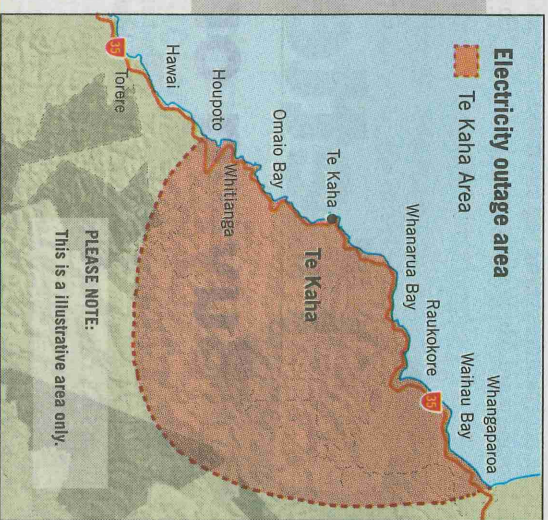
Power supply will be turned off to Te Kaha on:

Sunday 12 November 2017, from 6:30am – 8:00pm, and Sunday 19 November 2017, from 6:30am – 8:00pm*

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PREPARING FOR THE POWER OUTAGE

1. If you are reliant on electricity for medical support equipment, please contact your medical provider for advice.
2. Turn off all electronic appliances at the wall (microwaves, TVs, DVDs, computers etc).
3. Lift and store enough drinking water from personal water wells before the power goes off.
4. If you are on shift work, fill up your petrol tank the night before – remember pumps and eftpos won't work.
5. While the power is off, treat all power lines and electrical wiring as being live at all times as it could be restored earlier than planned.

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