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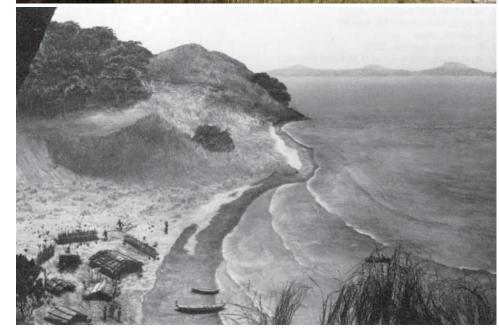
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Eroded ash block of Rangitoto ash from Sunde site exhibiting human and dog footprints. Photo A Dodd



Sunde site today as viewed from the north-east with Rangitoto in background. Photo A. Dodd



Artist's impression of the Sunde site prior to the Rangitoto eruption with Auckland isthmus in the background. Source: Diorama in 'Auckland Landscapes—Past and Future', Auckland Institute and Museum. Reproduced in Davidson 1984:43

1. SITE OVERVIEW

Occupation of Motutapu began early. Ngati Tai is the principal iwi with features of Arawa and Tainui traditions. Archaeological sites predate the c.1400 Rangitoto eruption. Subsequently, Motutapu was used for gardening — over 300 sites are recorded. European activity from 1840 includes farming, picnic excursions, and a defence fortification 1936-1958. (50 words)

The archaeological sites include one of the most acclaimed sites in New Zealand — the 'Sunde site' from which ash footprints have been excavated. The landscape is significant as one of New Zealand's first systematic, archaeological site recording projects. The WWII military landscape survives relatively complete and includes the coastal defence battery, US Navy ammunition bunks, and a artillery camp. (66 words)

- » Motutapu Recreation Reserve
- » Administered from Auckland Area Office.
- » Access by causeway via Rangitoto wharf, or private boat
- » A moderately significant visitor site with an estimated 15,000 visitors per year.¹
- » Motutapu Archaeological and Historic Landscapes are actively managed historic sites.
- » Island area 1510.37 hectares.

2. HISTORY DESCRIPTION

Motutapu has an occupation history that encompasses virtually the full span of New Zealand settlement. It was one of the earliest places inhabited both by Polynesians, and later by Europeans in the Auckland region. The earliest evidence for occupation of Motutapu dates to before the eruption of Rangitoto in c.1400.² The eruption smothered Motutapu in ash and caused widespread deforestation, but also produced friable soils suitable for gardening. Archaeological deposits bracketing the ash suggest the eruption prompted a shift from broad spectrum hunting of forest birds to intensive marine exploitation and horticulture.³

Following the eruption, Motutapu is reported to have been visited by both *Arawa* and *Tainui* canoes and was subsequently settled by Tainui ancestors of Ngai Tai. c Tai⁴ maintained rights of occupation from that time until its eventual sale with only minor incursions from other groups. Ngati Huarere of Arawa descent claimed bird snaring rights over kaka by right of conquest, and from the 18th century reciprocal fishing rights were negotiated with Ngati Paoa on Waiheke.

In the 1820s many of the islands in the Hauraki Gulf, including Motutapu, were evacuated in response to the threat of Hongi Hika and Ngapuhi armed with muskets. Many Hauraki tribes retreated south, and Ngati Tai are said to have taken refuge at Maungatautari. Occasional ventures were made back to former territories in the gulf, sometimes not without

consequence, as with when a local fishing party was attacked at Motutapu by Ngapuhi with several casualties. From 1836 many of the evacuated territories were resettled, and the Ngati Tai remained on Motutapu until the northern part of the island was sold to Thomas Maxwell in 1840.

Maxwell had lived at Maraetai with Ngati Tai and was married to Ngeungeu the daughter of the principal chief, Tara Te Irirangi. From 1840-45 the northern end was leased out to James Moncur. The southern end was purchased by Williamson and Crummer in 1845, but subsequently granted to Robert Graham in 1857. The Reid brothers purchased the island in 1869-70 and retained ownership until 1943. A series of homesteads and outbuildings were built at Home Bay, the first between 1840-57, and the present Reid Homestead was built 1901-3. A homestead was built at Emu Bay c.1869-70, occupied by James Reid and demolished in 1976.

Work began on the Motutapu counter-bombardment battery in 1936.8 In May 1936 roads had been formed, and the battery and observation post were completed by June 1937. Guns were mounted by the end of August 1938, and a temporary camp established at Administration Bay in 1937. War broke out in September 1939 and the military population on the island went from 10 to 200, requiring the construction of additional buildings at Administration Bay and at the Observation Posts. Plotting rooms were constructed in 1941-2, and searchlights installed at Billy Goat point. The US Navy intended to use Auckland as a staging point into the Pacific and this led to the construction of deepwater wharfing facilities, and 50 ammunition magazines between 1942-3. The war ended in 1945, and within five years the entire complex had been abandoned.

3. FABRIC DESCRIPTION

Geologically Motutapu comprises Waipapa series greywackes, cherts and argillites, overlaid with Waitemata teritiary sediments, and blanketed in Rangitoto ash. The cultural landscape of archaeological sites includes pre-Rangitoto eruption archaic campsites and adze making sites, 13 pa, numerous open settlements, midden deposits, storage pits, and agricultural areas. In all 372 recorded sites and it is likely that many more subsurface deposits remain unrecorded. Some sites will have been damaged or destroyed by farming and military activity.

Sizes of recorded sites vary as might be expected over time, with fluctuations in demographics and blurring boundaries of a mobile population. Settlement sites are spread across the whole island, with some apparent clustering on the western leeward side of the island around the mountain and causeway stream catchments, and early archaic settlements at open stream mouths and adjacent spurs. Davidson notes that a clustering around stream mouths and the high number of distinct sites might suggest a rotational garden system. ¹⁰

Pa sites are present on most of the easily defendable coastal headlands. However, the relatively small amount of habitable land enclosed within defensive earthworks compared to the area of occupied open settlements leads Davidson to conclude some open settlements may have been pallisaded without earthwork defences, and that settlement on Motutapu was most likely a "peace-time horticultural based occupation, with periodic episodes of stress leading to fort construction and use".

Stone sources exploited for tool manufacture were largely local greywacke found on Motutapu and nearby Motuihe, but included obsidians from Great Barrier and Northland, as well as Nelson argillites and basalts from Tahanga. Other locally sourced rock used in tool production included jaspers for hammerstones and sandstone grinders. 12

There are three main areas associated with 19th century farming, and these include associated remnant plantings. Home Bay retains homestead, plantings, seawall and graves. Emu Bay has foundations for four separate groups of buildings, remnant plantings and isolated Norfolk pines on high points of the island. No archaeological remains have yet been located at Station Bay where the remaining farm settlement is known to have been located.

The military structures on Motutapu comprise a largely intact WWII landscape including: the main 6" gun emplacement with three gun pits,



Aerial view of the Station Bay pa site, east coast Motutapu. NZAA website

underground magazines, shelters and stores; the battery observation post, engine and radar rooms; the Emu observation post and engine room for the anti-submarine defences; the ground level plotting complex with miniature range, plotting and generator rooms; the underground plotting complex with command exchange, radio, plotting generator, battery and fuel rooms, as well as access tunnels and corridors; the search light

emplacements and directing station; personnel camps at Administration Bay and the battery; the US Navy magazines north of the causeway and store at Home Bay; and numerous pillboxes to protect the battery from a commando assault. The landscape also includes a number of roads, wharves and quarries.



Test firing the Motutapu battery.

4. CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Motutapu features prominently in both Tainui and Arawa traditions. According to Kawerau tradition, a mystical race known locally as Maewao occupied Motutapu, Motuihe and the adjacent mainland. Maruiwi came to settle the islands, and the Maewao were captured and destroyed when they persisted in raiding the Maruiwi cultivations.

When the Arawa canoe came to Waitemata, Kahumatamomoe, the son of Tamatekapua and commander of the canoe, took possession of Rangitoto and Motutapu. He placed two guardian lizards, one at Orawaho (Islington Bay) on Rangitoto, and one at Home Bay on Motutapu. ¹⁴ While the

Arawa was still moored at Orawaho, Tainui arrived under the command of Hoturoa. A fight started between the two chiefs allegedly over Tamatekapua's inappropriate attentions to Hoturoa's senior wife. The pair were separated after Hoturoa gained the upper hand, and the adjoining volcano was declared tapu and became known as Rangi-i-totongoia-o-Tamatekapua — the day of bleeding of Tamatekapua. Although most Tainui continued eastwards following the duel, one tohunga, Taikehu, remained on the island and named it Motutapu after a peninsula on Rangiatea (Hawiiki?). The island became known as Te Motu Tapu a Taikehu or the sacred island of Taikehu to his descendants. 16

Kawerau know the island as Te Motutapu a Tinirau, the sacred island of Tinirau, the son of the sea god Tangaroa. This name was said to have been bestowed on the island by Ihenga, a tohunga on the *Arawa* canoe. Tinirau presides over Te Puna i Rangiriri from where all fish life is said to originate. Accordingly Te Motutapu a Tinirau is said to be the source of fish in the harbour.¹⁷

Tamatekapua's descendants, Ngati Huarere, returned from Moehau, (Cape Collville in later years) to avenge his humiliation, and in doing so claimed many of the gulf islands including Motutapu. ¹⁸ Rangitoto remained tapu and was used as an urupa. Later a Tainui chief living on Motutapu, Manawatere was drowned at Islington Bay, and his body dragged out to sea and washed up at Home Bay, which became known as Te Pehi-o-Manawatere — the bruising of Manawatere. When word of this reached Ngati Tai who were Tainui descendants, they came to claim possession of Motutapu and Rangitoto. ¹⁹ The Ngati Huarere allowed the Ngati Tai to take up their claim to Motutapu and Rangitoto but they retained their right to the trees which were frequented by the kaka and continued to snare this bird in season. ²⁰ From this time until the musket wars of the 1820s, peace was maintained as the Ngati Tai were surrounded by Tainui iwi, and were part of the larger Te Waiohua confederation. ²¹

5. CONTEXT

The island has four known archaic period archaeological sites, and the ash block footprints excavated at the Sunde site at Northwest Bay have aroused international interest and have no known equivalent anywhere else in New Zealand. One of the largest, most diverse and easily accessible archaeological landscapes in the Auckland Region, Motutapu has been the focus of some of the earliest systematic archaeological survey and investigation in New Zealand. The archaeology on Motutapu has contributed to important syntheses of prehistory both at a national and regional level.²²

Motutapu, Browns, and Motuihe are some of the earliest European land purchases and farm settlements. Motutapu's counter-bombardment battery played an important role in the defence preparations for New Zealand's largest city during WWII, and the island was selected to be the fall-back location for the ammunition store for the US invasion of the Pacific.

6. HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Hauraki Gulf Islands including Motutapu are believed to have been some of the earliest places occupied by Polynesian settlers in the Auckland region, and were extensively occupied during subsequent centuries. The island is important in the traditions of both Arawa and Tainui iwi, and it is home to prominent ancestors of several iwi and hapu associated with these wider tribal groupings.

The 1840 purchase of the northern part of Motutapu was one of the earliest European purchases in the Auckland area, and the island was at one time home to Robert Graham, who became Superintendent of the Auckland Province (1862-1865) while in residence there. Graham held popular 'Premier picnics' on the island at Home Bay, which made Motutapu possibly the most popular day visitor destination in the Hauraki Gulf, with visitor numbers of up to 10,000.

Motutapu's counter-bombardment battery was an essential component in the defence of Auckland during WWII, one of the key defining events in New Zealand history. Over £500,000 was spent on construction during the period 1936-44, and the island accommodated up to 1000 personnel. Further, Auckland was selected to be the fall-back launch



Administration Bay, Army camp.

point of a US invasion of the Pacific, and Motutapu was selected as the location for the ammunition store.

The island has also been significant in the development of archaeology as a discipline, providing a location for one of the earliest systematic survey and investigation projects in the Auckland region.

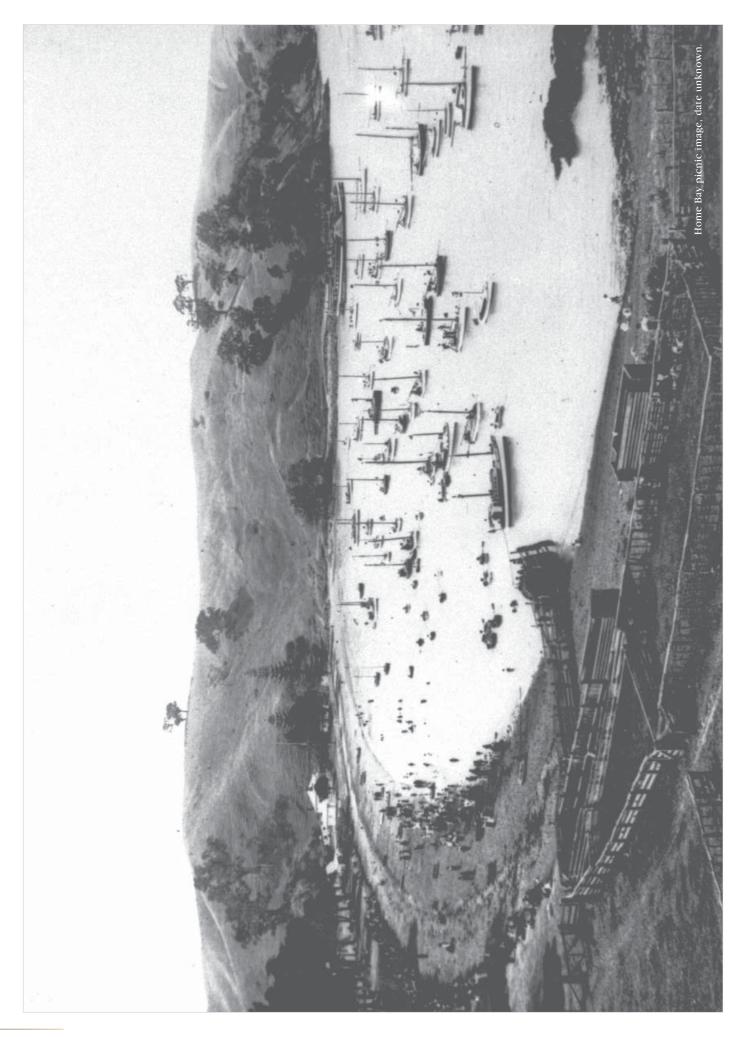


Reid Homestead built 1901-3





Home Bay picnic images Top: Home Bay with ferry steamer at the wharf. Bottom: Motutapu from West side. Cooper Vaughan Collett, Auckland Museum, DU 436.1185 ENV2.



7. FABRIC SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the archaeological landscape on Motutapu is outlined in the Auckland Conservancy Actively Managed Historic Places Register:

The Maori sites are part of a substantially intact and publicly accessible landscape of bistoric places dating from initial human settlement to WWII. Motutapu and Motukorea were settled much more intensively than other Gulf islands, because of the ash modified soils. Some of the most significant sites have been partially excavated, but the majority remain intact. No comparable archaeological landscapes remain on the mainland in the Conservancy. The earliest sites are unique because they are separated by a chronostratigraphic horizon (Rangitoto ash) from later occupation. The island [Motutapu] was visited by humans between ash showers and dog and human footprints have been preserved in the ash. Foreshore greywacke deposits were a regionally significant source of raw material for adzes.

The farm settlement and homestead sites have been assessed separately:

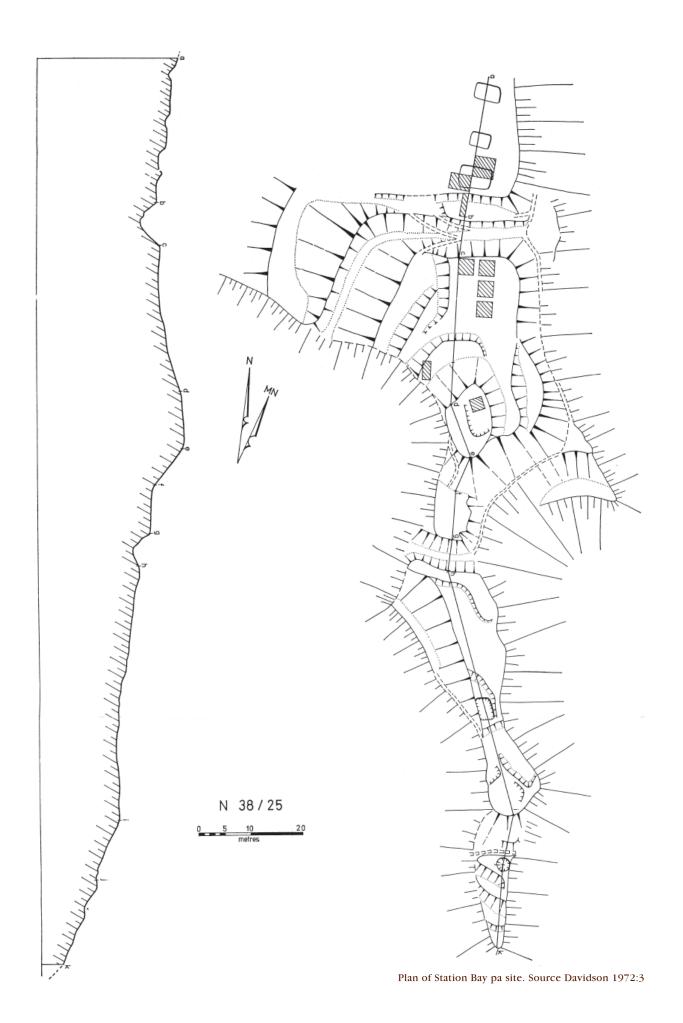
The Home and Emu Bay sites, with the remnant plantings & Reid homestead provide a tangible link with the island's European past and the opportunity to present this period to the visiting public... as part of a well preserved landscape of historic places associated with Maori and subsequently European occupation. Home Bay was probably once the most popular visitor destination in the Hauraki Gulf, with picnic parties of up to 10,000 people on occasions."

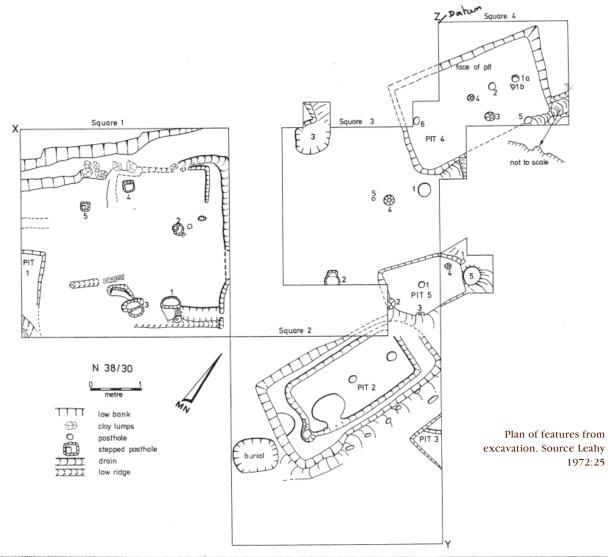
As have the military structures, described as:

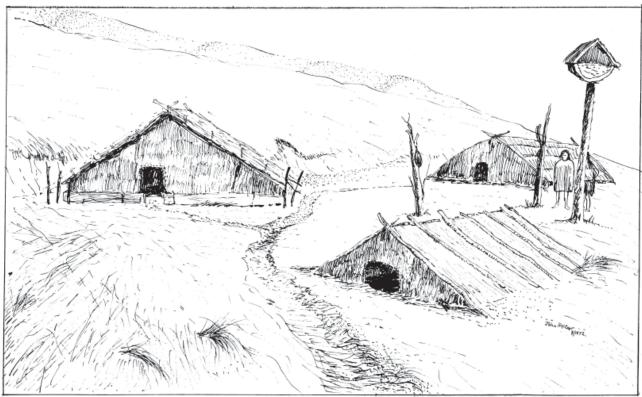
A major complex of structures & ruins which is well documented, accessible to the public, & presents a valuable interpretation/education opportunity. Part of network of coastal defences which included North Head & Stony Batter. More than £500,000 was spent constructing the military facilities, which once accommodated nearly 1000 personnel.²³

The significance of the Sunde site is reflected in its scheduling in the Regional Plan.

Coastal as a cultural beritage site for preservation (Schedule 1/134). The site and its environs are also scheduled as an Area of Significant Conservation Value (Schedule 3/64 and 3/124). There are 10 archaeological sites scheduled in the Auckland City Council Gulf Islands District plan, 24 and trees and graves are also scheduled. Military structures on Motutapu and Rangitoto are listed in the Regional Plan Coastal as 798, and have been proposed for Registration as a Category I Historic Place.



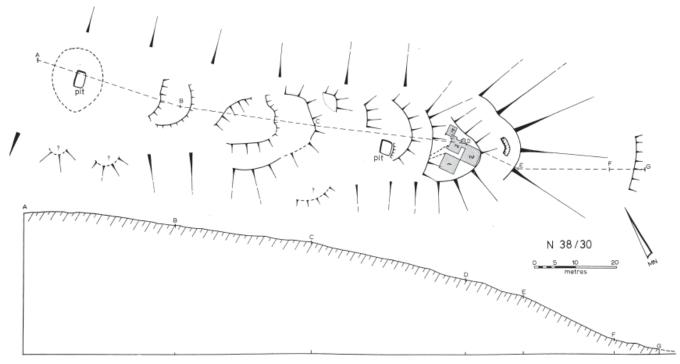




Artist's impression of pit and terrace site R10/31. Source Leahy 1972:25



Excavation of pit and terrace site R10/31. Leahy 1970:64



Site plan of R10/31 showing excavation. Leahy 1972:25

8. NATIONAL CONTEXT

Cultural significance of Maori sites should be determined by iwi, but Motutapu is clearly significant to Ngai Tai who maintain an active involvement with the island and its management. This is recognised in the 2005 Auckland Conservancy CMS which states one of the key objectives for Motutapu as to:

Actively protect and provide for the interests of Ngai Tai, in particular by facilitating their links with the island and its taonga and wahi tapu.

9. SIGNIFICANT THEMES & SITE TYPES

DOC website (www.doc.govt.nz) historic site topics:

Maori

Farming

Defending New Zealand

10. MANAGEMENT HISTORY

- 1840: Northern part of island purchased by William Brown and leased to James Moncur
- 1845: Southern part of island purchased by Williamson and Crummer
- 1857: Robert Graham awarded title to northern part and later acquires Williamson and Crummer title
- 1857: Public Reserve gazetted at Administration Bay
- 1869: Reid brothers purchase the island
- 1870s: Reids fence and clear much of the island of scrub, eventually allowing for 5000 sheep, 3-4000 cattle and 50-60 horses; Reids continue to stock the island with deer and wallabies, emus, buffaloes, and waterfowl also present
- 1890s: John Craig farm manager for Reid brothers
- 1936: Work begins on infrastructure for Motutapu counter bombardment battery
- 1938: Six inch guns mounted on Motutapu for counter bombardment battery
- 1939: NZ enters WWII. Motutapu managed by the Land Development Branch of Lands and Survey Department, Auckland.
- 1943: Reid brothers sell island
- 1943: 4252 sheep stocked on Motutapu²⁶
- 1949: Quarantine Station opened
- 1956: School started at Home Bay
- 1958: Army leaves Administration Bay
- 1959: Farm stocked with 10100 sheep; 1200 cattle on island (approximately 11,500 stock units)²⁷
- 1959: Auckland University excavations at Pig Bay archaic site Goldson
- 1960: Auckland University excavations at the Sunde site Scott and Green
- 1963: University site recording begins Davidson, Leahy and Nicholls record 72 sites
- 1966: Farm stocked with 11726 sheep; 1416 cattle (approximately 13,000 stock units)²⁸
- 1967-8: Auckland Museum excavations at Station Bay Davidson, Leahy and Sullivan²⁹
- 1967: Administration of island transferred to the Superintendent of Land Development, Whangarei

- 1967: Motutapu becomes part of Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park
- 1970: Farm stocked with 12235 sheep; 1194 cattle $(14,000 \text{ stock units})^{30}$
- 1970-1: Second season of excavation at Station Bay
- 1972-3: Systematic re-survey of Motutapu—Davidson records an additional 324 sites
- 1972-3: Excavation of N38/140 Leahy 31
- 1974: New school erected in Islington Bay
- 1975: Farm stocked with 6422 sheep; 2000 cattle (change in cattle/ sheep ratio to combat eczema)³²
- 1977: Davidson and Leahy complete re-survey, and identify an additional 98 potential sites
- 1980: Responsibility for farm operations transferred to Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland
- 1981-2: Stock units at 15795 $(40.60 \text{ ratio of sheep to cattle})^{33}$
- 1982: Power cable laid between Waiheke and Motutapu
- 1987: Ownership transferred to Department of Conservation
- 1987: Law carries out check survey
- 1990: Brush-tail possums eradicated from Motutapu-Rangitoto confirmed 1996³⁴
- 1990: Brush-tail rock wallaby eradicated from Motutapu-Rangitoto confirmed 2000³⁵
- 1992: Draft working plan for Motutapu Island
- 1993: Public workshop for developing a strategy for Motutapu
- 1994: Restoration Plan developed for Motutapu
- 1994-5: Auckland University geophysical investigation and test excavation³⁶
- 1994-5: Auckland University archaeological survey in northern and southern quarters of island³⁷
- 1995-6: Auckland University geophysical investigations and test excavation³⁸
- 1996: Auckland University archaeological survey in central southern part of island³⁹
- 1997: Conservation Plan completed for military structures Pearson
- 1997: Conservation plan completed for Reid Homestead Sharley
- 1997: Identification and arboreal assessment completed for heritage vegetation Arborlab
- 2001: Remedial and Maintenance specifications prepared for military structures Salmond Reed
- 2003: Heritage Assessment completed for Administration Bay camp Pearson
- 2003: Auckland City Council Inner Gulf Islands archaeological survey and significance assessment⁴⁰
- 2007: Heritage Assessment for archaeological landscape completed

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE

The significance of the archaeological landscape on Motutapu has long been recognised, but often the driving focus for management has been on other competing values. A loosely defined farming concession has resulted in management decisions being made in response to the needs of the farm, rather than the farming concession used as tool to manage the island's intrinsic resources. The 1992 working plan provoked serious concern for the cultural and historic landscape, and the resulting restoration plan achieved a much greater balance. Since that time there has been considerable heritage work carried out relating to both built heritage and archaeological sites. The work of the Auckland University in the mid-1990s, and the upgrade and significance assessment funded by the Auckland City Council in 2003 have both sought to provide GIS quality data for site management, but the complexity of the archaeological landscape and problems with consistency of data have meant that management still remains largely reactionary in response to pressures of restoration planting and farm management.

Areas that have no sites or low density of features should be selected for revegetation rather than attempting to exclude large areas from planting, as this creates later problems with weed colonisation, and naturalising vegetation after they are closed off from grazing. Some re-fencing of the island will likely be required to demarcate areas for planting while leaving practical areas for grazing and access. Planting also requires areas to be left to grow to rank pasture to provide a suitable environment for planting. Prompt action will provide the greatest benefit.

Future farming concessions will need to be explicit in terms of their objectives, as well as clearly stipulate responsibilities for both the concessionaire and the Department, and constraints relating to stocking density need to be provided in detail to allow improved management of the archaeological resource and better transparency for the concessionaire. The concession is due for renewal in 2010.

The current classification is Recreation Reserve which is effectively the least restrictive and most enabling available classification. Consideration should be given to reclassify the island as Historic Reserve to reflect its primary values.

While this assessment goes some way towards addressing the need for a formal conservation plan, this should be given serious consideration. The complexity of the archaeological landscape, numerous and diverse management pressures, and reactionary nature of present advice are all good reasons for having a conservation plan in place. The preparation of a formal conservation plan would also provide opportunity for input from Ngai Tai and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. This assessment compiles most of the existing sources of information and site data, but there is still a need for additional field work to ensure its accuracy, and to update information on site condition. Data consistency remains particularly important.

It is noted that interpretation of the island's features is already planned by refitting the Reid homestead as a Visitor Centre; the existing concept plan; and production of a DVD focusing on it's history.

12. WORK VISION SUMMARY

- » Complete the resurvey and assessment of pre-European archaeological sites (CMS 19.5.2).
- » Prepare a detailed conservation plan for the Motutapu archaeological landscape (CMS 27.1.6).
- » Prepare and implement an interpretation plan for historic features on the island.
- » Maintain sites under pasture or shallow rooting vegetation (CMS 19.5.3).
- » Control stock levels to minimise deterioration (CMS 19.5.3).
- » Manage weed growth on sites that are excluded from planting.
- » Minimise impact of fencing on sites (CMS 19.5.7).
- » Consult with Ngai Tai to identify, protect and manage significant sites (CMS 19.4.1-2).
- » Conserve vegetation survivals (CMS 19.5.4).
- » Transfer existing site data into GIS.
- » Proactively identify areas for planting that have minimal impact on archaeological sites.

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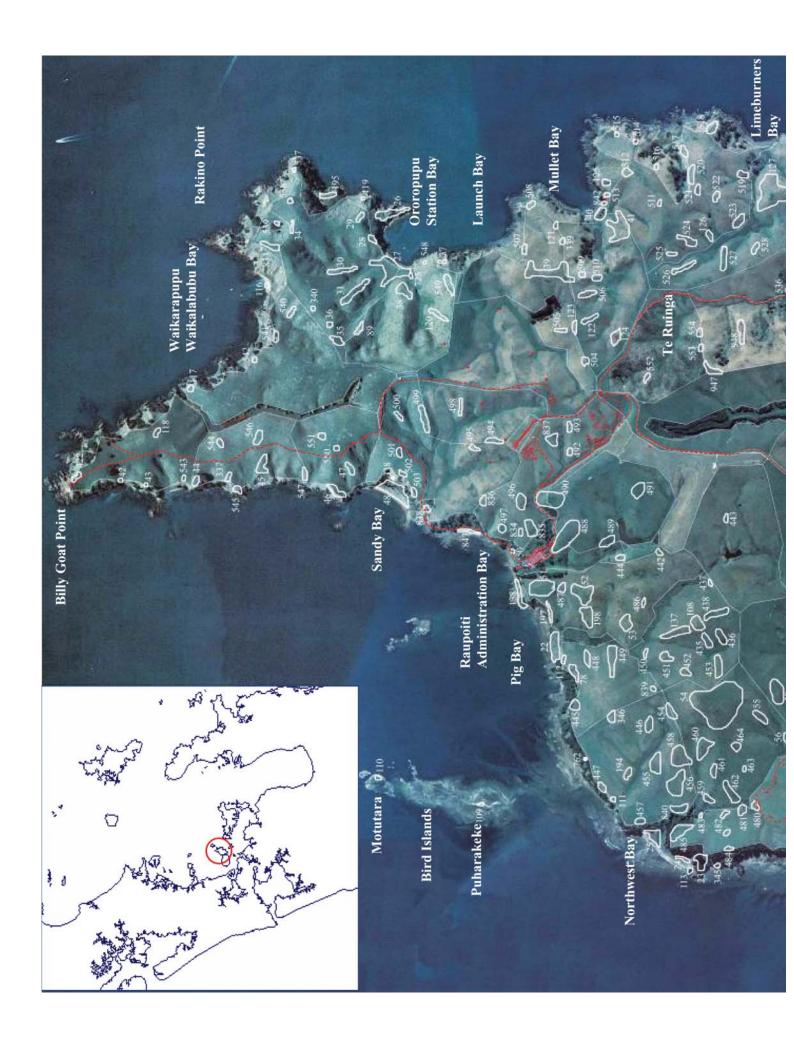
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14. EVALUATION OF SOURCES

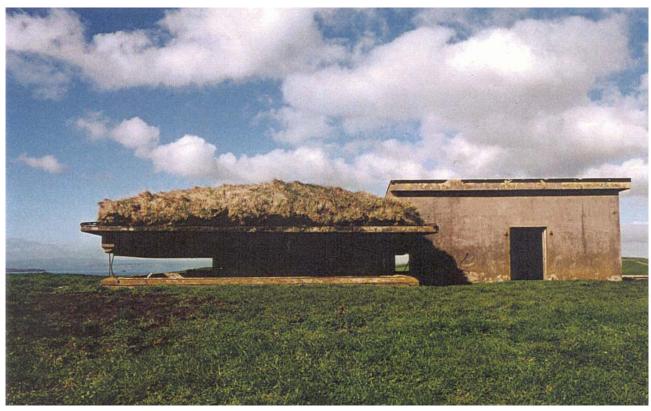
A considerable amount has been written on the history and archaeology of Motutapu. Several Maori traditions cited in this assessment were originally derived from the Auckland and Orakei minute books of the Maori Land Court. Much of this information was made more publicly accessible with the addition of further oral traditions by Graham, and Kelly, with more recent synthesises by Simmons, Murdoch and Monin. Early European accounts contain a considerable amount of information, but few focus specifically on Motutapu, and for the early historical period information is largely derived from survey plans, newspapers and early photographs. Unpublished local histories and extensive bibliographies compiled for Motutapu and Rangitoto are available in Department of Lands and Survey reports.

The 1960-70s archaeological survey and investigation on Motutapu have been well published in the records of the Auckland Institute and Museum and the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) Newsletter. The publications include accounts of excavations, 50 dating, 51 analysis of faunal remains,⁵² lithic assemblages,⁵³ human remains,⁵⁴ and site recording surveys,⁵⁵ as well as prompting initial attempts at erosion control.⁵⁶ They have been summarised on a local scale specific to the island,⁵⁷ and incorporated into both regional⁵⁸ and national context.⁵⁹ The discovery of the Rangitoto ash footprints during a 1980s excavation of the Sunde site⁶⁰ rekindled and furthered discussions on dating,⁶¹ and prompted assessments of significance, 62 and renewed attempts at site management and stablisation. 63 In the 1990s it was the prospect of re-forestation proposed in the 1992 draft working plan that sparked renewed academic interest. Numerous submissions⁶⁴ were received requesting that cultural values be given higher priority. A public workshop was held in 1993,65 and a restoration plan developed in the following year. 66 University of Auckland field survey, geophysical prospecting and excavations were undertaken between 1994-6 to assist in the management of the archaeological landscape, 67 and the island was included in case studies for archaeological site stabilisation and vegetation management. 68 More recently the Auckland City Council's Inner Gulf Island project for the revised district plan, 69 and the NZAA upgrade project 70 have provided the stimulus for updated information. Field assessments undertaken by Departmental archaeologists⁷¹ for routine farm management and restoration planting include a significant amount of information on individual sites and their location, but as these have been of a frequent and ongoing nature individual references have not been included here.

Historic research, and archaeological survey and assessment of the 19th century farming was undertaken,⁷² and followed by identification and proposed arboreal treatment for significant vegetation at Home Bay and Emu Bay.⁷³ The Reid Homestead and associated plantings are subject to a Conservation plan.⁷⁴ The military history of Motutapu is part of a wider system of Auckland's coastal defence and publications have typically dealt with Motutapu in this wider context.⁷⁵ The structures are subject to a Conservation Plan which also includes a detailed history and bibliography,⁷⁶and to remedial specifications and maintenance specifications.⁷⁷







Battery observation post and radar room. D. Pearson, 1997

ENDNOTES

- Not confirmed, DOC Visitor Asset Management System estimate is based on Home Bay campsite and MOEC numbers, with the expectation that many other people will be accessing the island on day trips via Rangitoto or on private boats
- 2. The dating of the Rangitoto eruption has been subject to review since it was originally published. Davidson's review of the dates from the Sunde site in 1974 and Law's in 1975 suggested a late 14th century date on the basis of two charcoal dates NZ1898 and NZ1899. However since that time the problems with in-built age in wood samples have become apparent. Nichol reviewed the dates in 1992, and included evidence from thermoluminescence (AD1400-20) and paleomagnetic (1420) dating. These together with NZ1167 and NZ6954 which suggested AD1400 was the earliest possible date, led him to conclude a date of c.AD1400. This was also supported by McFadgen (1996), and the additional average dates from 6 obsidian hydration samples published in 2000 by Lowe et al. Elliot's pollen dates from swamp deposits on Motutapu putting the eruption pre-Kaharoa at c.1200 BP are inconsistent with the greater body of evidence (Elliot 1995).
- 3. Davidson 1978; 1984:42. Another significant component of the local diet appears to have been fibrous plant food such as bracken root, as evidenced by severe tooth wear in burials dating from the 15th-18th centuries (Davidson 1984:51, 55-6).
- 4. Ngai Tai is the modern version of Ngati Tai.
- Auckland Minute Book 1, Folio 26, Maori Land Court Records as cited in Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:8; Murdoch 191:12
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 Poenamo Williams and Norgate, London p.254
- 8. Pearson 1997:16-21
- 9. Register of Actively Managed Historic Places Auckland Conservancy
- 10. Davidson 1978
- 11. Davidson 1981:111-2
- 12. Davidson 1982:31
- 13. According to the tradition, the Ngati Kui were the first to occupy Te Ika-a-Maui including Motutapu. They were driven beneath the earth by the Tutumaio who were in turn supplanted by the Turehu. The Turehu or Patupaiarehe who occupied Motutapu, Motuihe and the adjacent mainland were known locally as Maewao (Murdoch 1991:5 citing Graham 1927 citing Ngati Kahu elder Wiripo Potene).
- 14. O-moko-nui-o-Kahu 'the great lizard of Kahu' was placed on Rangitoto in Islington Bay and Moko-nui-o-Hei 'the great lizard of Hei' was placed at Home Bay. Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:7
- 15. Murdoch citing Graham 1951:82
- 16. Murdoch citing Kelly 1949:2
- 17. Simmons 1984:56; http://www.teara.govt.nz/EarthSeaAndSky/OceanStudyAndConservation/TangaroaTheSea/3/en
- 18. Graham in New Zealand Herald 19/02/1927
- 19. Ibid
- 20. Ibid
- 21. Murdoch 1991:10
- 22. Prickett 1982
- 23. A more detailed assessment of significance for the military landscape is contained in Pearson 1997:70-2
- Sites in the Auckland City Council District Plan include R10/22, 25, 26, 31, 32, 41, 54, 90, 112,
 Schedule B3 3.16-25
- 25. Schedule B1 1.32-3; B2 2.26
- Figures from Annual review: Motutapu Farm Park's farming operations 1981-2 Department of Lands & Survey file 40/1
- 27. Ibid
- 28. Ibid
- 29. N38/30, 37, 25 (Leahy 1970:61-82; 1972:15-26; Sullivan 1972:27-60; Davidson 1972:1-14)
- 30. Ibid

- 31. Leahy 1986:160-66
- Figures from Annual review: Motutapu Farm Park's farming operations 1981-2 Department of Lands & Surveyfile 40/1
- 33. Ibid
- 34. Invasive species specialist group database held at Auckland University
- 35. Invasive species specialist group database held at Auckland University
- 36. R10/410 (Irwin et al 1997:266-77)
- 37. Irwin, Ladefoged and Wallace 1996:254-8
- 38. R10/22; 39; 47; 496; 497; R11/1277 (Irwin et al 1997:226-77)
- 39. Irwin, Ladefoged and Wallace 1996:254-8
- 40. Carried out by Clough and Associates data available from Auckland City Council GIS
- 41. Numbers pertaining to Motutapu are (R10/): 22-48; 50-59; 78-79; 89-90; 99; 108; 111-27; 137-38;194-98; 213-14; 231; 337-49; 396; 400-12; 416-19; 422; 435-78; 480-574; 703; 722-25; 738; 761-62; 774; 833-43; 914-15; 934; 947-48; 1028 and (R11/): 115; 144-47; 161-64; 202; 218-19; 670-73; 961; 1203-80; 1396; 1479-92; 1663; 1743-48;
- 42. B2590, 2593, 2595, 2607 (1903); DU436.1185 (1904); C6430 (1920)
- 43. Graham 1920; 1921; 1922; 1951
- 44. Kelly 1949
- 45. Simmons 1984
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- 47. Monin 1996
- 48. eg. Campbell 1881:254; Terry 1840
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- 74. Sharley 1997
- 75. Cooke 2000; Corbett 2003
- 76. Dave Pearson Architects 1997
- 77. Salmond Reed Architects 2001

17. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

C. 14TH CI	ENTURY	Probable date of initial Maori settlement, occupation of Sunde site Sandy Bay and Pig Bay	Davidson 1978
C.1400		Eruption of Rangitoto	
C. 16TH CENTURY		Likely date of pa construction	
1820	June	Samuel Marsden visits Motutapu on the <i>Coromandel</i> , and sloop is dragged through the channel between Motutapu and Rangitoto with the assistance of local Maori as there is not sufficient water to get through	Cottrell 1984:18 citing Marsden's third journal 1820:1; Elder 1932:311
1821		Arrival of Ngapuhi armed with muskets	
1825		Local fishing party attacked by Ngapuhi at Motutapu	Fenton 1879:71; NLC Auckland MB1 1866:18
1826		Motutapu inhabitants flee to Maungatautari to seek refuge with Tainui relatives	Murdoch 1991:12
1827		Dumont D'Urville reports seeing no inhabitants between Whangarei and the Tamaki River	Wright 1950:151-156 as cited by Coster and Spring- Rice 1984:8
1828	July	Ngati Paoa and Ngati Tipa defeat Ngapuhi war party on Motutapu	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:8 citing Rogers 1961:68,137,339 citing H Williams
1832		Trader John Cowell visits Motutapu and reports it to be deserted	Orakei Minute Book 1, Folios 66,67,69, Maori Land Court Records as cited by Coster and Spring- Rice 1984:8
1832		George Weller attempts to purchase Rangitoto and Motutapu	Terry 1840 as cited by Cottrell 1984:8
1833	27 Nov	Henry Williams camps on Motutapu	Brassey MS
1836		Waikato chief Te Wherowhero leads Manukau, Tamaki and Kaipara people back to their lands. Ngati Tai return to Motutapu.	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:9; Murdoch 1991:12 citing Native Land Court Auckland Minute Book 1 1866:16
1840	11 Jan	Sale of 2560 acres comprising the northern part of Motutapu sold to Thomas Maxwell by Tara-te-Irirangi, Te Haua, and Te Waru of Ngati Tai	Turton 1877:222; 1882;319, 561;
1840	04 Mar	Treaty of Waitangi signed at Karaka Bay, Tamaki River Mouth	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1841	21 Jul	Maxwell's Motutapu claim advertised for hearing	Murdoch 1991:12
1842	Jan	Maxwell presumed lost on route to Port Nicholas	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1843	22 Mar	Maxwell's Motutapu claim re-advertised for hearing	Angas 1847:293; Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1

1843	01 July	Maxwell's claim investigated and disallowed for failure to appear	Notes on Land Claim 332 as cited by Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:10; Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1844	28 June	Governor Fitzroy demands a court hearing in favour of Maxwell's children	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1844	29 July	Hearing takes place, Te Irirangi claims he never received payment	Southern Cross 10/08/1857
1844	21 Aug	Commissioner Fitzgerald authorises a grant to Maxwell's children upon payment of £20 to Te Irirangi, but grant was never issued	Turton 1883:155; Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1845	22 Apr	Williamson and Crummer apply for a waiver of the crown's right of pre-emption for the northern part of Motutapu comprising 1448 acres	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1845	23 Apr	Deed of sale to Williamson and Crummer for "unsold" portion of island (north of line between Pehimatawha Te Ruinga and Raupoiti)	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1846	21 Nov	Williamson and Crummer begin to stock island	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1846	15 Dec	Governor informs Williamson and Crunmer that an injustice has been done to Maxwell orphans and that their earlier claim would be approved	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1848	14 Jul	Commissioner Matson reports Maxwell's original claim upheld	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1849	23 June	Williamson and Crummer refuse a government grant of 86 acres	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1853	21 Nov	Williamson and Crummer application for permission to buy the 2700 acres in their claim, but is disallowed	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:2
1854	17 July	Maxwell children's claim upheld, and Williamson and Crummer's disallowed (except 86 acres).	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:2
1856	1 Mar	Ngatai give evidence that Maxwell had not paid in full, and sale had not been for whole island, and supported boundary from Pehimatawha to Raupoiti	Southern Cross 11/08/1857:1
1857	6 Nov	Survey plan shows a Homestead at Home Bay, a cottage above Islington Bay, and stables and a hut at Emu Bay (Homestead presumed built by Williamson and Crummer)	OLC Plan 164; AIM C6288; APL A1643
1857	20 Nov	Commissioner Bell orders that 2200 acres to be awarded to Williamson and Crummer, and 1448 to Robert Graham, with a 80 acre public reserve set aside in the Administration Bay area	AJHR 1863 D14 p.25; Southern Cross 11/08/1857:3; NZ Gazette 1871:220

	Graham acquires Williamson and Crummer's 2200 acres, while owner Graham establishes considerable areas in pasture, and imports pedigree sheep and cattle, and introduces game including deer, rabbits, quail and pheasants	Cottrell 1984:14 citing Wilson 1930:52; Cruickshank 1940:48
	Graham purchases Motuihe	http://www.teara. govt.nz/1966/G/ GrahamRobert/ GrahamRobert/en
Oct	Graham Auckland Representative in the General Assembly	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:11 citing Platts 1971:223-5 and Carter 1866 Vol II:154
27 Oct	40 gentlemen and 15 ladies from the General Assembly attend a lunch on Motutapu at the invitation of Graham arriving via the steamer <i>Emu</i> . At the end of the day after picking up some of the party from Kai Moriria Bay the vessel strikes a submerged rock and sinks. Kai Moriria renamed Emu Bay, and the previously uncharted rock becomes Emu rock	Platts 1971223-5
	Graham Superintendent of the Auckland Province (1862-1865)	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:11 citing Platts 1971:64
Sept	Graham sells Motutapu to brothers William, John and James Reid. John lives at Home Bay and James at Emu Bay	Deeds index 7A/365; Brassey MS
	Reids acquire northern part of island from Maxwell's descendants	Brassey MS
Late	Second homestead in Home Bay	Brassey MS
	William Reid dies	Cottrell 1984:15
	John Reid dies	Cottrell 1984:15
	James Reid marries Eliza Craig, daughter of John Craig the farm manager.	Cottrell 1984:15
	Present Reid homestead built	
	First homestead replaced by another dwelling; second homestead also removed	Auckland Weekly News 18/02/1902:3; 07/01/1904:7
22 Jan	James Reid dies aged 71 and is buried at Home Bay	Weekly News 30/01/1908; headstone epitaph
Feb	Third Infantry regiment has Territorial camp on Motutapu	Cottrell 1984:16
20 Feb	Reids sign agreement with the Crown to use island for defence purposes and to build a fort, roads, a quarry, yard and wharf	CT 708/165, 166 20/02/1935; SO28037 (05/1935)
	Reserve at Administration Bay reclassified for defence purposes	NZ Gazette 01/10/1936
	Guns mounted at battery site	Coster and Sring-Rice citing Major George Salt pers. com
	27 Oct Sept Late 22 Jan Feb	2200 acres, while owner Graham establishes considerable areas in pasture, and imports pedigree sheep and cattle, and introduces game including deer, rabbits, quail and pheasants Graham purchases Motuihe Graham Auckland Representative in the General Assembly 40 gentlemen and 15 ladies from the General Assembly attend a lunch on Motutapu at the invitation of Graham arriving via the steamer Emu. At the end of the day after picking up some of the party from Kai Moriria Bay the vessel strikes a submerged rock and sinks. Kai Moriria renamed Emu Bay, and the previously uncharted rock becomes Emu rock Graham Superintendent of the Auckland Province (1862-1865) Sept Graham sells Motutapu to brothers William, John and James Reid. John lives at Home Bay and James at Emu Bay Reids acquire northern part of island from Maxwell's descendants Late Second homestead in Home Bay William Reid dies John Reid dies John Reid dies John Reid dies Present Reid homestead built First homestead replaced by another dwelling; second homestead also removed 22 Jan James Reid dies aged 71 and is buried at Home Bay Third Infantry regiment has Territorial camp on Motutapu Reids sign agreement with the Crown to use island for defence purposes and to build a fort, roads, a quarry, yard and wharf Reserve at Administration Bay reclassified for defence purposes

1939	03 Sept	NZ enters WWII	
1942		Construction of US Navy magazines begins	Coster and Spring Rice 1984:13
1942	01 Nov	Eliza Reid (nee Craig) dies aged 62 and is buried at Home Bay	Headstone epitaph; Coster and Spring Rice 1984:12
1943	Sept	Additional 3212 acres of land acquired under proclamation for Defence purposes. Purchase is for £50000 and excludes homestead block	Proclamation and CT 708/165
1943		Island farmed by the Land Settlement Board on an agency basis for the Defence Department. Farm managers: R. C. Bull (1944-8); N. Brunker (1957); L.G. Bedford (1957-9); S. Voyce (1959); N. Burrell (1959-63); M.R. Bennett (1963-65); M.W. Robertson (1965-69); A.J. McLean (1970-6); I.H. Wilson (1976-80); R. McCabe (1980)	Annual Review: Motutapu Farms 1981-2.L& S file 40/1
1944		Homestead block acquired by Crown for defence purposes for £10200; excludes half acre private cemetery at Home Bay.	Cottrell 1984:17 citing National Archives D4 123 Vol.2
1949		Quarantine station opened, former Andrew Craig cottage used for accommodation	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:14
1958		Prefabricated classroom transported to Home Bay	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:14
1958		Army vacate Administration Bay	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:14
1967		Motutapu becomes part of Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park.	
1974		Relocateable school room erected at Islington Bay	Coster and Spring-Rice 1984:14
1976		Emu Bay cottage demolished by Lands and Survey	Brassey MS
1980	01 Jul	Farming operations transferred to management of Commissioner for Crown Lands, Auckland	Annual Review: Motutapu Farms 1981-2.L&S file 40/1
1987		Administration of Motutapu transferred to Department of Conservation	
1992		Motutapu Restoration Trust begins island restoration and revegetation programme	