

# The Desert Kaupoi

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1. Whose voice is telling the story?
2. What is the relationship between the writer Piuraki and Tony?
3. Why did Tony join the army?
4. Make a list of the 'allies' and another for the 'axis'.
5. Where did the Maori Battalion fight?
6. How did the Second World War begin?
7. Explain why fighting in the desert was difficult.
8. Why do you think that Tony felt he did not fit in with C Company at first?
9. What was so important about the Suez Canal?
10. Many men in the Maori Battalion died. What can you infer from this?
11. What did Tony do to achieve the Military Cross?
12. Tony was described as showing high quality leadership. What leadership qualities are important? What made Tony such a good leader?

