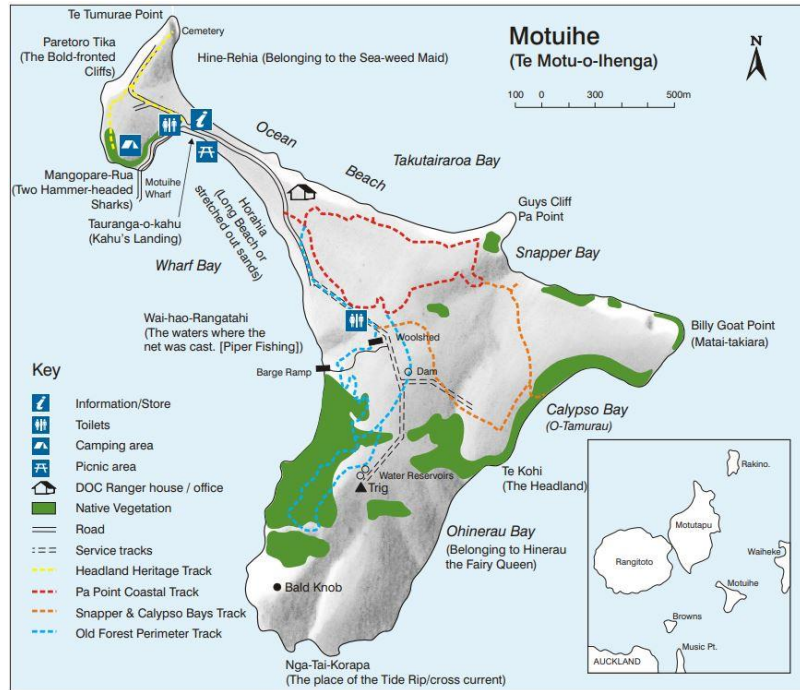


Chapter 2

You don't believe in Ghosts? They do exist and the following photos prove it. I don't know too much about this event as I had left TAMAKI when it occurred. In 1948 one of the boys who had recently joined BELLONA was showing others the photos below:



The background behind the photos was that one of the Maori boys brought back a skull from his long leave. Either one of his relatives or one of ours! They put the shortest boy in a greatcoat, buttoned up the collar around his head and face and placed the skull on the top of his head, and a cap on top.



Near the graves at Cemetery Point there was an Army hut which housed some Ship's Company Stokers who looked after the boilers providing the hot water to the establishment. Probably some were ex RN as they were much older than the trainees. I believe the Ghost appeared at their door one night which gave them a hell of a fright.

If there are any 12th, 13th or 14th Boys reading his perhaps they can add more on the activities of the Ghost. I wonder what eventually happened to the skull, possibly got rolled down the 'gash shute'.

Additional details on Motuhihi Island Cemetery, Auckland can be found [HERE](#). The information is provided at the courtesy of Phil Lascelles.