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Rebecca

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Dear Rebecca

I refer to your email of 21 April 2017 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), why some of the soldiers collecting on Poppy Day in Taihape wore their uniform jackets with medal ribbons only, and some wore not only the ribbons but the medals themselves.

In brief, some of the soldiers were wearing full-dress uniform (those wearing their medals) and the others were dressed slightly less formally.

On occasions like Poppy Day, some variation is usual.

Other events are always formal. When on parade on Anzac Day, for example, it is customary for all members of the Defence Force to wear full-dress uniform.

Yours sincerely



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