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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 20 July 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information concerning a landing incident involving the United States Marine Corps off the coast of Opoutama beach during World War II.

A search for relevant information held by the New Zealand Defence Force has not produced anything of relevance. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(g) of the OIA. You may wish to contact United States authorities.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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