W HEREAS by Warrant dated the 17th day of March, 1926, and published in *Gazette* No. 15 of the 18th day of the same month, Fritz Langbein, Esquire, of Christ-church, then Resident Engineer of the Public Works Depart-ment, was appointed a Commissioner of the Ashley River Trust in terms of section 3 of the Ashley River Improvement Act, 1925. Act, 1925 :

And whereas it is considered expedient to appoint another Commissioner in lieu of the said Fritz Langbein : Now, therefore, I, Robert Semple, the Minister of Public Works, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 3 of the Ashley River Improvement Act 1925 and of every other powers and authority is accurate Act, 1925, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby appoint

Thomas George Gordon Beck, Esquire,

of Christchurch, Engineer of the Public Works Department, to be a Commissioner of the Ashley River Trust.

As witness my hand at Wellington, this 14th day of May, 1940.

R. SEMPLE, Minister of Public Works.

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Appointments, Promotion, and Relinquishment of Officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Air Department, Wellington, 5th May, 1940.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following to approve of the following appointments, promotion, and relinquishment of officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force :-

EQUIPMENT BRANCH.-SECTION II.

Appointments.

George Arthur Tillson is granted a temporary commission in the Equipment Branch, Section II, in the rank of Thying Officer, with seniority from 22nd April, 1938. Dated 22nd April, 1940.

The undermentioned are appointed to temporary commis-sions in the Equipment Branch, Section II, as Commissioned Engineer Officers, in the rank of Flying Officer :—

Warrant Officer Frederick William Thornton. Warrant Officer Robert William Fielder.

Dated 1st May, 1940.

Promotion.

Flying Officer William Temple is granted the temporary rank of Flight Lieutenant. Dated 23rd April, 1940.

Relinquishment.

Flying Officer Robert John Johnson relinquishes his commission. Dated 16th April, 1940.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Appointment of an Officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Air Department, Wellington, 9th May, 1940.

H IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased officer to the Royal New Zealand Air Force :--

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH.

Appointment.

Air Marshal Sir Robert Hamilton Clark-Hall, K.B.E., r Marshal Sir Robert Hamilton Clark-Hall, N.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.a., R.A.F. (Retired List), relinquishes at his own request the rank of Air Marshal while re-employed with the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and is granted the temporary rank of Wing Commander. Dated 15th May, 1940.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Promotion in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (New Zealand).

Navy Office,

Wellington, 15th May, 1940.

H IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the promotion of Lieutenant Gordon Bridson, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (New Zealand), to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (New Zealand), to date 30th April, 1940.

F, JONES, Minister of Defence.

Appointments in the Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand).

Navy Office, Wellington, 7th May, 1940.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the following honorary appointments in the Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand) :---

- Mr. Peter Stanley Peterson, appointed Honorary Com-mander, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939.
- Mr. James Plowman, appointed Honorary Commander, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd
- Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939. Mr. George Graham Robertson, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd October, 1939.
- Mr. Samuel Hewitt, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 5th October, 1939.
- Mr. David Martin Todd, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd Septem-ber, 1939.
- r. Charles Christopher Bullock, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939. Mr.
- Mr. Ralph Emerson Suckling, appointed Honorary Lieuten-ant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd
- ant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date znu September, 1939. Mr. Arthur Edmund Chrisp, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939. Mr. Alexander Royle Champion, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939.
- date 2nd September, 1939.
- Mr. Ernest Sutherland, appointed Honorary Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve (New Zealand), to date 2nd September, 1939.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, and Resignations of Officers of the New Zealand Military Forces.

Army Department Wellington, 11th May, 1940.

IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following appointments, promotions, transfers, and resignations of officers of the New Zealand Military Forces :--Н

STAFF.

Lieutenant D. C. Powrie, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Instructor, Central Military District School of Instruction, Trentham, and is appointed Assistant Area Officer, No. 8 Area, and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, The Taranaki Regiment, New Plymouth. Dated 1st May, 1940.

N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF.

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 Captain (acting Major) A. S. Muir, O.B.E., to be Major. Dated 22nd April, 1940.
 Lieutenant (temporary Captain and Quartermaster) C. C. Marsack, The Hawke's Bay Regiment, to be Captain while employed as Assistant Ship's Quartermaster. Dated 22nd April, 1940.
 Lieutenant H. a'C. G. Fitzgerald relinquishes the appoint-ment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Training Depot, Levin. Dated 22nd April, 1940.
 Lieutenant H. G. Simpson relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea. Dated 22nd April, 1940.
 Lieutenant G. H. Gilbert, B.D.S., relinquishes the appoint-ment of Dental Officer, Burnham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Blenheim. Dated 15th April, 1940.

- Lieutenant T. J. Dallas relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Trentham Military Camp, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Training Depot, Levin. Dated 22nd April, 1940.

The undermentioned to be Lieutenants, N.Z. Dental Corps, and are posted to the Army School of Instruction, Trentham. Dated 4th April, 1940:—

John Stewart Heath Kinnear, B.D.S. (N.Z.). Kenneth Tripling Moss, B.D.S. (N.Z.). Joseph Kenneth Hay, B.D.S. (N.Z.). Colin Sutherland Brook. Cecil Joseph McCaughan. William Rutherford Hamilton, B.D.S. (N.Z.). Almond Edward Hope. Andrew Dew Aitken, B.D.S. (N.Z.).