

Donald James Thomas

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at Opunake, on and from the 3rd day of December, 1943.

John Hayman Lynch

to be Registrar of Births and Deaths for the District of Kahukura at Ruatoria, on and from the 13th day of December, 1943.

John William Corboy

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at New Plymouth, on and from the 20th day of December, 1943.

Matthew Brady

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at Dargaville, on and from the 24th day of December, 1943.

Clarence Michael Sewell

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at Little River, on and from the 29th day of December, 1943.

James Hayes Finlay

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at Hamilton, on and from the 4th day of January, 1944.

Wallace Eric Brough

to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris at New Plymouth, on and from the 8th day of January, 1944.

G. T. BOLT, Secretary

Electrical Wiremen's Registration Act, 1925.—Names removed from Registers during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1943

REGISTER OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING

Copland, William Edward	..	Late Inspector for the Bay of Islands Electric-power Board. Address last notified: Box 115, Kaitiaki.
Ditchfield, Frederick	..	Late Inspector for the Hutt Valley Electric-power Board (deceased).
Henderson, Charles Alexander	..	Late Inspector for the Waimea Electric-power Board. Address last notified: Greenwood Street, Motueka.
Mathews, Arthur Gordon	..	Late Inspector for the Invercargill Borough Council. Address last notified: Care of Marlborough Electric-power Board, Blenheim.
Maynard, Frederick John	..	Late Inspector for the Waitaki Electric-power Board. Address last notified: 65 Humber Street, Oamaru (deceased).

REGISTER OF ELECTRICAL WIREMEN

Ditchfield, Frederick	..	(Deceased.)
Grace, Ian Walter	..	(Deceased.)
Noble, Thomas Houghway	..	(Deceased.)
Smith, George Oswald	..	(Deceased.)

Dated at Wellington, this 14th day of January, 1944.

R. SEMPLE, Minister of Works.

Transmitting and Receiving Officers for the Service of Notices by Telegraph

General Post Office,
Wellington, 4th January, 1944.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Post and Telegraph Act, 1928 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), and by the regulations made on the 12th May, 1914, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 21st May, 1914, the following officers, at the addresses set against their names, are hereby appointed transmitting and receiving officers for the purpose of dealing with all notices by telegraph sent under the said Act or regulations, and of signing such certificates in relation to the service of any such notices as are required or authorized to be signed or given under the said Act or the regulations aforesaid:—

Charles Creelman, Senior Supervisor, Telegraph Branch, New Plymouth.
William John Cummins, Postmaster, Paeroa.
Francis Stanley Schaab, Chief Postmaster, Timaru.

P. C. WEBB, Minister of Telegraphs.

Hauraki Plains Drainage District.—Penalty on Overdue Rates

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 18th January, 1944.

IN pursuance of section 76 of the Rating Act, 1925, and the Hauraki Plains Act, 1926, the ratepayers within the district constituted by the last-mentioned Act are hereby notified that 10 per cent. additional will be added to all rates for the year ending 31st March, 1944, unpaid on 14th February, 1944.

Rates may be paid at any money-order office, or to the Collector of Rates, Lands and Survey Department, P.O. Box 2205, Auckland C. 1.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.

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The Lemon Marketing Regulations 1940.—Notice fixing Prices of certain Grades

Office of the Minister of Marketing,
Wellington, 11th January, 1944.

PURSUANT to Regulation 5:1 of the Lemon Marketing Regulations 1940, I hereby fix the following prices per loose bushel to be paid by the Marketing Department for lemons delivered to the Department during the undermentioned period.

The prices of Preferred Commercial Grade and Commercial Grade are fixed on a basic rate of 4s. 8d. loose bushel.

Period of delivery (both days inclusive): 1st January to 31st January, 1944:—

Loose packed fresh lemons, Preferred Commercial Grade	s. d.
..	9 6
Loose packed fresh lemons, Commercial Grade	.. 8 0
Loose packed fresh lemons, First-grade Peel	.. 4 9
Loose packed fresh lemons, Second-grade Peel	.. 3 2
Loose packed fresh lemons, Juice Grade	.. 1 7

B. ROBERTS, Minister of Marketing.

Immediate Operational Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 7th January, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following Immediate Operational Awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished service during operations in the South Pacific Area:—

2ND NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

The Distinguished Service Order

Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Frederick Seaward, M.C. (No. 69402), 35th Battalion.

This officer commanded the 35th Battalion. In the initial stages of the operation he showed great resourcefulness in getting his Battalion within striking distance of the enemy. At first contact at Timbala on 28th September, 1943, he went through to the forward platoons and regardless of his own safety personally directed the action at a most critical period. It was due mainly to his splendid example and good leadership that the enemy was pinned down in the final position. He has commanded the 35th Battalion since January, 1942. The high state of efficiency displayed by all ranks in their first engagement was a direct result of the unflagging energy and personality which Lieutenant-Colonel Seaward displayed during his period of command.

The Military Cross

Lieutenant Sidney Joseph Bartos (No. 17904), 37th Battalion.

This officer was mainly responsible for the capture of a large enemy barge and the annihilation of its crew of fourteen at Tambama Bay during the initial stages of the 37th Battalion's operations. While one portion of the party boarded the barge he with the remainder of his party stayed ashore and surrounded the enemy. Part of the enemy then attempted to return to the barge by a small boat, but were met by the fire of those on board and were killed. Lieutenant Bartos then called on the remainder to surrender, but was met by heavy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety he led his party straight at the enemy and annihilated them. The leadership of Lieutenant Bartos on all occasions while in contact with the enemy was outstanding and deserves the highest commendation.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal

No. 68108 Sergeant Thomas James Walsh, 35th Battalion.

This N.C.O. performed outstanding work as a patrol leader right through the operations carried out by the 35th Battalion in the northern portion of Vella Lavella during the period 28th September to 2nd October, 1943. Repeatedly, and at great personal risk, he pushed forward and gained information of the utmost value. His uncanny bush sense, combined with his absolute disregard for his own safety, enabled him to pin point enemy machine-gun positions on at least three occasions. The result was that the artillery were able to concentrate on these positions, and thereby enable the infantry to get forward without heavy casualties. This N.C.O. set a standard of leadership of the highest order.

No. 50691 Corporal Lewis Nesley Dunlea, 37th Battalion.

In operations in the vicinity of Warambari Bay in Vella Lavella this N.C.O. was a member of several patrols which were operating against concealed enemy positions. Throughout all these operations he displayed courage and resource of an exceptional character. On 6th October, 1943, the officer commanding one of the patrols was seen to fall some distance away and in close proximity to the enemy positions. Corporal Dunlea with others then volunteered to go forward and bring him to safety. In spite of heavy fire from the enemy the attempt was successful, and the officer, who was