

Name.	District.
Bussell, Thomas L.	.. .. Temuka.
Hewson, Mrs. Isabella	.. .. Temuka.
Betten, Mrs. Mary	.. .. Waimate.
Fraser, John A.	.. .. Fairlie.
Smyth, Miss Jeanie C.	.. .. Oamaru.
Waighth, John H. (jun.)	.. .. Roxburgh.
Roy, William	.. .. Balclutha.
Bringans, William	.. .. Alexandra.
Robson, William	.. .. Middlemarch.
Paul, Sister Mary	.. .. Dunedin.
Anderson, Dr. William A.	.. .. Queenstown.
Rice, Stanley	.. .. Wyndham.
Willey, Donald	.. .. Winton.
Willey, Mrs. Elizabeth	.. .. Winton.
Excell, Walter	.. .. Ohai-Nightcaps.
Stacombe, Mrs. Mary	.. .. Tuatapere.
Saunders, Mrs. Mabel	.. .. Otautau.
McIvor, Alexander	.. .. Riverton.
Spillett, Adjutant Gordon	.. .. Invercargill.
Graham, Reverend Hugh	.. .. Invercargill.
Brown, Mrs. Margaret A. S.	.. .. Invercargill.
McQuillan, Henry	.. .. Gore.
Wotherspoon, Allan	.. .. Owenga, Chatham Islands.
Roke, C.	.. .. Chatham Islands.

H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Education.

Appointment of Honorary Child Welfare Officers under the Child Welfare Act, 1925

Education Department,
Wellington, 28th February, 1944.

IN pursuance of section 2 of the Child Welfare Act, 1925, I, Henry Greathead Rex Mason, Minister of Education, do hereby appoint the following persons as Honorary Child Welfare Officers for the purposes of the said Act for the year ending the 31st December, 1944:—

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Cox, Hugh Kaikohe.
Prebble, Reverend Albert Ernest Whangarei.
Smith, William George Searby Te Awamutu.
Blackmore, Mrs. Alice	.. .. Waihi.
Moki, Reverend Percy	.. .. Ngaruawahia.
Haworth, Oswald John	.. .. Taumarunui.
Minogue, Daniel	.. .. Tokomaru Bay.
Cormack, George William	.. .. Te Ararua.
Telfer, Austin Siever	.. .. Nuhaka.
Borrie, Ronald Hoston	.. .. Hastings.
Hurinui, James	.. .. Levin.
Titchener, Reverend Neville Cecil Knox	.. .. Havelock.

H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Education.

Appointment of Officers for the Purposes of the Fisheries Act, 1908

Marine Department,
Wellington, 10th March, 1944.

BY direction of the Hon. Minister of Marine, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor-General has, in pursuance of the provisions of the Fisheries Act, 1908, and of the Official Appointments and Documents Act, 1919, appointed—

(1) Kearin John Hogan, of Awatuna,

to be an officer for the purposes of Part II of the first-mentioned Act in respect of the Westland Acclimatization District; and

(2) Richard Patterson, of Coromandel,

to be an Inspector of Sea-fishing for the purposes of Part I of the first-mentioned Act.

L. B. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 25th February, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished services:—

To be a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—

Acting Air Commodore Sidney WALLINGFORD (NZ 1006), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Lower Hutt.

To be an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—

Wing Commander Eric Maple LEWIS (NZ 1022), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

To be a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—

Flight Lieutenant Ronald Lindsay MEYNELL (NZ 24105), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Wellington.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 25th February, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations:—

Bar to Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Squadron Leader Michael James HERRICK, D.F.C. (33566), Royal Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Squadron Leader John Anderson OLDFIELD (NZ 1316), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 18 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader John Henry ARKWRIGHT (NZ 1067), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Robert Hamish BALFOUR (NZ 40958), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 18 Squadron.

Flying Officer Leonard Adolphus RAYNER (NZ 411937), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 18 Squadron.

Flying Officer Aitken Maxwell DAVIS (NZ 414719), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Distinguished Flying Medal

Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Trevor Edward GANLEY (NZ 414501), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 25th February, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of distinguished service and devotion to duty:—

Squadron Leader Henry Campbell WALKER, A.F.C. (NZ 1138), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Jack Sandford NELSON (NZ 1303), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Acting Squadron Leader Percival Guy Haig NEWTON (NZ 1069), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 17 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant William George Clifford ALLISON (NZ 1222), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Rodolph WIGLEY (NZ 1312), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Sholto Russell DUNCAN (NZ 1307), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Alister Whyte BUCHANAN (NZ 1304), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 17 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice Richard CLARKE (NZ 391824), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 14 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Maxwell William McCORMICK (NZ 402198), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 3 Squadron.

Acting Flight Lieutenant James Ralph COURT (NZ 401754), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 15 Squadron.

Flying Officer Stanley Logan DUNCAN (NZ 415297), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Pilot Officer Frederic William SMITH (NZ 1865), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

NZ 415391 Warrant Officer Jack Clarence Voss, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

NZ 404448 Flight Sergeant Colin Alexander McDONALD, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

NZ 411703 Flight Sergeant Maurice Ernest WILLIS, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Immediate Operational Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 24th February, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following immediate operational awards in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy in the Solomon Islands:—

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flight Lieutenant Mortimer Tuke VANDERPUMP (NZ 40994), Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

On 17th December, 1943, Flight Lieutenant Vanderpump took part in a fighter sweep over Rabaul, an operation which involved flying a single-engined fighter aircraft over two hundred and forty miles of open sea, and on arrival engaging superior numbers of the enemy over hostile territory. Disregarding the odds, he led his subsection in an attack on a force of eight Zeros over their own airfield at a height of a few hundred feet. In this attack he destroyed a Zero. He then observed the other member of his subsection to be under close attack by one of a number of Zeros. Flight Lieutenant Vanderpump out-maneuvred and shot down the attacking Zero. He then found himself the target of eight enemy aircraft and was forced down to ground level. He fought them off while he looked for his fellow pilot, who is believed to have been shot down during this episode. Failing to see him, and having exhausted his ammunition, he broke for home, but found the enemy formation between him and his base. Under attack the whole time his aircraft was hit three times and considerably damaged. He was only able to escape from his