

unfavourable situation by a feat of skilful and audacious airmanship which involved flying over broken country at tree-top height, and over the heavily defended base at Rabaul at roof-top level. He was under continuous attack until he was well out to sea on his return, but eventually succeeded in bringing his damaged aircraft safely back over the great distance to his base. Flight Lieutenant Vanderpump's efforts to save his comrade on this occasion showed extreme determination and utter disregard for his own safety, as well as exceptional flying ability.

During his three tours of operational duty, involving 275 operational flying hours, and ninety-two missions against the enemy, Flight Lieutenant Vanderpump's devotion to duty has been of the highest order. As a Flight Commander his fearless determination to attack the enemy regardless of the odds, his unfailing cheerfulness, and his ability as a fighter pilot have been an outstanding example to his fellow pilots.

Distinguished Flying Medal

NZ 421151 Flight Sergeant Patrick Andrew TILYARD, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

Flight Sergeant Tilyard took part in a fighter sweep over Rabaul on 24th December, 1943, an operation which involved flying a single-engined fighter aircraft over two hundred and forty miles of open sea and engaging the enemy over hostile territory. During the action which followed, although under attack by eleven Zeros, he went to the assistance of a fellow pilot who was being sorely pressed. His own aircraft was hit and suffered severe damage, including the loss of a wing-tip, and his instruments were rendered unserviceable. Nevertheless he succeeded in driving the enemy off, and was later under constant enemy attack. It was only through his stern determination and resourcefulness that he succeeded in bringing his badly damaged aircraft back to base and making a safe landing. In this engagement he destroyed one enemy aircraft, and is credited with another probably destroyed and a third damaged.

Flight Sergeant Tilyard has completed 208 operational flying hours in the South Pacific Area, and has taken part in sixty missions against the enemy. At all times he has displayed a spirit of aggression and determination to engage the enemy whenever met, and has proved himself to be an able Section Leader.

NZ 42417 Flight Sergeant Ernest Charles LAURIE, Royal New Zealand Air Force, No. 16 Squadron.

On 17th December, 1943, Flight Sergeant Laurie 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. His section attacked a greatly superior force of Zeros over their own airfield at a height of a few hundred feet. During this action he destroyed one Zero for certain. Later in the engagement he observed the leader of his formation to be in difficulties and under attack by nine enemy aircraft. Although his own aircraft had been hit by a cannon shell and damaged, he stood by his leader until he was attacked himself and forced to take evasive action. After throwing off the attack he returned alone to assist his leader in spite of the presence of the enemy in vastly superior numbers.

The courage and determination displayed by Flight Sergeant Laurie on this occasion are typical of the standard set by him at all times during his 187 hours of operational flying, involving sixty-one missions against the enemy. In addition, he has proved himself to be a reliable and resourceful leader and a courageous fighter pilot.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Notice of Intention to take Land for Public Works

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1928, to take the land described in the Schedule hereto for a public work: And notice is hereby further given that the plan of the land required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Riccarton and is there open for inspection; and that all persons affected by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the 20th day of March, 1944, to the Minister of Works at Wellington.

SCHEDULE

APPROXIMATE areas of the pieces of land required to be taken:—

A. R. P.	Being
0 0 22.8	Parts Lots 8 and 9, D.P. 2492, being part Rural Section 163; coloured orange.
0 0 14	Part Lot 9, D.P. 2492, being part Rural Section 163; coloured sepia.
0 2 32.1	Part Lot 3, D.P. 12410, being part Rural Section 163; edged blue.

Situated in the Borough of Riccarton (Canterbury R.D.) (S.O. 7539.)

In the Canterbury Land District; as the same are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 118963, deposited in the office of the Minister of Works at Wellington, and thereon coloured as above mentioned.

As witness my hand at Wellington, this 15th day of March, 1944.

R. SEMPLE, Minister of Works.

(P.W. 28/31/4.)

Exemption Order under the Transport Legislation Emergency Regulations 1940

PURSUANT to the Transport Legislation Emergency Regulations 1940, the Minister of Transport doth hereby order and declare that the provisions of clause (1) of Regulation 7 of the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940, so far as they relate to the driving of heavy trade motors, shall not apply to the person herein-after mentioned, but in lieu thereof the following provision shall apply:—

A motor-driver's license issued under the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940 to the person described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder may authorize him to drive a heavy trade motor for the purpose of the business of the respective employer described in Column 2 of the said Schedule, but shall not authorize him, while he is under the age of eighteen years, to drive a heavy trade motor for any other purpose.

SCHEDULE

Column 1 (Driver).	Column 2 (Employer).
Lyall James Murray, Warea	Father.

Dated at Wellington, this 8th day of March, 1944.

JAS. O'BRIEN, Minister of Transport.

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A motor-driver's license issued under the Motor-drivers Regulations 1940 to any one of the persons described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereunder may authorize him to drive a heavy trade motor for the purpose of the business of the respective employer described in Column 2 of the said Schedule, but shall not authorize him, while he is under the age of eighteen years, to drive a heavy trade motor for any other purpose.

SCHEDULE

Column 1 (Driver).	Column 2 (Employer).
Douglas Edward Henderson, Featherston	Father.
Eric Fitzgerald, Greytown	J. Wynter Stringfellow.

Dated at Wellington, this 8th day of March, 1944.

JAS. O'BRIEN, Minister of Transport.

The Drainage and Plumbing Extension Notice 1944

Department of Health,
Wellington, 14th March, 1944.

PURSUANT to section 133 of the Health Act, 1920, and pursuant to regulations made under that Act on the 3rd day of September, 1923, and to be cited as the Drainage and Plumbing Regulations,* I, Arnold Henry Nordmeyer, Minister of Health, hereby give notice as follows:—

1. This notice may be cited as the Drainage and Plumbing Extension Notice 1944.

2. This notice shall take effect as from the 31st day of March, 1944.

3. The Drainage and Plumbing Regulations* aforesaid are hereby applied to the County of Waitomo.

4. The Drainage and Plumbing Extension Consolidation Notice 1941† is accordingly amended as follows: Part III of the Second Schedule thereto is amended by inserting therein, next following the second reference to a portion of the Waikato County under the heading "South Auckland Health District," the following additional item:—

"Waitomo (the whole County) .. 31st March, 1944."

A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister of Health.

* Gazette, 6th September, 1923, Vol. III, page 2341.

† Statutory Regulations 1941, Serial number 1941/45, page 190.

(H.H. 44/1.)

Auditor under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, licensed

Friendly Societies Department,
Wellington, 11th March, 1944.

IN pursuance of section 10 of the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to license

Frank Arthur Webb, Esquire,

of Invercargill, to act as a Public Auditor under the Friendly Societies Act, 1909.

A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister in Charge.