

Major H. M. Blacklock, and is reposted to the 2nd N.Z. Armoured Regiment with the temporary rank of Major, with seniority from 13th April, 1943. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Major A. R. C. Smart, E.D., and is reposted to The Canterbury Regiment with the temporary rank of Major, with seniority from 23rd May, 1942. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Major A. H. Thom, and is reposted to The N.Z. Scottish Regiment with the temporary rank of Major, with seniority from 7th December, 1942. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Captain C. Williams, and is reposted to The North Auckland Regiment with the temporary rank of Captain, with seniority from 4th November, 1941. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Captain J. L. Rayner, and is reposted to the 1st N.Z. Armoured Regiment with the rank of Captain, with seniority from 30th November, 1930. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Captain G. Colledge, and is reposted to the Reserve of Officers, Territorial Force. Dated 29th April, 1944.

With reference to the notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 20, dated 16th March, 1944, relative to reposting to the Territorial Force, for "Lieutenant G. J. Benefield", substitute "Lieutenant G. J. Benfield".

Lieutenant N. Knight, and is reposted to The Canterbury Regiment with the temporary rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 24th May, 1943. Dated 25th March, 1944.

Lieutenant H. V. Lockey, and is reposted to The Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast Regiment with the temporary rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 20th May, 1943. Dated 2nd April, 1944.

Lieutenant A. H. Benge, and is reposted to The Hawke's Bay Regiment with the temporary rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 27th August, 1941. Dated 8th April, 1944.

Lieutenant F. W. McElrea, N.Z. Artillery, and is reposted to the Territorial Force with the temporary rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 12th May, 1943. Dated 29th April, 1944.

2nd Lieutenant J. G. Williamson, The N.Z. Scottish Regiment, and relinquishes his commission. Dated 17th April, 1944.

Sister M. Preston-Thomas, N.Z. Army Nursing Service, and is reposted to the Territorial Force with the rank of Sister, with seniority from 24th September, 1940. Dated 29th April, 1944.

#### OFFICERS STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH OF THE 2ND NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Temp. Lieutenant-Colonel S. A. McNamara, D.C.M., and is posted to the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Captain F. W. Purton, and relinquishes his commission on appointment to a commission in the Royal N.Z. Air Force. Dated 14th April, 1944.

Captain W. K. Jones, and is posted to the Retired List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Captain W. A. Swarbrick, and is posted to the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Lieutenant A. E. McRae, and is posted to the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Lieutenant T. W. Bowes, and is retired. Dated 29th April, 1944.

Lieutenant C. A. Mackersey, and is posted to the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

2nd Lieutenant H. McM. A. Major, and is posted to the Retired List. Dated 29th April, 1944.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

#### Appointments, Promotions, Reduction, and Transfers of Officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force

Air Department,  
Wellington, 24th April, 1944.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the following appointments, promotions, reduction, and transfers of officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force:—

##### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

###### Appointments

##### As Pilots—

NZ 2146 Squadron Leader John Swire DINSDALE, D.F.C., on relinquishing his commission in the Reserve of Air Force Officers (United Kingdom), is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Squadron Leader, with seniority as from the 30th November, 1943. Dated 1st January, 1944.

The undermentioned are granted temporary commissions in the rank of Pilot Officer:—

Dated 21st October, 1943—

NZ 41149 Flight Sergeant Keith Milton FARQUHAR.

Dated 31st December, 1943—

NZ 414684 Flight Sergeant Eric Thomas SCHMIDT.

Dated 8th January, 1944—

NZ 412275 Flight Sergeant Frank Maurice SPEDDING.

Dated 9th January, 1944—

NZ 415713 Flight Sergeant Herbert William Bernard PATTERSON.

Dated 28th January, 1944—

NZ 411356 Warrant Officer Wilbert ANDERSON.

NZ 415388 Flight Sergeant Allan Alexander THORN.

Dated 9th February, 1944—

NZ 424480 Flight Sergeant William Ross LAUDER.

Dated 17th February, 1944—

NZ 413434 Flight Sergeant John George LIDDINGTON.

Dated 25th February, 1944—

NZ 411990 Warrant Officer David Hadow McMURRAY.

Dated 13th March, 1944—

NZ 417089 Flight Sergeant Murray McLaren MILNE.

Dated 14th March, 1944—

NZ 422245 Flight Sergeant Esmund Cecil William ANDERSON.

Dated 15th March, 1944—

NZ 403828 Flight Sergeant Keith Alexander SMITH.

Dated 17th March, 1944—

NZ 4210085 Flight Sergeant Raymond Edward Charles Hogg.

Dated 20th March, 1944—

NZ 421742 Flight Sergeant Colin Rupert MARRIOTT, D.F.M.

Dated 1st April, 1944—

NZ 416567 Flight Sergeant Alfred Mather WILKINSON.

NZC 4211613 Sergeant Murray Adamson NAGEL.

NZ 425689 Sergeant Kenneth Tancred Palmer CHAPMAN.

NZC 424080 Sergeant Anthony Francis HOUGH.

Dated 4th April, 1944—

NZ 403451 Warrant Officer Harold Wixon HOV.

Dated 16th April, 1944—

NZ 2122 Harold Windeyer FISHER.

NZ 2137 Alan Thomas MAIR.

NZ 436661 Sergeant John Francis CODY.

NZ 411292 Warrant Officer Robert Edward Carson BLACK.

NZ 2123 George Machell PARKER.

NZ 2138 Colin Robert CARNACHAN.

NZ 2124 Kenneth Brian MARSHALL.

NZ 2139 Albert Luke SROUGIE.

NZ 2125 John Kenderdine QUIGLEY.

NZ 2140 Truby Edward DODGSHUN.

NZ 2126 Norman Euan Russell DONALD.

NZ 2141 Patrick Davies REID.

NZ 2127 William John MORRISON.

NZ 2142 Kenneth John URWIN.

NZ 2128 Percy Frederick HENDERSON.

NZC 433214 L.A.C. Trevor Richard ALLAN.

NZ 4217035 L.A.C. Ivan Russell JOHNSON.

NZ 2143 Brian John O'DONOVAN.

NZ 2129 John Gresham HALE.

NZ 436754 L.A.C. Keith Maxwell GRAHAM.

NZC 433235 L.A.C. James Arthur BROOKES.

NZ 2130 Raymond Ingram WILKINSON.

NZ 2131 Alexander GALL.

NZ 2132 Maurice Fletcher MAHONEY.

NZ 2133 Trevor David FORD.

NZ 2134 Robert Spratt CLEGHORN.

NZ 2135 Hector Alexander SINCLAIR.

NZ 2136 John Kenneth MOIR.

##### As Navigators—

Dated 27th December, 1943—

NZ 417298 Flight Sergeant Lionel Moran WARD.

Dated 27th January, 1944—

NZ 415008 Flight Sergeant John Stuart O'NEIL.

Dated 3rd March, 1944—

NZ 413722 Flight Sergeant James Chute CHALMERS.

Dated 4th April, 1944—

NZ 401441 Warrant Officer Valentine George MORRIS.

##### As Wireless Operator/Air Gunners—

Dated 17th February, 1944—

NZ 421977 Flight Sergeant Arthur Stanley JONES.

Dated 8th March, 1944—

NZ 421993 Flight Sergeant Francis Sylvester SEWELL.

Dated 29th March, 1944—

NZ 416011 Flight Sergeant Glen Osmond MARSHALL.

Dated 1st April, 1944—

NZ 404119 Flight Sergeant Arthur Heaton O'NEILL.

##### Promotions

Wing Commander (Acting Group Captain) John SEABROOK, A.F.C., to be Group Captain (*temp.*). Dated 12th April, 1944.

Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*) Norman Richard LECHER to be Acting Squadron Leader (paid). Dated 24th April, 1944.

##### Reduction in Seniority

Flying Officer Dalziel Alan STOTT was sentenced by General Court-martial to take rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date the 25th January, 1944.

##### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

###### Appointment

NZ 401214 Flight Sergeant Jack Lord ROLLO is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Pilot Officer. Dated 1st February, 1944.

###### Transfers

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the General Duties Branch to the Administrative and Special Duties Branch in their present rank and seniority:—

Flying Officer Augustus Richard LOADER. Dated 3rd December, 1943.

Flying Officer Edward John VOSS. Dated 28th March, 1944.