

*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 drivers of heavy tractors, shall not apply to Almond W. T. Sargeant, of Kurow, Henry Alfred Harris, of Waitakeri, Silas Lewis, of Kaikoura, Benny Lowe Goo Ying, of Kakanui, Harry Moon, of Totara, and Eric John Davison, of Morrinsville.

Dated at Wellington, this 26th day of January, 1944.

JAS. O'BRIEN, Minister of Transport.

*The Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943.—Notice of Intention to take Land*

I, CLARENCE FARRINGTON SKINNER, Minister of Lands, acting in pursuance of section 24 of the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, hereby give notice of my intention to take the lands described in the Schedule hereto under Part II of the said Act.

I specify the 30th day of March, 1944, as the date on which possession of the lands is required, and the 29th day of February, 1944, as the date on or before which objections may be made under section 25 of the said Act.

SCHEDULE

ALL those parcels of land containing together one thousand one hundred and ninety-five (1,195) acres three (3) roods and five and five-tenths (5-5) perches, more or less, being Section Twelve (12) and parts of Section Thirteen (13), Block V, and part of Section Seventy-eight (78), District of Awatere, part of Section Eighty-nine (89), District of Flaxbourne, and parts of Section Two Hundred and Sixty-two (262), Flaxbourne Run, District of Flaxbourne, being the land contained in Certificate of Title, Volume 37, folio 59 (Marlborough Registry): several of the boundaries of the said land are more particularly shown on plan a copy of which is deposited in the Land Registry Office at Blenheim with copy Proclamation No. 57; and all those parcels of land containing together one (1) acre one (1) rood and thirty-two and eight-tenths (32-8) perches, more or less, being Section Twelve (12), Block XIII, and Sections Thirty-two (32) and Thirty-three (33), Block XIV, Clifford Bay Survey District, being the land contained in Certificate of Title, Volume 40, folio 188 (Marlborough Registry).

Names of registered owners: Isobel Bursill, of Seddon, Widow, and William Thompson Churchward, of Blenheim, Solicitor, as Executors.

As witness my hand, this 21st day of January, 1944.

C. F. SKINNER, Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 21/149/2322.)

*Notice as to an Area in North Auckland Land District declared to be a Fire District*

PURSUANT to section 27 of the Forests Act, 1921-22, and section 6 of the Forests Amendment Act, 1925, I do hereby notify that, on the recommendation of the Director of Forestry and the Land Board of the district, the area described in the Schedule hereto is hereby declared by me to be a fire district, to be known as the "Woodhill-Helensville Fire District," and with respect to the fire district constituted as aforesaid I do further specify the period from the 16th day of October in any year to the 15th day of April in the following year, inclusive, as the period during which it shall not be lawful for any person within the said district, save pursuant to the written permit of a Forest Officer, to set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any timber (whether standing or not), or any undergrowth, or any debris from forest operations, or any land-clearing operations, or grass or other specially inflammable material, without taking such precautions as may be prescribed by a Forest Officer.

SCHEDULE

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—AUCKLAND CONSERVANCY  
*Woodhill-Helensville Fire District*

ALL that area in the North Auckland Land District, Waitemata County, containing approximately 20,800 acres, situated in Blocks XII and XIII, Kaipara Survey District, and Blocks I, II, III, V, VI, VIII, and IX, Kumeu Survey District, and bounded generally as follows: Commencing on the foreshore at the north-western corner of the portion of Te Heke Block (taken for sand-dune-reclamation purposes by *Gazette*, 1936, page 1374); thence in an easterly direction generally along the northern boundary of part of the Te Heke Block aforesaid to a public road, and thence along the northern side of that public road to the south-western corner of Lot 1, D.P. 7309, being portion of Paneka Block; thence in a southerly direction generally across the said public road and along the western boundary of Lot 3, D.P. 7309, of the aforesaid Paneka Block, part of the north-western and the south-western boundaries of Whenuanui No. 7 Block, the western boundaries of Lots 2 and 1, D.P. 11361, being part Wharepapa Block, and a line produced across a public road to the northern boundary of part Lot 1, D.P. 9826, being part Pahunuhunu Block; thence along the northern boundary of Lot 1 aforesaid, the western boundary of Lot 2 of the aforesaid D.P. 9826, being parts Pahunuhunu, Rarapuka, and Kaituna Blocks, and across a public road; thence along the south-western side of that road and the western side of the Main North

Highway to its junction with the Paekawau Road; thence along the north-western side of that road, the northern, eastern, and south-eastern boundaries of part Hanekau B 1B Block, to and across another public road, along the south-western side of a road, the eastern boundaries of the Ononenui Block, as shown on D.P. 22813, the Okeritoto Stream, and the eastern boundary of Lot 1 on D.P. 9596, being part of Muriwai Block, to the Waimauku—West Coast Main Highway; thence in a westerly direction generally along the north-western side of that highway and the Oaia Road to the eastern corner of Motutara Block; thence along the north-eastern boundary of part of that block to the south-eastern boundary of part Motutara Domain, being part Motutara Block; thence along the said south-eastern boundary to and across a foreshore reserve to the sea; thence in a northerly direction generally along the foreshore to the place of commencement. As the same is more particularly delineated on plan No 16/5, deposited in the Head Office of the State Forest Service at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

Dated at Wellington, this 21st day of January, 1944.

C. F. SKINNER,  
For the Commissioner of State Forests.

(S.F. 12/8/1/23.)

*Plant declared to be a Noxious Weed in the Kaitaia Town District.—(Notice No. Ag. 4069)*

Office of the Minister of Agriculture,  
Wellington, 24th January, 1944.

THE following special order made by the Kaitaia Town Board on the 12th day of January, 1944, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, 1928.

SPECIAL ORDER

"In exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Noxious Weeds Act, 1928, the Kaitaia Town Board hereby resolves and declares, by way of special order, that the plant mentioned in the Schedule hereto (being a plant mentioned in the Second Schedule to the said Act) is a noxious weed within the Kaitaia Town District.

"SCHEDULE

"Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)."

B. ROBERTS, Minister of Agriculture.

*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 on Treasury Islands in the South Pacific Area:—

2ND NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

*Bar to the Distinguished Service Order*

Brigadier Robert Amos Row, D.S.O. (No. 38618), Commander, 8th New Zealand Infantry Brigade.

For gallant and distinguished service in the field. Brigadier Row was in charge of the operations which resulted in the capture and occupation of the Treasury Islands. These operations extended over the period from 26th October to 20th November, by which latter date practically every Japanese on the Island had been killed. The landing force comprised numerous technical troops in addition to the normal Brigade Group, and the smooth landing of successive transport echelons and the general development of the whole operation was eloquent proof of the thorough and careful way in which Brigadier Row had conceived and planned the expedition. In the operations ashore he displayed similar skill and aggressive and courageous leadership. His personal appearance at each threatened point of his defences did much to inspire his officers and men with confidence in the general direction of the operations, and contributed in large measure to their success.

*The Military Cross*

2nd Lieutenant Leslie Thomas George Booth (No. 14759), 36th Battalion.

At approximately 1030 hours on 27th October, 1943, he took part in the assault on the Japanese Headquarters. At this time the beach and the L.S.T.'s. were being subjected to very heavy and accurate enemy mortar fire from a high ridge west of the Saveke River. Casualties were being suffered by the unloading parties, and the unloading operations on the beaches were in danger of being disorganized. 2nd Lieutenant Booth was ordered to attack and capture the mortar position. Only a general indication of the direction from which the fire was coming could be given. 2nd Lieutenant Booth led his platoon up a very steep ridge in face of heavy machine-gun fire and rifle fire. Although the enemy was in considerable force on this ridge, 2nd Lieutenant Booth succeeded in driving the enemy from the ridge and captured two 75 mm. howitzers which had also been shelling the beaches. Both guns' barrels were hot when they were taken. Realizing that the enemy still had a mortar in operation higher up on the ridge, 2nd Lieutenant Booth left one section to hold the gun positions and pushed on up the ridge. After an advance up a very steep ridge, the platoon encountered a strong position surrounding the mortar. Despite being outnumbered, a determined attack was made on the enemy with tommy guns and grenades, and the position was captured.