

As Navigators—

Dated 1st August, 1944—

NZ 421136 Warrant Officer George Thomas CURLE.

Dated 11th August, 1944—

NZ 432303 Sergeant Robert John BARRON.

NZ 4310586 Sergeant Alfred Miller HOGG.

NZ 436780 Flight Sergeant Ronald Horace MARKS.

NZ 438752 Flight Sergeant John Charles BISHOP.

NZ 438722 Flight Sergeant Charles Brian McCOWAN.

As Wireless Operator/Air Gunners—

Dated 11th August, 1944—

NZ 431214 Sergeant Robert Edward George THOMSON.

NZ 4217064 Sergeant Sydney Brent SMITH.

NZ 432253 Sergeant William Harry JOHNS.

Dated 21st August, 1944—

NZ 425835 Flight Sergeant Gerald Erle GIFFKINS.

Dated 23rd August, 1944—

NZ 426076 Flight Sergeant Ivan David Henry TERRY.

NZ 39550 Flight Sergeant Desmond William GRIFFITHS.

As Air Bombers—

Dated 31st July, 1944—

NZC 427066 Flight Sergeant Lewis Paul SEARELL.

NZ 415810 Flight Sergeant George WIREPA.

*Promotions*Flight Lieutenant John Milne CHECKETTS, D.S.O., D.F.C., to be Squadron Leader (*temp.*). Dated 28th July, 1944.Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*) Douglas Alexander GREIG to be Acting Squadron Leader (*paid*). Dated 1st August, 1944.The undermentioned Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants (*temp.*):—

Dated 24th July, 1944: Lawrence Patrick RYAN.

Dated 28th July, 1944: Donald Thornton SHAKES.

Dated 29th July, 1944: Hector Ronald LECKIE.

Dated 31st July, 1944—

Alan Robert OSMENT.

James Gibson GOW, D.F.C.

Reg Harper TONKS.

Thomas Alfred RAMSAY.

Henley Robert McKEGG.

Peter Sinclair JENNINGS.

Ray Milsom PETTERSON.

Russell Ashley BANKS.

The undermentioned Pilot Officers to be Flying Officers (*temp.*):—

Dated 27th January, 1944: Vernon Roy JACKSON.

Dated 9th June, 1944: Hector Stevenson YOUNG.

Dated 19th June, 1944: Ronald Frederick READER.

Dated 23rd June, 1944—

Harold HALLIGAN.

William Henry WALKER.

Gordon James KNIGHT.

Dated 28th June, 1944: Colin Archibald Gunn McKENZIE.

Dated 7th July, 1944: Thomas WHYTE.

Dated 14th July, 1944—

Kenneth Charles George NEES. Alfred Hugh WOOLCOCK.

Dated 24th July, 1944—

Eric Walter YOUNG.

Ronald Christian JOHNSON.

Clifford Renwick PURVIS.

Heaton Dudley Tilling HAMPTON,

D.F.C.

Ronald Deans MILNE, D.F.C.

Dated 25th July, 1944: Francis Lincoln WELFORD, D.F.C.

Dated 26th July, 1944: Eric Frederick JOHNSON.

Dated 27th July, 1944—

John Stuart O'NEIL.

Rex Lewis GEARON.

Dated 28th July, 1944—

Jack Wallace FLOOD.

George Martin RYAN.

Ian Cedric RODGERSON.

Clyde Alexander McLAREN.

Ian William DUFF.

Ronald Marshall Lewis HOPPING.

Wilbert ANDERSON, D.F.C.

Allan Alexander THORN.

Dated 29th July, 1944: James William Alexander JOHNSTON.

Dated 30th July, 1944: Gilbert Gillies WARD.

Dated 31st July, 1944: Thomas Fairclough HAWORTH.

Dated 20th August, 1944: Angus Mason MACDONALD.

Transfers

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

As Navigators—

Dated 11th August, 1944—

Pilot Officer Brian Nicolls Hunter LAIRD.

Pilot Officer Trevor Brooks MILLS.

Pilot Officer Ralph Herbert WATERMAN.

Pilot Officer James Alan BURNET.

Pilot Officer William Joseph RUTLEDGE.

Pilot Officer Bernard James BEADLE.

Relinquishments

The undermentioned officers are permitted to relinquish their temporary commissions:—

Dated 21st August, 1944: Flying Officer Roy Malcolm McKECHNIE.

Dated 18th August, 1944: Pilot Officer Stuart William HALL.

The temporary commission of Pilot Officer Samuel Victor Jesse PARKE is relinquished. Dated 6th August, 1944.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION II: TECHNICAL OFFICERS

Appointment

Engineer Duties—

NZ 40487 Warrant Officer William John HORTON is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Flying Officer. Dated 1st August, 1944.

Promotion

Radar Duties—

Pilot Officer Maxwell TOVEY is confirmed in his rank and granted the temporary rank of Flying Officer. Dated 27th July, 1944.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment

NZ 411018 Warrant Officer Hugh Robert WALLACE is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Flying Officer. Dated 1st August, 1944.

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Relinquishments

The undermentioned officers are permitted to relinquish their temporary commissions:—

Dated 21st August, 1944: Assistant Section Officer Charmian JOHNS.

Dated 26th August, 1944: Assistant Section Officer Mary Vide DOUGAN.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH, SECTION II (A.T.C.)

Relinquishments

The undermentioned officers are permitted to relinquish their Air Training Corps Commissions:—

Dated 14th July, 1944: Flying Officer Douglas Laurence BEDINGFIELD.

Dated 1st July, 1944: Pilot Officer Lester Beresford NEWTON.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

Transfers

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the Active List to the Reserve of Air Force Officers, Class A, Section I:—

Dated 28th July, 1944: Flying Officer John Archibald BROWN.

Dated 29th July, 1944: Flying Officer Leslie Hayward SKEL-

LEEN.

Dated 26th August, 1944—

Flying Officer Edwin Roy ELLIOTT.

Flying Officer Ronald Gordon FREEMAN.

Dated 1st September, 1944: Flying Officer D'Arcy George WAREHAM.

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the Active List to the Reserve of Air Force Officers, Class B, Section I:—

Dated 2nd September, 1944: Squadron Leader Ernest William BARNETT, A.F.C.

Dated 25th August, 1944: Flying Officer Barnabas Wilder WILLIAMS.

Dated 26th August, 1944—

Flying Officer Jack Carrick BROUGHTON.

Flying Officer John Francis Hamilton MERCER.

Dated 31st August, 1944: Flying Officer William Guy LEATHAM.

Dated 23rd August, 1944: Flying Officer Richard Daniel WANDEN.

Dated 2nd September, 1944: Pilot Officer Edward Walter McKENZIE.

Dated 6th September, 1944: Flying Officer Allan Thomas BLACK.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Operational Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,

Wellington, 31st August, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath and to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and of the following awards, in recognition of distinguished services in the South Pacific Area, including Fiji, New Caledonia, and the Solomon Islands:—

NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

To be a Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath

Major-General Harold Eric Barrowclough, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., General Officer Commanding 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Pacific, and Commander, 3rd New Zealand Division.

To be a Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

Brigadier William Walter Dove, M.C. (No. 635737), Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Pacific.

The Distinguished Service Order

Brigadier Leslie Potter (No. 81772), New Zealand Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Lyell Bennett, M.C. (No. 30967), Divisional Headquarters.