

*Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, Reversion, and Relinquishments of Officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force*

Air Department,  
Wellington, 27th September, 1944.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the following appointments, promotions, transfers, reversion, and relinquishments of officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force:—

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointments*

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

As Pilots—

- Dated 22nd April, 1944—  
NZ 427451 Flight Sergeant Clive Leslie BLOWS.  
Dated 28th July, 1944—  
NZ 414644 Warrant Officer Martin John Henry LOUCH.  
Dated 31st July, 1944—  
NZ 413126 Warrant Officer Thomas Hugh ROSS.  
Dated 7th August, 1944—  
NZ 424504 Flight Sergeant Eldrid Duke O'CALLAGHAN.  
NZ 414954 Warrant Officer Roger Henry BOULDEN.  
Dated 16th August, 1944—  
NZ 425406 Flight Sergeant Richard Lyall SMITH.  
Dated 18th August, 1944—  
NZ 422292 Flight Sergeant Robert Baines KNIGHT.  
NZ 425241 Flight Sergeant Guy Rerenui DUNLOP.  
Dated 19th August, 1944—  
NZC 429952 Flight Sergeant Roberts Loder ALLEN.  
NZ 427535 Flight Sergeant Gordon William Edwards STEEL.  
NZ 42707 Flight Sergeant Harold Herbert MCHARDY.  
Dated 21st August, 1944—  
NZ 415496 Flight Sergeant Heathcote George ROUND.  
Dated 23rd August, 1944—  
NZ 412947 Flight Sergeant Bruce Henry PACKER.  
Dated 24th August, 1944—  
NZ 422439 Flight Sergeant Neil STEVENS.  
Dated 25th August, 1944—  
NZ 425425 Flight Sergeant Roderick Hamilton McHAFFIE.  
Dated 1st September, 1944—  
NZ 42378 Warrant Officer Leslie Hamilton DOBBS.

As Navigators—

- Dated 12th August, 1944—  
NZ 412695 Warrant Officer Clifton Hubert JACKA.  
Dated 1st September, 1944—  
NZ 413853 Warrant Officer Norman William INGEBSON.

As Wireless Operator/Air Gunners—

- Dated 16th August, 1944—  
NZ 417306 Flight Sergeant Thomas Henry MONSON.  
Dated 1st September, 1944—  
NZ 403623 Warrant Officer Ansell Clifford JAMES.  
NZ 404102 Warrant Officer Edward Henry SMITH, D.F.M.  
NZ 414005 Warrant Officer William John FLAUS.  
NZ 412893 Warrant Officer Melton Ross McNABB.

As Air Bomber—

- Dated 27th July, 1944—  
NZ 422172 Flight Sergeant Phillip Stanley BAKER.

As Air Gunners—

- Dated 1st September, 1944—  
NZ 404643 Warrant Officer Randal Fredrick O'KEEFE.  
NZ 41595 Warrant Officer George McDOWELL.

*Promotions*

The undermentioned Flight Lieutenants (*temp.*) to be Acting Squadron Leaders (paid):—

- Dated 25th August, 1944: John Roy BUTCHER.  
Dated 15th September, 1944: Jack Graeme HANNAH.

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

- Dated 1st April, 1944: George Alfred SCHOLES.  
Dated 22nd June, 1944: Vernon Hector Waggstaff GROVES.

The undermentioned Flying Officers (*temp.*) to be Acting Flight Lieutenants (paid):—

- Dated 15th August, 1944—  
Douglas Wharepouri RIDDLE.  
Cyril Francis BROMLEY.  
Kenneth Keremehana BEVAN.

- Dated 22nd September, 1944—  
Alexander Gardyne Stanley GEORGE, D.F.C.  
John Evelyn SANDERS.

- Dated 25th September, 1944: Bruce Stafford HAY.

Pilot Officer John WATSON to be Flying Officer (*temp.*). Dated 21st August, 1944.

*Transfer and Reversion*

Flying Officer Eric Varnham BARDSLEY is transferred from the Administrative and Special Duties Branch to the General Duties Branch (as Navigator) and reverts to the rank of Pilot Officer. Dated 1st September, 1944.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION I: EQUIPMENT OFFICERS

*Promotion*

Equipment Duties—

Pilot Officer Cyril John KEPPEL to be Flying Officer (*temp.*). Dated 15th December, 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Promotion*

Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*) Frederick Brayshaw McWHANNELL, M.C., to be Acting Squadron Leader (paid). Dated 15th August, 1944.

*Transfer*

Flight Lieutenant John Charles Gordon FAIR is transferred from the Equipment Branch to the Administrative and Special Duties Branch in his present rank and seniority. Dated 1st September, 1944.

*Relinquishment*

Flying Officer Robert Hugh HOWELL is permitted to relinquish his temporary commission. Dated 16th September, 1944.

*Amendment*

In the notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 25, dated 30th March, 1944, page 306, under the heading "Administrative and Special Duties Branch—Transfers," relating to Flying Officer Hew Seton MONTGOMERIE, for "Dated 27th March, 1944," read "Dated 24th April, 1944."

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

*Relinquishment*

Assistant Section Officer Margaret Seamons APPLETON is permitted to relinquish her temporary commission. Dated 28th October, 1944.

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

*Relinquishments*

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

- Dated 1st August, 1944: Flying Officer James Smith ROBBIE.  
Dated 8th August, 1944: Flying Officer Peter Ian MACLEAN.  
Dated 15th August, 1944: Pilot Officer Herlof Anton Herlofsen VOGT.  
Dated 19th August, 1944: Pilot Officer Robert KELLEHER.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

*Transfers*

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

- Dated 6th September, 1944: Flying Officer Ralph Ford HANCOCK.  
Dated 7th September, 1944: Flying Officer William Stewart MITCHELL.

*Corrigendum*

In the notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 78, dated 7th September, 1944, page 1096, under the heading "General Duties Branch, Appointments—As Navigators," for "NZ 4310586 Sergeant Alfred Miller Hogg," read "NZ 4310586 Sergeant Alfred Millar HOGG."

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

*Appointment of Vice-Consul of China at Apia, Western Samoa*

Department of External Affairs,  
Wellington, 22nd September, 1944.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that the appointment of Cheng Chia Hua as Vice-Consul of China at Apia, Western Samoa, has been provisionally recognized.

P. FRASER, Minister of External Affairs.

*Members of Licensing Committees appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 28th September, 1944.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Felix Hector Levien, Esquire, S.M.,  
to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of Waitemata, *vice* John Hector Luxford, Esquire, S.M., and  
Joseph Morling, Esquire, S.M.,

to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of Remuera, *vice* John Hector Luxford, Esquire, S.M.

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

*Stipendiary Magistrate appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 27th September, 1944.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Henry James Dixon, Esquire,  
to be a temporary Stipendiary Magistrate for the period from the 28th day of September, 1944, to the 31st day of December, 1944.

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