

Dated 15th September, 1944—

Douglas Drummond LIND. William Alan Liddell TROTT.
Keith Alexander SMITH. Robert Duff BREMNER.

Dated 16th September, 1944: Donald George GIBSON.
Dated 17th September, 1944: Douglas Errol NELSON.

Relinquishment

The temporary commission of Flying Officer Sydney Lyell KERR is relinquished. Dated 18th September, 1944.

Change of Name

Flying Officer Leslie Colin WOODHEAD assumes the name of Leslie Colin WOODS.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION II: TECHNICAL OFFICERS

Appointment

Armament Duties—

NZ 36103 Warrant Officer John William MONTGOMERY is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Pilot Officer (*on prob.*). Dated 21st September, 1944.

Promotions

The undermentioned Pilot Officers are confirmed in their rank and granted the temporary rank of Flying Officer:—

Signals Duties—

Dated 10th August, 1944: John Alexander JENKINS.

Radar Duties—

Dated 9th September, 1944—
Geoffrey George DAVIDSON. Ian Lyell TAYLOR.
Arthur William SHEPHERD.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment

NZ 432540 A.C. 1 Reginald Frederick JOLLANDS is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Pilot Officer. Dated 29th July, 1944.

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Relinquishments

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

Dated 30th September, 1944: Assistant Section Officer Joan Bullot SMITH.

Dated 3rd October, 1944: Assistant Section Officer Eleanor Margaret EVERIST.

Dated 28th October, 1944: Assistant Section Officer Margaret Bruce SMITH.

Amendment

In the notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 78, dated 7th September, 1944, page 1096, under the heading "New Zealand Women's Auxiliary Air Force—Relinquishments," relating to "Assistant Section Officer Charmian JOHNS," for "Dated 21st August, 1944," read "Dated 8th September, 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 31st August, 1944: Flying Officer Peter Le Gay HOLTHOUSE.

Dated 13th September, 1944: Flying Officer Arthur Hallam GRESHAM.

RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

Transfer

Flying Officer Albert Graham KOFOED is transferred from the Active List to the Reserve of Air Force Officers, Class A, Section I. Dated 29th September, 1944.

Amendment

In the notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 23, dated 23rd March, 1944, page 280, under the heading "General Duties Branch, Appointments—As Pilots," relating to "NZ 415425 Warrant Officer Nisbet James SCOTT," for "Dated 5th February, 1943," read "Dated 5th February, 1944."

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 11th September, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Squadron Leader Demis John Thomas Sharp (NZ 2145), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Dunedin.

Air Force Cross

Acting Flight Lieutenant Arthur Percy Gainsford, D.F.C. (NZ 402863), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Rotorua.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 28th August, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards, in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flight Lieutenant James Henry Norman (NZ 412723), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Tuatapere, Southland.

Distinguished Flying Medal

NZ 415823 Flight Sergeant Desmond Carter, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Wellington.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 21st August, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards, in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flight Lieutenant Noel Patrick Whaley (NZ 412773), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

Pilot Officer Heaton Dudley Tilling Hampton (NZ 414616), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Taihape.

NZ 40911 Warrant Officer Edgar David Bardell, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Tauranga.

NZ 40602 Warrant Officer William Louis Butler, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Wellington.

NZ 413296 Warrant Officer Ian Raymond William Robert Thomson, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Distinguished Flying Medal

NZ 417022 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Malcolm Joseph Corich, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

NZ 413820 Flight Sergeant (now Pilot Officer) Ian Duke Culpán, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 4th September, 1944.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following immediate awards, in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations against the enemy:—

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flying Officer John Arthur Houlton (NZ 413543), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Flying Officer Houlton has completed a very large number of varied sorties and has displayed notable skill and determination throughout. He has shot down four enemy aircraft, three of them within a short period recently.

Pilot Officer Harold John King (NZ 421725), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Wellington.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties involving attacks on most of the enemy's heavily-defended targets in Germany, and more recently attacks on various targets in Northern France. On his first sortie the objective was Berlin. At the outset of the operation one of the navigational instruments became unserviceable. In spite of this Pilot Officer King proved his ability and guided the pilot to the target and back again with great accuracy. In July, 1944, Pilot Officer King was the navigator of an aircraft detailed to attack a target. During the operation he was hit in the leg by shrapnel. Nevertheless, he insisted on fulfilling his duty and navigated the aircraft home. Throughout his operational career this officer has displayed a high standard of skill, gallantry, and resolution.

Distinguished Flying Medal

NZ 421943 Flight Sergeant Keith Smith, Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

This airman has taken part in many sorties, and has set an excellent example of coolness, courage, and discipline. He is a most efficient bomb-aimer, and the many excellent photographs he has secured are excellent proof of the accuracy of his bombing. On 1st July, 1944, he took part in an attack on a target in daylight. When over the target area the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire, which wounded the navigator and caused a container of small-arms ammunition to explode. In spite of this, Flight Sergeant Smith coolly directed his pilot's bombing run and successfully attacked the target.