

speed at which to fly to avoid further damage. The bomber was barely airworthy and height was gradually lost, as power could be used only sparingly because of the violent vibration. Captain and navigator, working as a team, none the less brought the aircraft back to base. On the approach, Flying Officer Yockney continued to report progress to the captain, and just before the touchdown, at the vital moment, he sent the remainder of the crew toward the tail, so that their weight would bring the aircraft into landing position, the pilot being unable to effect this owing to the severed controls. The navigator's excellent judgment, coupled with the skill of the captain in using his motors to compensate for lost rudder control, resulted in a successful strip landing being made in the most difficult circumstances, without further damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew. Both officers displayed courage, resource, and skill, and by their extreme devotion to duty set an excellent example.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

*Award of a Foreign Decoration*

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

**H**IS Majesty the King has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decoration conferred on the officer indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND  
*Virtute Militari*

Flight Lieutenant Stanley George Culliford (NZ 412659),  
Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Norsewood.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

*Delegation by the Chief of the Air Staff of Authority for the Convening of General Courts-martial*

TO AIR COMMODORE SIR ROBERT HAMILTON CLARK-HALL, K.B.E.,  
C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding No. 1 Islands Group, R.N.Z.A.F.

**W**HEREAS I am empowered by Warrant of His Excellency the Governor-General bearing date the 28th day of November, 1938, to direct my Warrant to any officer of the Air Force not under the rank of Squadron Leader, giving him a general authority to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and also to exercise (subject to the provisions of the said Warrant) in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial the power of confirming the findings or sentences thereof according to law, or of directing him to reserve for my confirmation the proceedings of all or any such courts-martial:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the said Warrant, I do hereby authorize and empower you from time to time, as occasion may require, to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person for the time being under or within the territorial limits of your command who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and who shall be charged with any offence for which such person may be tried by court-martial:

And I do hereby empower you in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial to confirm the findings or sentences thereof according to law:

And for so doing, this shall be to you, as to all others whom it may concern, a sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand at Guadalcanal, this 4th day of October, 1944.

L. M. ISITT,  
Air Vice-Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

*Delegation by the Chief of the Air Staff of Authority for the Convening of General Courts-Martial*

TO WING COMMANDER STUART LINDSAY GILKISON, Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F., Fiji.

**W**HEREAS I am empowered by Warrant of His Excellency the Governor-General bearing date the 28th day of November, 1938, to direct my Warrant to any officer of the Air Force not under the rank of Squadron Leader, giving him a general authority to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder; and also to exercise (subject to the provisions of the said Warrant) in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial the power of confirming the findings or sentences thereof according to law, or of directing him to reserve for my confirmation the proceedings of all or any such courts-martial:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the said Warrant, I do hereby authorize and empower you from time to time, as occasion may require, to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person for the time being under or within the territorial limits of your command who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and who shall be charged with any offence for which such person may be tried by court-martial:

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And I do hereby empower you in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial to confirm the findings or sentences thereof according to law.

And for so doing, this shall be to you, as to all others whom it may concern, a sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand at Wellington, this 12th day of October, 1944.

L. M. ISITT,  
Air Vice-Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

*Revocation of Delegation by the Chief of the Air Staff of Authority for the Convening of General Courts-Martial*

TO WING COMMANDER JOHN WILLIAM HENRY BRAY, formerly Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Fiji, but now Officer Commanding No. 5 Squadron.

**W**HEREAS I am empowered by Warrant of His Excellency the Governor-General bearing date the 28th day of November, 1938, to direct my Warrant to any officer of the Air Force not under the rank of Squadron Leader, giving him a general authority to convene general courts-martial for the trial of any person who is subject to the Air Force Act, 1937, and the regulations made thereunder, and also to exercise (subject to the provisions of the said Warrant) in respect of the proceedings of such courts-martial the power of confirming the findings or sentences thereof according to law, or of directing him to reserve for my confirmation the proceedings of all or any such courts-martial:

And whereas on the 20th day of April, 1944, authority was, pursuant to such powers delegated to you, to convene courts-martial as aforesaid and to confirm the findings and sentences thereof, such delegation being published in *New Zealand Gazette* No 33 on the 27th day of April, 1944, at page 397:

And whereas the circumstances which gave rise to such delegation no longer exist:

Now, therefore, I hereby cancel and revoke the said delegation of authority.

Given under my hand at Wellington, this 12th day of October, 1944.

L. M. ISITT,  
Air Vice-Marshal, Chief of the Air Staff,  
Royal New Zealand Air Force.

*Honorary Consul of Panama at Auckland*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that the appointment of

Thomas Clifton Webb

as Honorary Consul of Panama at Auckland has been provisionally recognized.

P. FRASER, Minister of External Affairs.

*Member of Licensing Committee appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 17th October, 1944.

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

Robert Overy Hornblow, Esquire,

to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of Otaki, *vice* F. Woods, Esquire, resigned.

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

*Member of Licensing Committees appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 18th October, 1944.

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

Raymond Ferner, Esquire, S.M.,

to be a member of the Licensing Committees for the districts of Hurunui, Lyttelton, and Mid-Canterbury from 9th October, 1944, *vice* A. A. McLachlan, Esquire, S.M.

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

*Appointment of Honorary Child Welfare Officers under the Child Welfare Act, 1925*

Education Department,  
Wellington, 11th October, 1944.

**I**N pursuance of section 2 of the Child Welfare Act, 1925, I, Henry Greathead Rex Mason, Minister of Education, do hereby appoint the following persons as Honorary Child Welfare Officers for the purposes of the said Act for the year ending the 31st December, 1945:—

Name.	District.
Reverend Father Stephen Francis O'Connor	.. Whangarei.
Reverend Father Singleton George Gardiner	.. Hamilton.
Reverend Father Theodorius Wanders	.. Rotorua.
Reverend Father James McMahon	.. Gisborne.

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