

Dated 7th January, 1945—

NZ 426231 Flight Sergeant James Alwyn WHITE.

Dated 9th January, 1945—

NZ 37220 Flight Sergeant Ronald Wynn RUSSELL.

NZ 428168 Flight Sergeant Noel Humphrey THORPE.

Dated 24th January, 1945—

NZ 414231 Warrant Officer Vernon Albert Trevor BENNER.

Dated 26th January, 1945—

NZ 436837 Sergeant William Frederick BROOKING.

NZ 439420 Sergeant William Brandon HIGGINS.

NZ 4312477 Flight Sergeant Cyril Charles WILD.

NZ 4215928 Sergeant James Mervyn POTTS.

Dated 2nd February, 1945—

NZ 413540 Warrant Officer Douglas Leslie SHEARS.

As Navigator—

Dated 19th January, 1945—

NZ 404495 Warrant Officer George Melville KING.

As Wireless Operator/Air Gunners—

Dated 6th July, 1944—

NZ 422988 Flight Sergeant Peter Charles FROST.

Dated 15th August, 1944—

NZ 421989 Flight Sergeant Thomas Henry ROBINS.

Dated 29th September, 1944—

NZ 422734 Warrant Officer Percy Robert TEAGUE.

Dated 3rd November, 1944—

NZC 437317 Sergeant Walter Alexander McCALL.

NZ 435792 Sergeant Alfred PELVIN.

NZC 4310842 Sergeant Leslie Philip WALDEN.

Dated 7th December, 1944—

NZ 426308 Warrant Officer Patrick Henry BYRNE.

Dated 26th December, 1944—

NZ 413257 Warrant Officer Robert Henry GOODALL.

Dated 1st January, 1945—

NZ 415527 Warrant Officer Stanley William HALL.

Dated 5th January, 1945—

NZ 4312213 Sergeant Alfred John DOWNES.

NZ 434653 Sergeant Bryan Burnard BOLAND.

NZC 435991 Sergeant Adrian Craven Post NETTLETON.

NZ 4311292 Sergeant Raymond Edward CHRISTIE.

Dated 9th January, 1945—

NZ 405577 Flight Sergeant Dornford Winstan ROBERTSON.

As Air Gunners—

Dated 25th December, 1944—

NZ 425691 Flight Sergeant Edward Winsor COLBAN.

Dated 16th January, 1945—

NZ 411240 Warrant Officer Charley Thomas HAMILTON.

Promotions

Squadron Leader (*temp.*) Alexander Estcourt WILLIS to be Acting Wing Commander (paid). Dated 15th January, 1945.

Flying Officer (*temp.*) Jack Stanford ALLAN to be Acting Flight Lieutenant (paid). Dated 1st February, 1945.

Pilot Officer John Smaill FRANCE to be Flying Officer (*temp.*). Dated 12th September, 1944.

Transfers

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the Reserve of Air Force Officers to the Active List in their present rank. Dated 3rd February, 1945 :—

Pilot Officer Alan George David HUTTON.

Pilot Officer Geoffrey David BEAL.

Pilot Officer Albert Hugh NENO.

Pilot Officer Ian Donald Ormond McINTOSH.

Relinquishments

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

Dated 26th January, 1945 : Flight Lieutenant Jack Selby HEPBURN.

Dated 16th January, 1945 : Pilot Officer Kenneth James MOORHOUSE.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION I: EQUIPMENT OFFICERS

Promotion

Equipment Duties—

Flying Officer (*temp.*) Leslie Thomas ROBERTS to be Acting Flight Lieutenant (paid). Dated 23rd January, 1945.

Relinquishment

Flying Officer Albert Lionel BAILEY is permitted to relinquish his temporary commission. Dated 16th February, 1945.

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION II: TECHNICAL OFFICERS

Promotions

Engineer Duties—

Flying Officer (*temp.*) Collin Thomas Bertram FITZGERALD to be Acting Flight Lieutenant (paid). Dated 22nd January, 1945.

The undermentioned Flying Officers to be Flight Lieutenants (*temp.*). Dated 1st January, 1945 :—

Radar Duties—

Max Frederick LUDWIG. Gordon Bailie SLOANE.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment

NZ 2403 Alfred Douglas McCLELLAND, on relinquishing his commission in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Flying Officer, with seniority as from 2nd July, 1942. Dated 1st December, 1944.

Promotions

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

Dated 6th January, 1945 : Geoffrey Edward MYERS.

Dated 23rd January, 1945 : James Esmond FARRELL.

Dated 1st February, 1945—

Leslie James ALLEN.

Albert George ANDERSON.

Eric Alwyn ROUSSELL.

John COWAN.

Percy Warwick BLUNDELL.

Relinquishments

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

Dated 24th February, 1945 : Squadron Leader Ernest John BRAMMALL.

Dated 1st February, 1945 : Flying Officer Robert Graeme McNAUGHTON.

MEDICAL BRANCH

Appointments

The undermentioned are granted temporary commissions in the rank of Flying Officer. Dated 16th January, 1945 :—

NZ 2392 Kelson BRASTED, M.B., Ch.B.

NZ 2393 Reginald Tice MARTIN, M.B., Ch.B.

Promotion

Squadron Leader (*temp.*) Frederick Charles PLATTS, M.B., Ch.B., to be Acting Wing Commander (paid). Dated 15th January, 1945.

NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Relinquishments

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

Dated 24th January, 1945 : Assistant Section Officer Florence Ada MORRIN.

Dated 18th February, 1945 : Assistant Section Officer Hilda Kathleen HURLEY.

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 January, 1945 :—

Flying Officer Angus MacDonald HYSLOP.

Flying Officer Francis Vivian Coleman HAYNES.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Operational Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 19th February, 1945.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned appointments 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 :—

2ND NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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

Colonel Norman Charles Speight, E.D., M.B., Ch.B. (No. 31438), New Zealand Medical Corps.

To be Officers of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil Albert Blazey (No. 473319), Headquarters, 3rd New Zealand Division.

Major Allister Imlach McCowan (No. 46276), New Zealand Dental Corps.

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

Captain Noel Lauri Fitzpatrick (No. 44430), New Zealand Infantry.

The British Empire Medal

No. 67740 Sergeant Eric Albert Chamberlain, New Zealand Infantry.

No. 478637 Corporal John Bartley Williams, New Zealand Army Service Corps.

Mentioned in Despatches

(1st March, 1944, to 31st July, 1944)

Brigadier Charles Staunton John Duff, D.S.O. (No. 999), Divisional Artillery.

Brigadier John Martin Thwigg, D.S.O., E.D., M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. (Lond.) (No. 11706), New Zealand Medical Corps.

Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Lionel Henry Davis (No. 9630), New Zealand Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Hamilton Galbraith (No. 38569), New Zealand Pay Corps.

Major Robert James Rutherford, E.D. (No. 48148), Divisional Tank Squadron.

Major Geoffrey William Foote (No. 489384), Headquarters, 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Pacific.