

suffered in varying degrees, but the pilot, by his tenacity, determination, and outstanding devotion to duty, remained at the controls and landed his aircraft without damage before collapsing temporarily. In two tours of operations in the Pacific, Warrant Officer Porter has completed ninety sorties, involving 442 hours' operational flying, and has made eight strikes against enemy positions in the Bougainville, New Britain, and New Ireland areas, mostly in the face of heavy defensive fire. He has at all times displayed courage above the ordinary, and set a fine example to all ranks.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 6th February, 1945.

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

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flying Officer Patrick John McVerry (NZ 417081), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Te Awamutu.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Military Cross

Flight Lieutenant George Allan (NZ 413324), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

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:—

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross

16th February, 1945

Flight Lieutenant Alan Cheyne Baxter, D.F.C. (NZ 40730), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Otorohanga.

Flight Lieutenant David Hamilton Tudhope, D.F.C. (NZ 415798), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Hamilton.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Joseph Morel (NZ 412720), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of West Coast.

Flight Lieutenant Roy John Robert Momo (NZ 411925), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Selwyn Frank Jackson (NZ 426046), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of South Canterbury.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ernest Charles Mawson (NZ 425975), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Owen Patrick Fewster Taylor (NZ 421792), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Rangiora.

Flying Officer Kevin Michael Cotter (NZ 421026), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Te Kuiti.

Flying Officer Roy Ehrlich Forbes (NZ 425409), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Opotiki.

20th February, 1945

Flying Officer Maurice Raymond Blank (NZ 411554), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Flying Officer Edward Thomas Cossens (NZ 421683), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Dunedin.

Flying Officer Lionel Oscar Edwards (NZ 415303), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Flying Officer Raymond Edward Charles Hogg (NZ 4210085), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

Flying Officer Homer Cecil Hurt (NZ 41589), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

Flying Officer Bruce Edwin Smith (NZ 425947), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of South Canterbury.

Pilot Officer Noel Kenderdine Brabant (NZ 422176), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

Pilot Officer Trevor Hugh Hill (NZ 429335), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Auckland.

Pilot Officer Sydney Archie Thompson (NZ 425955), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 18th February, 1945.

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

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order

Flying Officer Frederick Harry Denton, D.F.C. (NZ 426036), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flying Officer Frederick Harry Denton (NZ 426036), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

2nd March, 1945

Flying Officer Ian Hamilton Byers (NZ 428186), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Palmerston North.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Award of Foreign Decorations

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 6th February, 1945.

HIS Majesty the King has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned decorations conferred on the officers indicated, in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the war:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Air Medal

Flying Officer Barnabas Wilder Williams (NZ 422739), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Hastings.

27th February, 1945

Flying Officer Richard Lucas Shuttleworth (NZ 404955), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Nelson.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Operational Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence,
Wellington, 21st February, 1945.

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

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order

Acting Squadron Leader Geoffrey Stanton Sharp (NZ 403476), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Gisborne.

Second Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Squadron Leader Alfred William Gordon Cochrane, D.S.O., D.F.C. (NZ 403429), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Rawene.

Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross

Acting Squadron Leader Keith Granville Taylor-Cannon (NZ 412284), D.F.C., Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Alexandra.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Flying Officer William Alan Liddell Trott (NZ 417131), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Dunedin.

26th February, 1945.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Ian George Nicklin (NZ 424503), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Gisborne.

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

21st February, 1945

Flying Officer Walter Ross Tinker (NZ 422078), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Christchurch.

27th February, 1945

Squadron Leader Richard Charles Young (NZ 2266), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Oamaru.

Flight Lieutenant Allan Bennetto Stead (NZ 411996), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Dunedin.

Flying Officer William Alfred Hart (NZ 424461), Royal New Zealand Air Force, of Wellington.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Member of Licensing Committee appointed

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 26th March, 1945.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Ernest George Appleton, Esquire,

to be a member of the Licensing Committee for the District of Kaipara.

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

Justice of the Peace authorized to exercise Jurisdiction in Children's Court

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 26th March, 1945.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to authorize

Frederick Knight Hunt, Esquire, J.P.,

to exercise jurisdiction in the Children's Court established at Hokitika.

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