

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

Air Department,  
Wellington, 2nd July, 1945.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the following appointments, promotions, reductions, reversions, relinquishments, and transfers of officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force:—

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointments*

As Pilots—

NZ 2448 Arthur Edward Vincent MATHIAS, on relinquishing his commission in the Reserve of Air Force Officers (United Kingdom), is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Wing Commander, with seniority as from 1st July, 1944. Dated 1st April, 1945.

The undermentioned officers, on relinquishing their commissions in the Reserve of Air Force Officers (United Kingdom), are granted temporary commissions in the rank of Flight Lieutenant:—

With seniority as from 28th May, 1941—  
NZ 2451 Leonard MILLER. Dated 1st June, 1944.

With seniority as from 2nd October, 1941—  
NZ 2453 Eric Neil BAKER. Dated 1st June, 1944.

NZ 2449 Arthur George Lee HUMPHREYS, D.F.C., whose Short-service Commission in the Royal Air Force expired on 17th January, 1945, is granted a temporary commission in the rank of Flight Lieutenant, with seniority as from 17th January, 1942. Dated 18th January, 1945.

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

As Pilots—

Dated 18th January, 1945—  
NZ 412165 Warrant Officer Edward Philip ADAMS.

Dated 24th March, 1945—  
NZ 421504 Warrant Officer John Percy FURNESS.

Dated 5th April, 1945—  
NZ 425880 Warrant Officer Raymond Maurice BULLEN.

Dated 6th April, 1945—  
NZ 425541 Warrant Officer Edwin Jefferson SPARROW.

Dated 16th April, 1945—  
NZ 414694 Warrant Officer Leicester Wilson STANTLAND.

Dated 24th April, 1945—  
NZ 428283 Flight Sergeant Brian Wallace WOODMAN.

Dated 26th April, 1945—  
NZ 416095 Warrant Officer Carl William COLLINS.

Dated 30th April, 1945—  
NZ 428148 Warrant Officer Ross Sinclair PRIEST, D.F.C.

Dated 11th May, 1945—  
NZ 4211704 Warrant Officer John Lawrence FLEMING.

Dated 16th May, 1945—  
NZ 4212596 Flight Sergeant George William PARRY.

Dated 18th May, 1945—  
NZ 4213808 Flight Sergeant Gordon Murray HASLOP.

NZ 425768 Warrant Officer Trevor Beattie MORLEY.

Dated 19th May, 1945—  
NZ 4213281 Flight Sergeant Ernest William PERRIN.

Dated 22nd May, 1945—  
NZ 4213182 Warrant Officer Jack Raymond SIDDALL.

Dated 25th May, 1945—  
NZ 4210997 Flight Sergeant Francis Wilson SPRINGFORD.

Dated 29th May, 1945—  
NZC 4211656 Warrant Officer Ian Rodney BRIGHT.

Dated 12th June, 1945—  
NZ 422941 Warrant Officer George Maitland Doig FINDLAY.

Dated 17th June, 1945—  
NZ 4312830 Sergeant Norman Austin STREETER.  
NZ 4310388 Sergeant Eric John WRATTEN.

As Navigators—

Dated 12th March, 1945—  
NZ 429043 Warrant Officer Richard Shaw TILSON.

Dated 20th April, 1945—  
NZ 422193 Warrant Officer Charles Thomas KNOWLES.

Dated 30th April, 1945—  
NZ 426237 Warrant Officer Derek Stewart BALL.

Dated 14th May, 1945—  
NZ 427347 Flight Sergeant Arthur Edward Noel UNWIN.

Dated 20th May, 1945—  
NZ 4216528 Flight Sergeant John Cedric WARD.

Dated 27th May, 1945—  
NZ 427534 Warrant Officer Kenneth Stuart McNEILL.

Dated 28th May, 1945—  
NZ 4213915 Flight Sergeant John Charles NOTMAN.

Dated 12th June, 1945—  
NZ 39661 Flight Sergeant Frederick John CULLEN.

As Wireless Operator/Air Gunners—

Dated 2nd February, 1945—  
NZ 421305 Warrant Officer Harold Gordon William WHALE.

Dated 4th April, 1945—  
NZ 41401 Warrant Officer Morton George Frederick MAILMAN.

Dated 13th April, 1945—  
NZ 413295 Warrant Officer Arthur John SINCLAIR.

Dated 19th April, 1945—

NZ 42674 Warrant Officer Wallace Alfred LEE.

Dated 19th May, 1945—

NZ 422728 Warrant Officer Kenneth Wright SHARPLIN.

As Air Bombers—

Dated 28th April, 1945—  
NZ 4213336 Flight Sergeant Douglas James CRUICKSHANK.

Dated 28th May, 1945—  
NZC 4210043 Flight Sergeant Ian Dalrymple ROWE.  
NZ 428359 Warrant Officer Frederick Ian DUFFETT.

Dated 4th June, 1945—  
NZ 4210645 Warrant Officer John Henry ROBINSON.

As Air Gunner—

Dated 23rd March, 1945—  
NZ 425533 Flight Sergeant Percy Ernest LONGSTAFF.

*Promotions*

Squadron Leader (Acting Wing Commander) Ian Reid SALMOND to be Wing Commander (*temp.*). Dated 14th July, 1945.

The undermentioned Squadron Leaders (*temp.*) to be Acting Wing Commanders (paid):—

Dated 11th June, 1945: John Roby BLOXAM, O.B.E., D.F.C.

Dated 16th June, 1945—  
William Hector STRATTON, D.F.C.  
Kenneth Gordon SMITH.

Flight Lieutenant (Acting Squadron Leader) Derrick Fitzgerald WESTENRA, D.F.C., to be Squadron Leader (*temp.*). Dated 26th June, 1945.

Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant) Gordon Roger HEWLETT, D.F.C., to be Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*). Dated 26th June, 1945.

Flying Officer Alfred William HOLLIS to be Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*). Dated 22nd January, 1945.

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

Dated 26th June, 1945: John Richard CLAYDON.

Dated 5th July, 1945: Thomas Arthur BURT.

*Reduction in Seniority*

Flying Officer Ronald WAKELIN was dealt with summarily under section 47 of the Air Force Act and was sentenced to take rank and precedence as if his appointment as Flying Officer bore date the 1st March, 1945.

*Reversions*

Acting Wing Commander Graham Carrick MARTIN reverts to the temporary rank of Squadron Leader. Dated 24th June, 1945.

Acting Squadron Leader Anthony Brownlow HORROCKS reverts to the temporary rank of Flight Lieutenant. Dated 20th June, 1945.

*Transfer*

Flying Officer Frank Herbert LESTER is transferred from the Reserve of Air Force Officers to the Active List, with seniority for rank and pay purposes as from 23rd May, 1944. Dated 16th November, 1944.

*Relinquishments*

Flight Lieutenant Edward James CRANG is permitted to relinquish his temporary commission. Dated 14th July, 1945.

The temporary commission of Flying Officer Donald Walton STEWART is relinquished. Dated 16th June, 1945.

*Amendments*

The notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 20, dated 16th March, 1944, page 255, under the heading "General Duties Branch—Appointments—As Navigators," is amended, so far as it relates to "NZ 4216362 Sergeant Brian Morton WILSON," to read "As Navigator W."

The notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 78, dated 7th September, 1944, page 1096, under the heading "General Duties Branch—Transfers," is amended, so far as it relates to "Pilot Officer Brian Nicholls Hunter LAIRD and Pilot Officer Ralph Herbert WATERMAN," to read "As Navigators W."

EQUIPMENT BRANCH, SECTION II: TECHNICAL OFFICERS

*Promotions*

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

Engineer Duties—  
Dated 1st June, 1945: Gonville Course BENSEMAN.

Signals Duties—  
Dated 11th June, 1945: Laurie Frederick William MERCER.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Appointments*

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

Dated 17th June, 1945—  
NZ 4313616 L.A.C. Keith Ballantyne RADFORD.  
NZ 435927 Corporal Stanley Grenfell EADE.  
NZ 435265 Corporal Leslie Diedrich James SMITH.  
NZ 428528 Corporal Lester John CASTLE.  
NZ 439324 A.C. I. Herbert Sinclair BOWDEN.