Honours and Awards approved by His Majesty the King

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington, 12th January, 1946.

IIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following honours and awards to members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force :--

Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Wing Commander Gavin Hannay FORREST (NZ 1813), of Wellington. Wing Commander Ian Gordon MORRISON (NZ 1038), of Wellington. Wing Commander Henry Rodolph WIGLEY (NZ 1312), of Timaru.

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Squadron Leader Edwin Perrett RICHARDSON (NZ 1934), of Wanganui. Flight Lieutenant Robert Francis SMILLIE (NZ 1223), of Wellington.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Reginald Gustav LUND (NZ 1762), of Invercargill.

Flying Officer John Slingsby BARRAUD (NZ 391200), of Palmerston North.

British Empire Medal (Military Division)

Flight Sergeant Clyde Molesworth JEFFERY (NZ 391052), of Napier. Flight Sergeant Maitland Robert Rorer (NZ 391452), of Palmerston North.

Fight Sergeant Edwin Thomas SKEWS (NZ 40481), of Wellington. Sergeant William POWELL (NZ 416309), of Wellington. Sergeant Thomas Seymour PRICHARD (NZ 402749), of Auckland. Corporal Charles Ernest BREINGAN (NZ 402052), of Wellington. Corporal Raymond Stewart ST. GEORGE (NZ 403883), of Auckland.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards to members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations against the enemy :—

Distinguished Flying Cross

(16th June, 1944)

Acting Flight Lieutenant Alexander Donovan McConnell (NZ 39061), of Dunedin.

(4th December, 1945) Flight Lieutenant Keith Ross SIMPSON (NZ 415029), of Palmerston North.

(12th January, 1945)

Acting Squadron Leader Francis Dewar BETHWAITE (NZ 40641), of Auckland.

Acting Squadron Leader James Ralph Court (NZ 401754), of Auckland.

Acting Squadron Leader Maxwell James MILLENER (NZ 412716), of Auckland.

Flight Lieutenant Maurice KIDSON, A.F.M. (NZ 437025), of Wellington.

Flight Lieutenant John PARKES (NZ 412728), of Hamilton. Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Keith SMITH (NZ 401733), of Auckland. Flight Lieutenant Walter Lemnos WINCHESTER (NZ 405535), of Hasting

Acting Flight Lieutenant Allan Archibald WATSON (NZ 4212905), of Hawera.

Flying Officer Hamish Alexander Hogg (NZ 416491), of Halcombe. F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

New Year Honours List (United Kingdom)

Office of the Minister of Defence, Wellington, 4th February, 1946.

H IS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following honours and awards to members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force on the occasion of the celebration of the New Year :--

MILITARY DIVISION

Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). Squadron Leader Lindsay Edward DURRANT (NZ 2379), of Feilding. Squadron Leader Hayden Hugh James MILLER, D.F.C., A.F.C. (NZ 1996), of Morrinsville.

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)

Flight Lieutenant Raymond Brown HESSELYN, D.F.C., D.F.M. (NZ 404362), of Christchurch.
Flight Lieutenant Robert Garth STARK (NZ 40631), of Dunedin.
Flying Officer Cyril John HECTOR (NZ 391354), of Runanga.
Flying Officer Stewart Edward NICOL (NZ 416573), of Christchurch.
Pilot Officer James George BARNES (NZ 405362), of Dunedin.

Air Force Cross

Squadron Leader Erickson BEST (RAF 36236), of England. Squadron Leader Athol Larry McGRATH, D.F.C. (NZ 415337), of Christehurch.

Flight Lieutenant Henry Drury ALCOCK (NZ 403928), of Napier. Flight Lieutenant William Paul Nevill CLARKE (NZ 415292), of

Central Otago. NZ 39343 Warrant Officer Joseph Richard TURVEY, of Oamaru.

British Empire Medal (B.E.M.)

NZ 405029 Flight Sergeant Roy Gerald Maurice KENNARD, of Christchurch.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

Administrator of Western Samoa appointed

Office of the Minister of Island Territories, Wellington, 15th February, 1946.

IS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to amend the appointment of

Francis William Voelcker

to be Administrator of Western Samoa with the effect that such appointment shall be on and from the 27th February, 1946, in lieu of the 1st March, 1946, as notified in the *Gazette* of 1st November, 1945.

> W. NASH, For the Minister of Island Territories.

Consul of the United States of America at Wellington appointed

Ministry of External Affairs,

Wellington, 14th February, 1946.

'IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that His Majesty's Exequatur empowering

Elvin Seibert, Esquire,

to act as Consul of the United States of America at Wellington has been issued.

> W. NASH, Acting Minister of External Affairs.

Consul of the United States of America at Auckland appointed

Ministry of External Affairs, Wellington, 15th February, 1946.

IS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that His Majesty's Excellence the Governor General directs it to be notified that His Majesty's Exequatur empowering John C. Fuess, Esquire,

to act as Consul of the United States of America at Auckland has been issued.

W. NASH, Acting Minister of External Affairs.

Staff of the Legation of France at Wellington appointed

Ministry of External Affairs, Wellington, 16th February, 1946.

T is hereby notified for public information that the following appointments have been made to the staff of the Legation of France at Wellington :---

George Denizeau, Esquire, First Secretary; Henri Costilhes, Esquire, Attaché; Pierre Burthe, Esquire, Commercial Attaché; and Gerald Leroy-Terquem, Esquire, Press Attaché.

W. NASH, Acting Minister of External Affairs.

Ministry of External Affairs, Wellington, 16th February, 1946.

 \mathbf{I}^{T} is hereby notified for public information that the following appointments have been made to the staff of the Legation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at Wellington :—

Pavel K. Ermoshin, Esquire, First Secretary; Alexei V. Vikhranov, Esquire, Third Secretary; and Pavel I. Artemov, Esquire, Attaché.

> W. NASH, Acting Minister of External Affairs.

Appointment of Industrial Efficiency Appeal Authority under Section 10 of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1942

 $\displaystyle \prod IS$ Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the

Honourable Sir Francis Vernon Frazer

to the office of Industrial Efficiency Appeal Authority under the authority of section 10 of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1942.

D. G. SULLIVAN, Minister of Industries and Commerce.

Coroner appointed

Department of Justice. Wellington, 19th February, 1946. HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint appoint Reuben Sydney Entwistle, Esquire, J.P.,

of Cambridge, to be a Coroner for the Dominion of New Zealand. H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Justice.