

*Appointments*

As Wireless Operator/Air Gunner—

NZT 539044 Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*) Basil John Townsend HEATH relinquishes his temporary commission and is granted an extended-service commission for a period of four years in his present rank and seniority. Dated 1st April, 1947.

As Pilot—

NZC 437269 Flying Officer (*temp.*) John William Prideaux COOK relinquishes his temporary commission and is granted an extended-service commission for a period of two years in his present rank and seniority. Dated 1st April, 1947.

*Relinquishments*

The undermentioned officers relinquish their commissions:—

Dated 16th December, 1947: NZ 2502 Squadron Leader (*temp.*) (Acting Wing Commander) Thomas Bernard FITZGERALD, D.F.C.

Dated 4th January, 1948: NZ 2152 Squadron Leader (*temp.*) Basil Llewellyn WATKIN.

Dated 8th January, 1948: NZ 415368 Flight Lieutenant (*temp.*) Keith Bernard ROGERS, D.F.C.

*Cancellation*

The notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 27, dated 29th May, 1947, page 652, under the heading "General Duties Branch—Appointments—As Pilots," relating to "NZ 1028 Wing Commander (*temp.*) Ian Alastair SCOTT, O.B.E.," is cancelled.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH

*Relinquishment*

NZ 2421 Squadron Leader (*temp.*) Ronald Alexander THOMSON relinquishes his commission. Dated 11th December, 1947.

## RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

*Transfers*

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the Active List to the Reserve of Air Force Officers, Class A, Section I:—

Dated 9th June, 1947: NZ 1028 Wing Commander Ian Alastair SCOTT, O.B.E., A.M.I.E.E., A.F.R.Ac.S.

Dated 18th October, 1947: NZ 413714 Flight Lieutenant William Allan MURRAY.

Dated 19th December, 1947: NZ 415798 Flight Lieutenant David Hamilton TUDHOPE, D.F.C.

The undermentioned officers are transferred from the Active List to the Reserve of Air Force Officers, Class B, Section I:—

Dated 26th November, 1947: NZ 415212 Flight Lieutenant Eric Francis WITTING, D.F.C.

Dated 13th December, 1947: NZ 38007 Flight Lieutenant Henry Joseph ROBINSON.

*Relinquishments*

The undermentioned officers relinquish their commissions:—

Dated 7th October, 1947: NZ 4214152 Flying Officer James Serge GOW.

Dated 15th October, 1947: NZ 41929 Flight Lieutenant James Fyfe NIVEN.

Dated 3rd November, 1947: NZ 41468 Flight Lieutenant Albert William COPLAND.

Dated 5th November, 1947: NZ 438731 Flying Officer Donald Benjamin POLLARD.

Dated 31st December, 1947: NZ 402551 Flight Lieutenant George Maxwell DAVIES, D.F.C.

Dated 31st January, 1948: NZ 413138 Flight Lieutenant Sydney Lewis SPILMAN.

*Cancellation*

The notice appearing in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 51, dated 11th September, 1947, page 1183, under the heading "Reserve of Air Force Officers—Relinquishments," so far as it relates to "NZ 415310 Flight Lieutenant Francis Linford GRETTON," is cancelled.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

*Appointment of an Officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force*

Air Department,  
Wellington, 15th December, 1947.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve the following appointment of an officer of the Royal New Zealand Air Force:—

STAFF OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

NZ 1019 Wing Commander (*temp.*) Francis Ross DIX to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp. Dated 1st December, 1947.

F. JONES, Minister of Defence.

*Minister of Belgium at Wellington*

Ministry of External Affairs,  
Wellington, 8th December, 1947.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General directs it to be notified that

Armand Nihotte, Esquire,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Belgium to New Zealand, presented his Letters of Credence at Government House on Thursday, 27th November, 1947.

P. FRASER, Minister of External Affairs.

*Judge of the Court of Review appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 12th December, 1947.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

The Honourable Sir Harold Featherston Johnston, K.C.,

a former Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, to be the Judge of the Court of Review, pursuant to section 11 of the Mortgages and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936, and section 44 of the Statutes Amendment Act, 1947, to hold office until the 31st December, 1949.

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

*Member of Licensing Committee appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 15th December, 1947.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Allan Augustine Dingwall, Esquire,

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

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

*Member of Licensing Committees appointed*

Department of Justice,  
Wellington, 17th December, 1947.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

John Reginald Herd, Esquire, S.M.,

to be a member of the Licensing Committees for the Districts of Palmerston North and Wairarapa from the 5th December, 1947, *vice* A. M. Goulding, Esquire, S.M., and for the District of Manawatu from the 15th December, 1947, *vice* A. Coleman, Esquire, S.M.

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

*Committee of Inquiry into Patent Law and Procedure*

I, HENRY GREATHEAD REX MASON, Minister of Justice, hereby appoint—

Herbert Edgar Evans, Esquire, Solicitor-General, Andrew John Park, Esquire, Solicitor and Patent Attorney, John Ralfe Smith, Esquire, Communications Engineer, Stuart Wentworth Innes-Ker Peterson, Esquire, Manufacturer, and George William Clinkard, Esquire, Secretary for Industries and Commerce,

to be a Special Committee of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of Herbert Edgar Evans, Esquire, to inquire into patent law and procedure, with a view to the improvement thereof.

## ORDER OF REFERENCE

The Committee shall consider and report—

(a) Whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable in the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act, and in the practice of the Patent Office and of the Courts in relation to matters arising therefrom; and

(b) In particular it shall report on—

(i) The initiation, conduct, and determination of legal proceedings arising under, or out of, the Patents, Designs, and Trade-marks Act; and

(ii) The provisions of these Acts for the prevention of the abuse of monopoly rights;

and shall suggest any amendments of the statutory provisions or of procedure thereunder which in its opinion would facilitate the expeditious settlement and the reduction of the cost of legal proceedings in patent cases, and would encourage the use of inventions and the progress of industry and trade.

Dated at Wellington, this 11th day of December, 1947.

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

*Appointing Commissioners of the Lower Clutha River Trust*

PURSUANT to section 3, subsection (1), of the Lower Clutha River Improvement Act, 1938, the Minister of Works doth hereby appoint—

Charles Langbein, of Dunedin, Civil Engineer,  
John Graham Weir, of Stirling, Farmer, and  
John William Fenton, of Kaitangata, Esquire,

to be Commissioners of the Lower Clutha River Trust.

Dated at Wellington, this 10th day of December, 1947.

R. SEMPLE, Minister of Works.

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