

And whereas by the said Warrant you were required to report, not later than the 18th day of December 1953, your findings and opinions on the matters thereby referred to you, together with such recommendations as you should think fit to make in respect thereof:

And whereas by Warrant dated the 15th day of December 1953 the time within which you were so required to report was extended until the 30th day of April 1954:

And whereas by Warrant dated the 30th day of April 1954 the time within which you were so required to report was further extended until the 30th day of June 1954:

And whereas by Warrant dated the 30th day of June 1954 the time within which you were so required to report was again extended until the 31st day of August 1954:

And whereas it is expedient that the time for so reporting should be still further extended as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, I, Charles Willoughby Moke Norrie, the Governor-General of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby extend until the 30th day of November 1954 the time within which you are so required to report:

Provided always that the extension of time granted to you by these presents shall be without prejudice to the power conferred upon you by the said Warrant of the 23rd day of October 1953 to submit to me from time to time an interim report on any matter or matters arising in the course of your inquiry, together with such recommendations as you should think fit to make in respect thereof:

And in further exercise of the said powers and authorities, and acting by and with the like advice and consent, I do hereby confirm the said Warrant of the 23rd day of October 1953, and the Commission thereby constituted, save as modified by the said Warrants of extension dated the 15th day of December 1953, the 30th day of April 1954, and the 30th day of June 1954 respectively, and by these presents.

Given in Executive Council, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 1st day of September 1954.

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Exempting Land in the Southland Land District from the Operation of Part III of the Coal Mines Act 1925*

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

**P**URSUANT to the Coal Mines Act 1925, His Excellency the Governor-General hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

THE land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby exempted from the operation of Part III of the Coal Mines Act 1925.

SCHEDULE

ALL that area of land containing 39.7 perches, more or less, being Lot 33 on D.P. 4361, being part of Section 94, Block III, Wairio Survey District, and being part of the land in certificate of title, Volume 155, folio 103, Southland Registry, excepting, however, all mines, seams, and beds of coal now lying in or under the said piece of land.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 27th day of August 1954.

W. SULLIVAN, Minister of Mines.

(Mines 6/10/675)

*Officers Authorized to Take Statutory Declarations*

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

**P**URSUANT to section 301 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1927, His Excellency the Governor-General hereby authorizes the persons named in the Schedule hereto, being the holders of the offices specified after their names, to take and receive statutory declarations under that section.

SCHEDULE

Flight Lieutenant William Adino Newenham, Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters Unit, Shelly Bay.  
Wing Commander Aubrey Arthur Ninnis Breckon, D.F.C., Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Woodbourne.  
Group Captain Francis Ross Dix, O.B.E., Commanding Officer, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Wigram.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 26th day of August 1954.

T. CLIFTON WEBB, Minister of Justice.

*Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements of Officers of the New Zealand Army*

**P**URSUANT to section 16 of the New Zealand Army Act 1950, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the following appointments, promotions, transfers, resignations, and retirements of officers of the New Zealand Army:

1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE

Captain F. C. Preston, The Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), relinquishes the appointment of Camp Commandant, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade, and ceases to be seconded. Dated 8 August 1954.

Lieutenant C. S. Baker, The Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), is appointed Brigade Headquarters Company Commander, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade, and is seconded. Dated 12 August 1954.

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARTILLERY

*Territorial Force*

4th Medium Regiment, R.N.Z.A.

2nd Lieutenant M. J. Petchell, from the N.Z. Cadet Corps, to be 2nd Lieutenant, with seniority from 10 April 1953, and remains attached to the Te Kuiti District High School Cadets in addition to his appointment with the 4th Medium Regiment, R.N.Z.A. Dated 21 May 1954.

10th Coast Regiment, R.N.Z.A.

Captain C. C. Petersen, from the Reserve of Officers, Regimental List, 10th Coast Regiment, R.N.Z.A., to be Captain, with seniority from 1 April 1951. Dated 1 April 1954.

13th Composite Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.N.Z.A.

Arthur Douglas Edwin Kingett (late Lieutenant, Royal Artillery), to be Lieutenant (*on prob.*), with seniority from 1 July 1951. Dated 19 July 1954.

151st Anti-Aircraft Battery, R.N.Z.A.

Major B. F. Betts is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Regimental List, 151st Anti-Aircraft Battery, R.N.Z.A., with the rank of Major, with seniority from 23 March 1952. Dated 10 August 1954.

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARMoured CORPS

*Regular Force*

Captain (*temp.* Major) C. C. Jordan is seconded to the Fiji Military Forces. Dated 31 August 1954.

THE ROYAL N.Z. INFANTRY CORPS

*Regular Force*

N.Z. Regiment

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Harrison is re-engaged for a period of two years as from 15 July 1953.

Terence Frank Mackrell is granted a short service commission for a period of three years as from 23 August 1954 in the rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 23 August 1953, and is appointed Education Officer, A.E.W.S., Army Headquarters. Dated 23 August 1954.

*Territorial Force*

The Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own)

Captain F. C. Preston, 1st Battalion, ceases to be seconded to Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade, and is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Regimental List, The Auckland Regiment, with the rank of Captain, with seniority from 5 July 1952. Dated 9 August 1954.

Lieutenant C. S. Baker, 1st Battalion, is seconded to Headquarters, 1st Infantry Brigade. Dated 12 August 1954.

The Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast Regiment

Captain E. Goodman, 1st Battalion, to be *temp.* Major. Dated 1 July 1954.

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARMY SERVICE CORPS

*Regular Force*

Captain V. R. Bonner is re-engaged for a period of two years as from 1 September 1954.

THE ROYAL N.Z. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

*Territorial Force*

1st General Hospital, R.N.Z.A.M.C.

Lieutenant (*on prob.*) D. H. Abbott, M.B., Ch.B., from the Reserve of Officers, Regimental List, 1st General Hospital, R.N.Z.A.M.C., to be Lieutenant (*on prob.*), with seniority from 17 June 1952. Dated 17 June 1952.

2nd General Hospital, R.N.Z.A.M.C.

Lieutenant C. R. Climie, M.B., Ch.B., is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Regimental List, 2nd General Hospital, R.N.Z.A.M.C., with the rank of Lieutenant, with seniority from 14 April 1949. Dated 5 July 1954.

1st Field Dressing Station, R.N.Z.A.M.C.

Lieutenant R. F. Thorburn, M.B., Ch.B., to be Captain. Dated 25 September 1952.