Appointments, Promotions, Transfers, and Resignations of Officers of the Territorial Force.

Department of Defence,

Wellington, 25th July, 1914. H IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the appointments, promotions, transfers, and resignations of the undermentioned officers of the Territorial Force :-

9th (Hawke's Bay) Regiment.

The undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants resign their commissions

Atholl Courtenay Forbes. Dated 8th April, 1914. Alexander Whitelaw Lafferty. Dated 18th April, 1914.

10th (North Otago) Regiment.

Quartermaster and Lieutenant Charles Jeremiah Marshall resigns his commission. Dated 21st May, 1914.

11th Regiment (Taranaki Rifles). Quartermaster and Captain Frederick William Okey resignhis commission. Dated 29th June, 1914.

12th (Nelson) Regiment.

Lieutenant George Cruickshank Griffiths to be Captain, supernumerary to establishment. Dated 19th August, 1913.

13th (North Canterbury and Westland) Regiment.

Lieutenant Duncan Buchanan Macfarlane to be Captain to complete establishment. Dated 3rd January, 1914.

New Zealand Medical Corps.

Eric Lachlan Marchant to be Captain. Dated 2nd July, 1914

New Zealand Chaplains' Department. The Reverend George Trevor Robson to be Chaplain to the Forces, 4th Class. Dated 23rd June, 1914.

Unattached List (b)

The undermentioned 2nd Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :

John Herbert Cock. Dated 20th May, 1914. Archibald Burnett Sievwright. Dated 27th May, 1914. 2nd Lieutenant George Douglas McKenzie resigns his com-mission. Dated 15th June, 1914.

J. ALLEN, Minister of Defence.

Award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence

Wellington, 24th July, 1914. IS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the award of a Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to

Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN MACKINTOSH ROBERTS, N.Z.C. Retired List,

he having a total commissioned service to the 31st August 1903, entitling him thereto of twenty-four years and sixty days

J. ALLEN. Minister of Defence.

Notice respecting Proposed Town District, Mercer, County of Franklin.

Department of Internal Affairs,

Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington, 4th Angust, 1914. IT is hereby notified that a petition has been presented to His Excellency the Governor, under the Town Boards Act, 1908, praying that the area described in the Schedule hereto may be constituted a town district under the said Act, by name the Town District of Mercer. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objec-tions to or petitions against the constitution of the said town district which they desire to lodge within one month from the first publication of this notice, such objections or petitions to be addressed to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES OF PROPOSED TOWN DISTRICT OF MERCER.

ALL that area in the Auckland Land District bounded by a whiri Stream in line with the southern boundary of Allotment No. 107, Koheroa Parish; thence to and along that

boundary, the southern boundaries of Allotments Nos. 108 and 109 and part of the western boundary of Allotment No. 111, along the north-western and south-western bound-aries of Allotment No. 57 and the north-western side of the road forming the south-eastern boundary of Allotment No. 58 to the southernmost corner of that allotment; thence across road forming the south-eastern boundary of Allotment No. 58 to the southernmost corner of that allotment; thence across a road and along the south-western boundary of Allotment No. 60, Koheroa Parish, the north-western and south-western boundaries of Allotment No. 143, along the north-western side of the road forming the south-eastern boundary of Allot-ment No. 144, Koheroa Parish, across a road to the northern-most corner of Lot No. 16 of Mercer Suburban Lots, and along the western side of the road forming the eastern bound-aries of Lots Nos. 16 and 17 and the northern side of the road forming the southern boundary of Lot No. 17 to the south-western corner of that lot; thence along a right line across the Waikato River to a point on its left bank in line with the south-eastern boundary of Allotment No. 93, One-whero Parish; thence along the left bank of that river to the northernmost corner of Allotment No. 60, Onewhero Parish; thence along a right line across the Waikato River to a point on its right bank in line with the south-eastern boundary of Allotment No. 136, Koheroa Parish; thence along the right bank of that river to the Mangatawhiri Stream, and along the left bank of that stream to the place of commencement. of commencement.

H. D. BELL Minister of Internal Affairs.

Special Order made by the Cook County Council merging Aroha Road District.

Department of Internal Affairs,

Wellington, 4th August, 1914. THE following special order, made by the Cook County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Counties Amendment Act, 1913.

H. D. BELL, Minister of Internal Affairs

COOK COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Order made by the Cook County Council at a Special Meeting held on Friday, 19th June, 1914.

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the prayer of a petition of a majority of the ratepayers of the Aroha Road District, in the County of Cook, who possess more than one-half of the neteeble property in the Aroha Road District, this Council hereby declares that the said road district shall be merged into the County of Cook, and the Board of that district shall be dissolved. This special order to come into force on the 1st August, 1914; or if gazetted, then upon the gazetting thereof.

This special order was confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Council held on the 17th day of July, 1914. The common seal of the Chairman, Councillors, and Inhabit-

ants of the County of Cook was hereto affixed in the presence of---

HOWARD KENWAY, Chairman, Cook County Council.

JOHN WARREN,

Clerk.

I certify that the foregoing special order has been made in accordance with law, and that all the provisions of the Counties Act, 1908, have been complied with.

JOHN WARREN. Clerk, Cook County Council.

By-laws of the Grey County Council confirmed under the By-laws Act. 1910.

Department of Internal Affairs,

Wellington, 4th August, 1914. THE following certificate has been executed on the sealed conv of By-laws No. 20 mode her the following certificate has been executed on the sealed L copy of By-laws No. 20 made by the Grey County Council on the 7th April, 1914.

H. D. BELL, Minister of Internal Affairs.

CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION.

In pursuance of the By-laws Act, 1910, I hereby confirm the within-written By-laws No. 20, and declare that the same came into force on the 7th day of May, 1914. Dated this 4th day of August, 1914.

H. D. BELL, Minister of Internal Affairs

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