

2nd Lieutenant James A. Douglas Ritchie is transferred to the 2nd (South Canterbury) Regiment. Dated 18th December, 1916.

2nd Lieutenant Frank Cargill Wade is transferred to the 13th (North Canterbury and Westland) Regiment. Dated 15th December, 1916.

2nd Lieutenant William Eli Johnston is struck off the strength of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and is absorbed. Dated 30th January, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Henry Masterton Clark (General List) is struck off the strength of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and absorbed. Dated 4th January, 1917.

Frank Roy Combes to be 2nd Lieutenant. Dated 19th December, 1916.

Ernest Bernard McDonald to be 2nd Lieutenant (temp.). Dated 14th December, 1916.

MEMORANDUM.

2nd Lieutenant James William Crampton is granted the honorary rank of Captain whilst acting as Provost Marshal and Judge of the Native Court in Samoa. Dated 16th December, 1916.

Captain J. R. Rooper, Reserve of Officers, Territorial Force, England, is appointed Assistant Embarkation Officer whilst doing duty with the New Zealand Military Forces. Dated 30th December, 1916.

With reference to the notice published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 126, of the 9th November, 1916, re appointments of officers proceeding on active service, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, the order of seniority of officers appearing under the heading "Infantry" is amended to read as follows:—

Captain Victor Horace Baker, Unattached List (b).

Captain Henry Charles Collett, Reserve of Officers, 9th (Hawke's Bay) Regiment.

Captain Joseph Gordon Coates, Reserve of Officers, 11th (North Auckland) Mounted Rifles.

Lieutenant William John Stone, Unattached List (b), previously of 4th Reinforcements.

Lieutenant Cecil Audrey Lynch, Unattached List (b).

2nd Lieutenant Harold Herbert Parkinson, Unattached List (b).

2nd Lieutenant Kenneth Robert White, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Guy Minnitte Lucas, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Evelyn Jack Rose, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Rupert Worley, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Leslie Frazier Tisdall, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Claude Berthow Willis, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Ivor George Pritchard, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Albert Durward Paisley, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Francis Joseph Traynor, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Arthur Ernest Talbot, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Cecil George Haselden Robinson, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant George Thorngate Weston, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Lascelles William Rose Lascelles, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Harry Lawson, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Cecil Bertram McLure, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Richard Selwyn Halliwell, Unattached List (b), General List.

2nd Lieutenant Cyril Brook, Unattached List (b), General List.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Canterbury Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 13th January, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Canterbury Land Board, the said land has

thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

RENEWABLE lease 636: Lessee, Fred. C. Beers. Sections 2 and 2A, Kowhatu Settlement; Blocks XV and XVI, Waihao Survey District.

Reason for forfeiture: Non-execution of lease.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Land in Taranaki Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Wellington, 15th January, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the license of the under-mentioned section having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Taranaki Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

Section 11, Block VII, Omona District.

FORMERLY held by V. L. Smith. Tenure: O.R.P./D.S. 964. Reason: Selector's request.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Pastoral Run in Canterbury Land District for Lease to Discharged Soldiers.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 17th January, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral run is open for license by discharged soldiers under Part VI of the Land Act, 1908, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915. Applications will be received at this office and at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 12th March, 1917.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 14th March, 1917.

The ballot will be held at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—MACKENZIE COUNTY.—BURKE SURVEY DISTRICT.

National Endowment.—Class A.

PASTORAL Run 244: Area, 2,200 acres; term of license, twenty-one years; half-yearly rental, £61 7s.

Weighted with £100, valuation for fencing, which may be paid for in cash, or in forty-two half-yearly instalments of £3 18s.

Situated about thirteen miles from Fairlie Railway-station by motor-road. Altitude, 1,900 ft. to 4,500 ft. Nearly all hills, covered with tussock and grass; well watered. An easement of 25 links wide is reserved, covering the water-race and creek supplying the Sawdon Homestead and Burke's Pass Township with water.

The successful applicant will require to take a license (expiring at the same time as the run license) under section 59 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, over the homestead-site adjoining. Area, 60 acres 2 roods 6 perches; half-yearly rental, £8 11s. 9d.

Weighted with £255, valuation for buildings consisting of house, stable, &c., which may be paid for in cash, or by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £9 18s. 11d.

Residence is compulsory.

Plans and full particulars may be obtained at this office.

W. H. SKINNER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Education Reserves in Canterbury Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 17th January, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the education reserves described in the Schedule hereto will be offered for lease by public auction at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, on Wednesday, 14th March, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, under the provisions of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, and amendments, and the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.