

Wood, Edward, grocer, Great North Road, Avondale.
 Wood, Tom, Te Awamutu.
 Woods, Henry, grocer, Mount Eden Road, Auckland.
 Woods, William James, Waihi.
 Woollams, Claude, 1 Karangahape Road, Auckland.
 Woollams, William Henry, chemist, Queen Street, Auckland.
 Woolley, John S., chemist, Whangarei.
 Worden, Thomas, Ramarama.
 Wrigley, John Julius, Tauranga.
 Yarborough, Archibald George Cooke, Kohukohu.
 Yarborough, Randall Francis Cooke, Kohukohu.
 Yates, Arthur, and Co., Albert Street, Auckland.
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J. TERRY,
 Registrar of Poisons.

Magistrate's Court,
 Auckland, 10th January, 1919.

Destruction of Mines around the New Zealand Coast.

THE following details relative to the destruction of mines around the New Zealand coast are promulgated for the information of all concerned:—

AWARDS FOR DESTRUCTION OF MINES AROUND THE NEW ZEALAND COAST.

1. ALL merchant vessels navigating New Zealand waters are to make every endeavour to destroy or sink mines when sighted.

This may be done by rifle fire at a distance of not less than 200 yards.

If a mine is thus discovered or sunk, a reward not exceeding £5, or in special cases £10, will be paid.

No compensation is payable for damage sustained in destroying or sinking mines.

2. Attention is drawn to the "Instructions for Inspection, Destruction, and Reporting of Mines" previously promulgated, a copy of which is given at the end of this memorandum.

3. Merchant vessels should not attempt to salvage mines. If they cannot destroy or sink them in accordance with paragraph 1 above, they should report the position to the nearest Naval Authority by wireless telegraphy in plain language, or, if not fitted with wireless telegraphy, by visual signal or telegraph at the first opportunity.

Any other shipping sighted subsequently to the discovery of a mine should be warned of its position.

If the mine is moored, the position should be marked.

4. In the case of any vessel, at the request of a Naval Authority, exploding on the bottom a mine that can be verified as having been previously sunk in the position stated, but not exploded, a reward not exceeding £5 will be paid.

5. For reporting a drifting mine (if such report leads to the destruction of the mine) a reward not exceeding £5, or in special cases £10, will be paid.

The reward will not be paid unless every reasonable attempt to destroy the mine has been made.

6. For the first intimation of enemy moored mines proved to be accurate and valuable, and delivered at the earliest possible moment, a reward not exceeding £10 will be paid.

7. The reward for the first report of a mine washed up on shore, in cases where the mine is ultimately recovered or destroyed, will be £1.

8. No payment will be made for divergence from course or for loss of fishing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSPECTION, DESTRUCTION, AND REPORTING OF MINES BY MERCHANT SHIPS IN NEW ZEALAND WATERS.

(Referred to at paragraph 2 above.)

A. Inspection.

It is desirable that mines and other suspicious objects met with at sea should be examined as closely as possible, and an accurate description noted.

A suspicious object must be approached with the utmost caution, and as accurate an examination as possible carried out whilst passing at close range.

Unless bad weather prevents, it is advisable to lower a boat in order to carry out a detailed examination without the risk incurred by attempting to manoeuvre the ship into close proximity to the object.

Great care must, however, be exercised to prevent the boat from touching any part of the mine, since a blow, or even a slight jar, on one of the detonating horns is sufficient to explode the mine.

B. Destruction.

Mines on the surface should, wherever possible, be sunk by rifle fire at a range of not less than 200 yards.

It must be borne in mind that if a bullet should chance to strike one of the detonating horns the mine will explode, and serious damage may result to the ship should the mine be too close to her.

C. Reporting Mines.

The following particulars should be noted wherever possible:—

- (a.) Accurate position where supposed mine was seen.
- (b.) Date and hour.
- (c.) Distance at which seen.
- (d.) Shape.
- (e.) Appearance.
- (f.) Colour.
- (g.) Whether floating freely on surface or moored.
- (h.) Whether it had horns, and (if so) how many, and whether one of them was in a central position.
- (i.) If moored, and (if so) at what depth.
- (j.) Any other details which can throw light upon whether it is a mine or a harmless buoy.
- (k.) Whether it was sunk.
- (l.) Whether position marked by buoy.

The conditions under which rifles and special hard-cased bullets are supplied may be obtained on application to the New Zealand Defence Department's Ordnance Sections at Wellington, Auckland, Lyttelton, or Dunedin.

P. H. HALL THOMPSON, Captain, R.N.,
 Naval Authority.

16th January, 1919.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Wellington Land District for Disposal under Section 14 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912.

District Lands Office,
 Wellington, 12th December, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 15, Block X, Makotuku Survey District, Wellington Land District, will be disposed of under section 14 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, to the adjoining owner on or after Thursday, the 13th March, 1919.

G. H. M. McCLURE,
 Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Nelson Land District for Disposal on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
 Nelson, 6th January, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 21 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, that the under-mentioned land is open for selection on renewable lease; and applications will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 13th February, 1919.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—MURCHISON COUNTY.—TUTAKI SURVEY DISTRICT.—MURCHISON VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

SECTION 27, Block I: Area, 2 acres. Capital value, £25; renewable lease, half-yearly rent, 10s.

Weighted with £50 valuation for improvements consisting of house and fencing

Section fronts main Matakītaki—Murchison Main Road, and is about one mile from village of Murchison. Level land partly covered with birch bush and blackberries.

A. D. BURNS,
 For Commissioner of Crown Lands.