

Leon William Charles Biddle to be 2nd Lieutenant (1st Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Albert Bruce Crago to be 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*), (2nd C Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Jacob William Fawcett to be 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*), (2nd C Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Lionel Lloyd James Grice to be 2nd Lieutenant (2nd C Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Francis Douglas Hamilton to be 2nd Lieutenant (1st C Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.

*The Hauraki Regiment.*

Captain C. I. Knight (Retired List) to be Captain (1st Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Lieutenant C. A. D. Blackburn, from the Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant (1st Battalion). Dated 11th August, 1924.

*The North Auckland Regiment.*

Lieutenant B. L. Dignan, *D.C.M.*, is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Class I (b), R.D. 1. Dated 13th August, 1924.

*The Wellington Regiment.*

Lieutenant A. K. Gray from the Reserve of Officers to be Lieutenant (1st Battalion). Dated 9th August, 1924.

*The Wellington West Coast Regiment.*

2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*) S. G. Waite, from the Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own), to be 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*), (1st Battalion), with seniority as from the 7th August, 1923.

*The Taranaki Regiment.*

Neil Campbell Shepherd to be 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*), (1st Battalion). Dated 8th August, 1924.

*The Canterbury Regiment.*

William Hughes to be 2nd Lieutenant (4th C Battalion). Dated 18th August, 1924.

*The Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast Regiment.*

Lieutenant N. A. Vercoe is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Class I (b), R.D. 9. Dated 23rd August, 1924.  
 Jack Ernest Barnard to be 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*), (1st C Battalion). Dated 21st August, 1924.

*The Otago Regiment.*

Lieutenant J. F. Hewitt, from the Southland Regiment, to be Lieutenant (1st Battalion), with seniority as from the 27th May, 1924.

*The Southland Regiment.*

Lieutenant J. F. Hewitt (1st Battalion) is transferred to the Otago Regiment. Dated 21st August, 1924.  
 The appointment of 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*) W. M. Satterthwaite (1st C Battalion) is confirmed.  
 The appointment of 2nd Lieutenant (*on probation*) T. Fyfe (2nd C Battalion) is confirmed.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Major W. F. Narbey is retired under the provisions of General Order 184/21, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 11th August, 1924.  
 Lieutenant S. M. James is retired under the provisions of General Order 184/21, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 4th August, 1924.  
 Captain R. E. J. Martin relinquished his commission on transfer to the N.Z. Permanent Staff. Dated 25th May, 1920.  
 Captain C. W. Free relinquished his commission on transfer to the Indian Army. Dated 5th December, 1917.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,  
 For Minister of Defence.

*Awards of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.*

Department of Defence,  
 Wellington, 27th August, 1924.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to the undermentioned:—

Major J. L. C. Merton, M.C., the Wellington West Coast Regiment.  
 Major J. B. Davis, 2nd N.Z. Mounted Rifles (Queen Alexandra's Wellington West Coast).

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence,

*Defence Rifle Clubs disbanded.*

Department of Defence,  
 Wellington, 28th August, 1924.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the disbandment of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Clubs, under Section 43, Defence Act, 1909:—

Granity Defence Rifle Club,  
 with headquarters at Granity. Dated 4th August, 1924.  
 Komaka Defence Rifle Club,  
 with headquarters at Komako. Dated 13th August, 1924.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

*Postmasters appointed to take and receive Statutory Declarations.*

PURSUANT to the authority conferred upon me by the two-hundred-and-eighty-eighth section of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby notify and declare that the persons set out in the Schedule hereto, being persons holding the office of Postmaster under the Post and Telegraph Act, 1908, at the places set opposite their names in the said Schedule, are authorized to take and receive statutory declarations under the two-hundred-and-eighty-eighth section of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

Ernest Arnold Pankhurst .. ..	Clinton.
James Edward Ward .. ..	Manaia.
Emily Martha Lloyd Thwaites .. ..	Maungaturoto.
Robert Wilkin Firman .. ..	Mayfield.
Frederick William Christian Walsleben .. ..	Mosgiel.
Margaret Millicent Grahame .. ..	Okaiawa.
Thomas Leslie Floyd .. ..	Tapanui.
Charles Ethelbert Scott .. ..	Tolaga Bay.
Ronald Graham Looker .. ..	Waikino.
Christina Clarkson Barlow .. ..	Waitakaruru.

As witness my hand this 13th day of August, 1924

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

Wellington, 28th August, 1924.

THE following notice, received from the Mayor of the Borough of Picton, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY, Minister of Finance.

BOROUGH OF PICTON.

I HEREBY give public notice that at a poll of the ratepayers of the Borough of Picton, taken on the 13th day of August, 1924, on the proposal of the Picton Borough Council to borrow the sum of £6,000 for water-works extension.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 121; the number recorded against the proposal was 33; informal votes, 2.

I therefore declare the proposal carried.

JNO. L. JONES, Mayor.

*Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.*

Wellington, 28th August, 1924.

THE following notice, received from the Chairman of the Council of the County of Ohura, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

W. F. MASSEY, Minister of Finance.

OHURA COUNTY COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that a poll of the ratepayers of the County of Ohura was taken on the 11th day of July, 1924, on the proposal of the Ohura County Council to borrow the sum of £2,000 for the purpose of erecting bridges within the Kururau-Turoto Special-rating District.

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 21; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 44.

I therefore declare that the proposal was rejected.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1924.

F. H. SIMS, Chairman.