

THE N.Z. AIR FORCE.

The undermentioned resign their commissions. Dated 4th May, 1925.

Captain G. F. Meager.
2nd Lieutenant H. N. Hawker.

N.Z. MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain A. M. Ross, *M.B.*, from the Reserve of Officers, to be Captain, and is attached for duty to the 1st Battalion, the Waikato Regiment. Dated 23rd April, 1925.

Captain W. H. Davy, *M.B.*, from the Reserve of Officers, to be Captain, and is attached for duty to the 9th N.Z. Mounted Rifles (North Auckland). Dated 23rd April, 1925.

Captain L. A. Spedding, from the Reserve of Officers, to be Captain, and is attached for duty to the 4th Field Battery, the Regiment of N.Z. Artillery. Dated 23rd April, 1925.

Lieutenant I. McD. Allen to be Captain. Dated 21st April, 1925.

Gerald Jacob Frengley, *M.B.*, to be Lieutenant. Dated 24th April, 1925.

Captain S. H. Ward is attached for duty to the 1st Battalion, North Auckland Regiment. Dated 29th April, 1925.

Captain S. A. Moore, *M.B.*, is attached for duty to the 14th Medium Battery, the Regiment of N.Z. Artillery. Dated 29th April, 1925.

Captain F. D. Pinfold, *M.B.*, is attached for duty to the 2nd Field Battery, the Regiment of N.Z. Artillery. Dated 23rd April, 1925.

Captain E. D. Aubin, *M.D.*, is attached for duty to the Northern Depot, Corps of N.Z. Engineers. Dated 23rd April, 1925.

Lieutenant T. B. Davis is attached for duty to the 9th Field Battery, the Regiment of N.Z. Artillery. Dated 9th September, 1924.

Lieutenant J. C. McKenzie, *M.B.*, is attached for duty to the 3rd N.Z. Mounted Rifles (North Auckland). Dated 23rd April, 1925.

The undermentioned are transferred to the Reserve of Officers:—

Captain W. H. Young, *M.B.* Dated 30th April, 1925.
Captain R. B. Turnbull, *M.B.* Dated 28th April, 1925.
Lieutenant A. S. Gray. Dated 30th April, 1925.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieutenant A. D. Low resigns his commission. Dated 30th April, 1925.

2nd Lieutenant F. W. H. Sheppard, *D.C.M.*, is posted to the Retired List under the provisions of G.O. 184/21, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 29th April, 1925.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Defence Rifle Club accepted.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 6th May, 1925.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to accept the services of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Club, under Section 43, Defence Act, 1909:—

Okato Defence Rifle Club,

with headquarters at Okato (Taranaki).

Date of acceptance, 30th March, 1925.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Dismissals from the Forces.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 11th May, 1925.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the dismissal of the undermentioned from the New Zealand Defence Forces, under section 6 (b), Defence Act, 1909, they having been convicted by the Civil power:—

No. 40/2150. Private H. C. O'Donnell, 1st Battalion, Canterbury Regiment.

No. 13/595. Trooper D. M. Morgan, 5th New Zealand Mounted Rifles (Otago Hussars).

Dated 4th May, 1925.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Award of Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 11th May, 1925.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Major the Hon. J. G. Coates, *M.C.*, Reserve of Officers.

R. HEATON RHODES, Minister of Defence.

Commission for the Assessment of Damage suffered in Turkey.

Treasury Department,
Wellington, 20th May, 1925.

THE following notice, being an abridgement or a notice issued by the International Allied Assessment Commission, is hereby published for general information:—

By a Convention between the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Japan, signed in Paris on 23rd November, 1923, it was agreed that a Commission should be set up, within one month of the coming into force of the Treaty of Lausanne, to assess damages suffered by the nationals of the Contracting Powers—*i.e.*, as follows:—

- (a.) Direct damage in respect of persons of property (other than that referred to in subsection 2 of Article 6 of the Convention) suffered on territory which was Ottoman on the 1st August, 1914, or at sea between the 1st August, 1914, and the 6th August, 1924, as the result of any act or negligence of the Turkish Government, including damage resulting from measures of requisition, sequestration, or confiscation and, also, direct damage suffered on the same territory, between the dates named, as the result of any acts of war, whatever party may have been the author of such acts:
- (b.) Direct damage caused by the fire of Smyrna, to the rights and property of the nationals of the Contracting Powers (but subject to the terms of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of Article 6 of the Convention);
- (c.) The damage referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) suffered on territory remaining Turkish, at the date of the coming into force of the Treaty of Lausanne, by Ottoman Companies in which the nationals of the Contracting Powers had a preponderating interest on the 1st August, 1914 (but subject to a deduction of the value of advantages of an economic character referred to in subsection 1 of Article 6 of the Convention).

By the same Convention the Commission is precluded from dealing with claims in respect of the following categories of damage:—

- (a.) Indirect damage, including deprivation of the use of property and loss of profits;
- (b.) Claims relating to amounts payable by the Hellenic Government in accordance with the Convention of the 24th July, 1923;
- (c.) The claims of concessionary companies, on account of the utilization by the Turkish Government, of their property, or of their services, which are to be settled by the Turkish Government, as provided in the Protocols and Declarations forming part of the Turkish Peace Settlement.

This Commission was duly set up on the 6th August, 1924, and has established its headquarters in Paris, where it is now prepared to receive claims from nationals of the Contracting Powers (including persons protected by the Contracting Powers in cases where the patent of protection is of a date prior to the 1st August, 1914).

Such claims, together with all documents and evidence in support thereof, should be sent to the Secretary to the Treasury, Wellington, immediately, in order that they may be sent forward in time to reach the headquarters of the Commission, 66 Rue Boissiere, Paris (16c), France, not later than the 6th August, 1925 (the last day for the reception of claims provided by Article 5 of the Convention).

W. NOSWORTHY, Minister of Finance.

Result of Poll for Proposed Loan.

Wellington, 18th May, 1925.

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

W. NOSWORTHY, Minister of Finance.

GERALDINE COUNTY COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to section 12 of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, I hereby give notice that at a poll of ratepayers of the Geraldine County taken on the 21st day of April, 1925, on the proposal of the Geraldine County Council to borrow the sum of £16,000 for the construction of bridges within the said county,—

The number of votes recorded for the proposal was 341; the number of votes recorded against the proposal was 335; the number of informal votes was 2.

I therefore declare that the proposal was rejected.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1925.

K. MACKENZIE, Chairman.