

Lieut.-Colonel (temp. Brigadier) F. L. Hunt, O.B.E., was appointed Quartermaster-General and Third Military Member of the Army Board, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) G. B. Parkinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., posted to London, from 27th September, 1946.

Colonel (temp. Brigadier) W. G. Gentry, D.S.O., O.B.E., was appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel (temp. Brigadier) L. G. Goss, C.B., retired, from 15th July, 1946.

Lieut.-Colonel (temp. Colonel) G. Dittmer, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., was appointed Officer Commanding, Central Military District, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) L. Potter, D.S.O., posted to Japan, from 7th August, 1946.

Colonel (temp. Brigadier) R. S. Park, C.B.E., was appointed Officer Commanding Northern Military District, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) A. B. Williams, D.S.O., retired, from 1st May, 1947.

The appointment of Judge Advocate-General to the New Zealand Military Forces fell vacant on the death of Colonel C. H. Weston, D.S.O., V.D., K.C., N.Z. Army Legal Department, and Lieut.-Colonel (temp. Colonel) C. A. L. Treadwell, O.B.E., has now been appointed.

OVERSEAS APPOINTMENTS

Colonel (temp. Brigadier) L. Potter, D.S.O., was appointed Commander, Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force (Japan), *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) K. L. Stewart, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., posted to New Zealand, from 6th July, 1946.

Colonel (temp. Brigadier) G. B. Parkinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., was appointed New Zealand Military Liaison Officer in London, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) R. S. Park, C.B.E., posted to New Zealand, from 5th December, 1946.

Lieut.-Colonel (local Colonel) R. C. Queree, C.B.E., D.S.O., has continued a senior appointment on the instructional staff of the Staff College, Camberley, England.

Major (temp. Colonel) H. E. Gilbert, D.S.O., O.B.E., was appointed New Zealand representative on the Joint Chiefs of Staff Organization in Australia and New Zealand Military Liaison Officer in Melbourne, *vice* Colonel (temp. Brigadier) W. G. Gentry, D.S.O., O.B.E., posted to New Zealand, from 9th July, 1946.

OVERSEAS VISITS: CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

During August, 1946, and again in May of this year, I attended senior officers' conferences in the United Kingdom called by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. On both occasions there was a valuable exchange of views between senior officers from all parts of the British Commonwealth and opportunity was taken to discuss operational problems in the light of the tactical and strategical policies judged appropriate to the future.

Before proceeding to England for the second of these conferences I attended the Hon. the Minister of Defence on his visit to Japan. In a period of three weeks every unit in the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force (Japan) was visited, and discussions relative to the Force were held with Lieut.-General H. C. H. Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force. A brief visit was made to Tokyo for discussions with General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and to observe the work of the British Commonwealth Sub-area, Tokyo, commanded by a New Zealand officer, Lieut.-Colonel (temp. Colonel) D. T. Maxwell, O.B.E.