

CHRISTCHURCH.—7/7/40, No. C.J. 7208, a gentlemen's blue Simplex Special, the property of Thomas Collins; value, £7.

CHRISTCHURCH.—9/7/40, Nos. 94912 and 5629 A., a ladies' black Raleigh Sports, the property of Eiliah McDonald Fraser; value, £12 15s.

CHRISTCHURCH.—13/7/40, No. 9132/F. 679, a gentlemen's black Armstrong, Butler transfers, the property of Frederick Kelso; value, £8 10s.

CHRISTCHURCH.—16/7/40, No. C. 21162, a gentlemen's black, Rapid transfers, the property of Thomas Nelson, value, £8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—17/7/40, No. 6448, a ladies' black Raleigh, Jones transfers, the property of Alma Taylor; value, £8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—18/7/40, No. F.F. 5025, a ladies' black, Simplex Special transfers, the property of Ida Sweatmore; value, £8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—20/7/40, No. 7252, a gentlemen's black Jones, the property of Ernest Moore; value, £5 15s.

CHRISTCHURCH.—20/7/40, No. Z. 52703, a gentlemen's black Raleigh, Victory transfers, the property of Frederick Ivan Nash; value, £12 10s.

MISSING.

AUCKLAND.—Since the 21st ultimo, **Christina Winifred Yalland**, age fifteen years and ten months, height 5 ft., native of New Zealand, medium build, brown hair. She was last seen in Queen Street on the 21st ultimo, and she was then in a motor-car with a soldier. Inquiry by her father, Herbert Yalland, 95B Vauxhall Road, Devonport. *Located 8/1/41.*

WELLINGTON.—Since the 15th October last, **Ethel Annie Burt**, age fifty-two, height 5 ft. 8 in., stout build, sallow complexion, dark hair, thin features, loud voice and speaks quickly; usually wears a black dress. Fears are entertained for her safety. *Located 22/1/41*

ABSCONDER FROM STATE INSTITUTION.

ELLERSLIE.—19th ultimo, from the licensed service of Mrs. Ruth Metcalfe, 33 Arthur Street, **Winifred Joyce Robertson**, age seventeen, height 5 ft. 3 in., clerk and factory hand, native of New Zealand, strong build, fair complexion, curly fair hair, blue eyes, prominent nose; wearing blue dress with white spots, grey costume coat, coloured stockings, blue shoes, and blue raincoat (no hat). She was in the licensed service of Mrs. Metcalfe, and when she is located she is not to be arrested for absconding, but the nearest Child Welfare Officer is to be notified of her whereabouts. It is considered possible that she may have stolen from the dwelling of Mrs. Metcalfe £15 10s. in money which is missing since the 21st or 22nd ultimo. *located 8/1/41.*

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

AUCKLAND.—7th ultimo, on warrant for being absent from Ngauawahia Military Camp without leave, **R. W. Matapareae**, age twenty-two, Maori. *Arrested 15/1/41.*

WELLINGTON.—2nd ultimo, for being absent from Trentham Military Camp without leave, **John Percival Matheson**, age thirty-three, height 5 ft. 8 in., wool worker, good build. His next-of-kin live at Ohai, Southland. *Cancelled 5/2/41*

WELLINGTON.—29th October last, on warrant for being absent from Trentham Military Camp without leave, **Winston Andrew Boag**, age twenty-seven, height 5 ft. 6 in., salesman and carpenter, native of New Zealand, good build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, grey-green eyes, straight nose; wearing grey trousers which were ragged around bottoms, and a grey and black tweed torn overcoat. (See Police Gazette, 1940, page 852.) *arrested 12/1/41.*

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Police Letter-box.—Change of Number.

WANGANUI.—The letter-box number for correspondence for Police District Headquarters, Wanganui, has been changed from "67" to "443."

The list of letter-box numbers published in Police Gazette, 1932, page 676, is to be amended accordingly. (P. 35/467.)

Resigned.

No. 3459. Constable Benton, Ronald Howie. 30th November, 1940.

Deceased.

No. 1836. Sergeant Wade, Richard Graham. 3rd December, 1940.

King's Police and Fire Services Medal.

With reference to memorandum of 3rd May, 1934 (Police Gazette, 1934, page 264), the following copy of an amended Royal Warrant and Regulations dealing with the granting of the King's Police and Fire Services Medal is published for general information.

D. J. CUMMINGS, Commissioner of Police.

Police Department,

(P. 31/184.)

Wellington, 3rd December, 1940.

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

Whereas His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in consideration of the good services rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in Fire Brigades within His Dominions and in Territories under His protection or jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons, and being desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of His Royal Favour did by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the 7th July, 1909, institute a new Medal to be awarded for such services as aforesaid:

And whereas We are desirous of further amending the aforesaid Warrant which was amended by subsequent Warrants under the Royal Sign Manual bearing date respectively the 3rd October, 1916, the 1st October, 1930, the 12th December, 1933, the 25th May, 1936, and the 15th December, 1936, We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Statutes for the governance of the said Decoration:—

"Firstly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled 'The King's Police and Fire Services Medal.'

Secondly.—It is ordained that the King's Police and Fire Services Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with the effigy of the Sovereign on the obverse, and shall bear on the reverse a design emblematic of Protection from danger and the words 'For Gallantry' or 'For Distinguished Service' as the case may be and on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal has been awarded.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our Faithful Subjects and Others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty as members of a recognized Police or fire Service within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or Our Indian Empire Burma or any of Our Colonies or any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction not being administered by Us in Our Government in any other part of Our Dominions; or within any other part of Our Dominions Our Government whereof has signified its desire that the Medal should be awarded under the provisions of this Our Warrant to members of any such Service within such part, or within any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction being administered by Us in such Government; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.