

WELLINGTON.—1st instant, that he be located and interviewed regarding the publishing of obscene matter, **Rex Lane** or **R. Lane**, age about thirty, height about 5 ft. 6 in., seaman and storeman-packer, native of Australia, dark-brown hair, long features, right hip apparently deformed, lame; wearing uniform of Merchant Navy. Notes of an obscene nature were found in tins of caustic soda purchased by W. McLeod, Oamaru, and B. Sandielands, Feilding. The soda was packed by R. H. Armstrong and Co. (N.Z.), Ltd., Thorndon Quay, and inquiries reveal that Lane was employed by that firm between the 6th May last and 6th August, and that his handwriting is similar to that found on the notes. On 8th August last he left this Dominion as a member of the crew of the ship "Ruahine," and was paid off at Liverpool (England) on 30th October last. **No warrant.**

WELLINGTON.—21st December last, on warrant of commitment to Wellington Prison for one month in default of paying £12 11s. 6d. arrears on a maintenance order for the support of his child, **Eric Hendes**, alias **Eric George Hondas**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 518. He left the Dominion on 29th June last as a member of the crew of the ship "Highland Princess."

WELLINGTON.—15th November last, on warrant for failing to report for service with the Armed Forces when notified so to do, **Michael John Kelly**, age twenty-three, height 5 ft. 8½ in., seaman, native of New Zealand, thin build, ruddy complexion, fair hair. *Arrested, 2/5/45.*

WELLINGTON.—26th ultimo, on warrant for deserting from the ship "Rimutaka," **Joseph McCormack**, age eighteen, height 5 ft. 8 in., assistant steward, native of England, strong build. *Arrested 21/2/45.*

TARANAKI STREET (WELLINGTON).—1st January last, for alleged theft of £5 in money, the property of Evangelos Alexatos, restaurateur, Farish Street, **Lionel Strong**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 186, and Photographs, 1938, page 52; neatly dressed in a dark suit, blue canoe shirt, and black shoes (no hat). On above date he was in charge of the Hot Dog Cafe, Farish Street, and complainant instructed him to change £5 in notes from the till for £5 in half-crowns which were in a drawer. He left shortly after and it was then discovered that the half-crowns had been stolen. **No warrant.** *Interviewed, 28/3/45*

NELSON.—2nd instant, on warrant for failing to maintain his wife and three children, **Leo Spencer Davies**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 840. *Arrested, 18/4/45*

APPREHENSIONS, PERSONS FOUND, ETC.

DEVONPORT.—**Jack William Laurance**, alias **Laurence**, absent from Navy, has been arrested by the Mercer police. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 891.)

AUCKLAND.—**Ian Hair**, deserting Army, has been arrested by the military authorities. (See Police Gazette, 1942, page 605.)

AUCKLAND.—**James Henry Lawson**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1944, page 583, and Photographs, page 58, died in the Auckland Hospital on 6th instant.

AUCKLAND.—**Donald McKay**, inquired for, has paid his Social Security Contributions, and no further action is desired. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 738.)

AUCKLAND.—**Herbert Hayson**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1925, page 489, and Photographs, page 65, died at Okura, Silverdale, on 4th instant.

AUCKLAND.—**Arthur John Jones**, absent from Army, has been arrested by the military authorities. (See Police Gazette, 1943, page 697.)

MOUNT ROSKILL.—**Desmond Brodie Howe**, absent from Army, has been arrested by the Ngongotaha police. He assumed the name **Alexander Alfred Frederick Douglas**. (See Police Gazette, 1943, page 679.)

NEW PLYMOUTH.—**Douglas Shippey**, breach of probation, has been arrested by the Lower Hutt police. (See Police Gazette, 1945, page 75.)

WANGANUI.—**Arthur Clarence Hardy**, false pretences, has been arrested by the Waipawa police. (See Police Gazette, 1944, page 857.)

FOXTON.—**James Erskine Allen**, alias **James Cooper**, escaping from defaulters' camp, has been arrested by the Palmerston North police. (See Police Gazette, 1943, page 879, and 1944, page 331.)

PETONE.—**Leonard Samuel Bruce**, failing to report for military service, has been arrested by the St. Heliers Bay police. (See Police Gazette, 1942, page 371.)

WELLINGTON.—**Alexander Henry Denholm**, default of maintenance: Warrant cancelled. (See Police Gazette, 1945, page 31.)

WELLINGTON.—**Patrick O'Brien** (correct name **Patrick Joseph O'Brien**), deserting ship, has been arrested by the Auckland police. (See Police Gazette, 1945, page 127.)

WELLINGTON.—**Joseph Williams**, deserting ship, has been arrested by the Point Chevalier police. His correct name is **Joseph Desmond Willans**, who is referred to in Police Gazette, 1945, page 197 (see Police Gazette, 1945, page 127.)

WELLINGTON.—**Robert Adams**, inquired for, has paid his Social Security Contributions, and no further action is desired. (See Police Gazette, 1942, page 106.)

PROPERTY STOLEN

AUCKLAND.—**CONSTANCE MAY MACKAY**, dwelling broken into (see Police Gazette, 1945, page 96): The following described property was also stolen: A two-piece double-breasted dark-grey worsted sports suit with narrow pin stripes, fit man about 5 ft. 11 in., of medium build, name of English tailor on coat; a dark-green canvas suit-case, about 18 in. square, green leather on corners; twenty-eight ladies' white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs; twelve ladies' white handkerchiefs; a gold (probably 9 ct.) brooch in shape of dagger, about 3 in. long, large opal surrounded by pearls set in hilt, small pearls set near point; a nickel-plated Gem razor, in nickel-plated box about 5 in. by 3 in., with black and green enamel pattern on lid, lined with purple velvet; a pair of silver screw-on drop antique ear-rings, about 1½ in. long, set with semi-precious stones, purchased in Sweden, value £30; a travelling clock in dark-green leather case, about 3½ in. square, green dial; and a nickel-plated bedroom clock, 6 in. square, probably cream-coloured dial, black hands, convex glass with crescent-shaped piece missing near bottom; total value, £66 5s. Portion identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—On the 2nd or 3rd November last, the countinghouse of **SNEDDENS LTD.**, 161 Karangahape Road, was broken into, the safe opened by means of explosives, and the following stolen: £8 10s. in money. Not identifiable. Frocks, which were used to deaden the sound of the explosion, and the safe were damaged to the extent of £105. Finger-impressions found on a cash-box which had been forced open have been preserved.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 20th December last and 16th January, from the Transit Camp, Market Road, the property of the **NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT** (Air Department), thirty-one gold-plated metal R.N.Z.A.F. dress cap-badges, wire clip-fasteners at back; seventy-nine gilt oxidized metal cap-badges, round with laurel leaves, crowns at top, R.N.Z.A.F. in centre; two pilots' badges of worsted material; forty-three officers' gold-plated field service cap-badges; twenty-nine officers' service dress-badges, gold-coloured metal thread laurel-leaves below gold metal crown with red centre, black serge background; seven pilots' pressed aluminium badges; twenty-one navigators' pressed aluminium badges; fourteen clasp knives with two blades, spike on back, bakelite handles, attachments for lanyard; and nine pairs of gentlemen's black box-calf shoes, "N.Z.," date of manufacture in circle, and broad arrow inside each; total value, £79 11s. 6d. Identification doubtful.

AUCKLAND.—20th or 21st December last, from a hut at Waikaraka Park, the property of the **NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT** (Public Works Department), a filter grease-gun; an Alemite grease-gun; two tappet wrenches, each No. 1A 1442; a tappet wrench, No. 5B 785; a tappet wrench, No. 1B 8993; a pinch-bar; a pair of side-cutting pliers; a pressure-feed oil-can; a screwdriver; and an ORB six-lever padlock; total value, £7 16s. 3d. Portion identifiable. The hut from which the tools were stolen, and an adjoining hut, were completely destroyed by fire. The lock described had been stolen from the door of the first-mentioned hut. A forty-four-gallon drum which prior to the fire contained six gallons of petrol had not exploded, and it is considered likely that the offender or offenders when stealing the petrol struck a match which caused the fire. The huts were valued at £333 each and the contents £22 9s.

AUCKLAND.—Between the 6th and 8th January last, the shop of the **HOUSE OF FLACKSON**, 191-197 Karangahape Road, was broken into, the safe opened by means of explosives, and the following stolen: £278 14s. 7d. in money. Not identifiable.