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## SQUADRON LEADER KAY

### Award For Daring Exploit

The following is the extract from the London Gazette dealing with the exploit which resulted in the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Squadron Leader C. E. Kay, a New Zealander serving with the Royal Air Force:—

"This officer was captain of an aircraft ordered to attack important targets in the forests south of Bourlers and Baileux during a night in June, 1940. In spite of extremely difficult conditions, and in the face of severe opposition, he successfully bombed the objective, starting several fires which gave accurate directions to other aircraft of this sortie. He then descended to a low altitude, and, again in the face of heavy opposition, attacked the woods with all his machine-guns. Squadron Leader Kay has conducted a number of operations in recent weeks and has shown daring, determination and outstanding ability."

## APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS.

### STAFF.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster G. W. O'Sullivan, N.Z. Permanent Staff, relinquishes the appointment of Assistant Camp Quartermaster, Mobilization Camp, Trentham, and is appointed General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

### N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF.

Major G. R. Blackett, M.C., Retired List, to be Major, and is appointed Assistant Area Officer, No. 1 Area, Auckland.

Major T. A. H. Oliphant, M.C., relinquishes the appointment of Second in Command, Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is appointed Camp Commandant, Mobilization Camp, Ngaruawahia.

Lieutenant J. M. C. McLeod, M.C., Retired List, to be Major, and is appointed Officer Commanding No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Albert Arthur Luckham, C.B.E., to be Captain, and is appointed Assistant Adjutant, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

George Donald Sutherland, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Nicholas Martin Bradanovich, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura.

Ethelbert Paul Pickerill, B.D.S., to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Burnham.

Lieutenant D. W. Earle relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea.

### STAFF.

Captain (temp. Major) R. F. Johnston, N.Z. Dental Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Assistant Director of Dental Services, Northern Military District, and the temporary rank of Major, and is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Class I (b), Area 1.

Capt. (temp. Major), L. P. Davies, O.B.E., N.Z. Dental Corps, relinquishes the appointment of Assistant Director of Dental Services, Central Military District, and the temporary rank of Major, and is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, Class I (b), Area 5.

Colonel J. H. Whyte, D.S.O., D.C.M., Retired List, is appointed to the Active List, N.Z. Staff Corps, and is attached temporarily to the General Staff Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

Captain G. F. Yerex, Reserve of Officers, N.Z. Staff Corps, is transferred to the Active List, and is attached temporarily to the General Staff Branch, Army Headquarters, Wellington.

### N.Z. TEMPORARY STAFF.

Lieutenant J. D. Hutchison, N.Z. Artillery, to be Captain, and is appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern Military District, Christchurch.

Lieutenant A. A. Heath relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Training Depot, Levin.

Lieutenant A. E. Hope relinquishes the appointment of Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Papakura, and is attached to the Royal N.Z. Air Force Station, Ohakea.

William Lewis Britton (late Imperial Army) to be Lieutenant, and is appointed Company Commander, No. 2 Training Battalion, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

## CATHOLIC HUT.

### FACILITIES AT PAKAKURA.

#### MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

Marking an outstanding improvement in the facilities available, extensions to the Roman Catholic recreation hut at Papakura Camp are nearing completion and the hut was officially opened on Sunday, August 18. The cost of the building and furnishings is in the vicinity of £2000.

In place of the former temporary accommodation, a permanent chapel has been erected, together with accommodation for the chaplain. There is a buffet for the serving of light meals, a well-appointed recreation room, and a quiet room for reading and writing. A permanent official will be in charge of the hut.

The appointments of the hut will include a small billiards table, library and periodicals. Groups of entertainers will go to the camp during the week, and on Sundays a committee of ladies will take charge of the buffet.

The hut was officially opened by Bishop Liston at 3 p.m. The speakers at the ceremony, which was a brief one, included the chaplain, Father Henley and the chairman of the committee, Mr. J. P. O'Connor.

## NEW COMMANDANT.

### NGARUAWAHIA CAMP.

#### REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

Included in appointments and promotions gazetted is the appointment of Major T. A. H. Oliphant, M.C., formerly second in command of the 1st Infantry Training Battalion at Papakura, to be camp commandant at Ngaruawahia.

Appointments in the New Zealand Artillery include:—Lieutenant J. R. Woods, from the Reserve of Officers, to be lieutenant (temporary) and posted to the 1st Field Regiment. Similar appointments are those of Lieutenant L. A. Johnson, from the Reserve of Officers, Supplementary List, and Lieutenant A. G. Coulam, from the Reserve of Officers, the North Auckland Regiment. Lieutenant R. W. Yates, 9th Heavy Regiment, is promoted captain.

In the 1st Field Company, New Zealand Engineers, Mr. A. Murray is appointed second lieutenant (temporary). In the Auckland Regiment, Captain N. J. Hutton, 1st Battalion, and Lieutenant E. J. Bassett, 1st Battalion, are transferred to the Reserve of Officers; and the following have been appointed second lieutenants (temporary) and posted to the 1st Battalion:—S. Tricklebank, C. A. Low, G. N. Dyer, W. G. Hammond, G. C. O'Hara, M. A. Patterson and C. C. Naismith. In the North Auckland Regiment Lieutenant W. J. Reid, D.M.C., and Lieutenant G. T. Allcock from the Reserve of Officers, are posted to the 1st Battalion.

## VICTORIA CROSS

### Awarded For Action In Norway

## RECIPIENT KNOWN IN NEW ZEALAND

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant Richard Stannard, R.N.R., for outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty aboard H.M.S. Arab at Narvik, Norway.

When enemy bombing raids set in to many tons of hand grenades on the Namsos wharf, where a water supply from the shore was not available, Lieutenant Stannard ran the Arab bow against the wharf and held the ship there. He sent all but two of the crew aft and attempted for two hours to extinguish the fires with the ship's hoses. He persisted till the attempt was given up as hopeless. When the Arab was later leaving the port Lieutenant Stannard brought down a bomber which ordered the ship to steer east or be sunk. The Arab was subjected to 31 bombings in five days. Lieutenant Stannard consistently ranged for the protection and bearing of his men ashore and afloat.

Lieutenant R. B. Stannard, R.N.R., is well-known in New Zealand as are both of his brothers. He first went to sea 22 years ago as a cadet in the Port Line. The joined the steamer Victor in March, 1918, and served four years' apprenticeship in that which was commanded by Captain A. Gregory, now marine superintendent of the Port Line in New Zealand.

After completing his initial service of the Port Line for some time he served as fourth officer, third officer and second officer in a number of the company's ships in the New Zealand Australian trades.

Some years ago Lieutenant Stannard entered the service of the Orient Line in which he rose to the rank of senior officer in the company's mail steamers running from London to Australia. He was senior second officer of the Orient when that ship visited Wellington in October, 1938.

Lieutenant Stannard joined the Royal Naval Reserve soon after he went to sea and was promoted lieutenant in December, 1922. He is married, and his home is in Wanstead, on the north side of London.

One of Lieutenant Stannard's brothers is chief engineer in the Port Line mail ship Port Halifax, and the other is senior officer of another Port liner. The award of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant Stannard will give pleasure to his New Zealand friends and is the source of great pride to Captain Gregory, who trained him as a cadet of the Merchant Navy. He is the senior Merchant Marine officer and the senior in the Royal Navy to receive the award in this war. The first naval V.C. awarded posthumously to the late Captain B. A. W. Warburton-Lee, R.N., H.M.S. Hardy, for gallantry in leading his destroyer flotilla into Narvik and attacking a superior force of German destroyers.—S.D.W.

## BLENHEIM AIRMAN MISSING

Sergeant J. E. Fuller, son of Mr. H. E. Fuller, Beaver Road, Blenheim, is missing, according to a cable received by his relatives today. Sergeant Fuller was trained as a civil servant pilot at the Marlborough Club, going to Wairarapa and New Zealand on the outbreak of war. He is a representative Rugby full-back and recently married Miss Dorothy Kennedy, Marlborough.