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MILITARY FORCES

Army Promotions And Transfers

The following appointments, promo-tions and transfers of officers of the New Zealand Military Forces are announced in the Gazette:—

New Zealand Temporary Staff: Cap-tain C. H. T. Skelley, Retired List, to be Captain, and is appointed second in com-mand, No. 3 Training Unit, Mobilization Camp, Trentham; Leslie Neil McIlroy, to be Lieutenant, N.Z. Dental Corps, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham; Captain W. A. Breach, granted the temporary rank of Major, while carrying out the duties of Assis-tant Quartermaster-General, Central Mil-itary District; Lieutenant A. G. Melles, M.C., N.Z. Dental Corps, to be Lieuten-ant, and is appointed Dental Officer, Mobilization Camp, Trentham.

The Manawatu Mounted Rifles: The undermentioned Lieutenants are granted the temporary rank of Captain: A. B. Abel, A. W. Hudson, S. I. A. Clifford.

Nelson-Marlborough Mounted Rifles: Lieutenant (temp.) M. J. O'Brien, D.C.M., to be Captain (temp.).

New Zealand Artillery: Captain Ever-ard Anchtel Anson (Regular Army Res-erve of Officers, Regiment of Royal Ar-tillery), to be Captain (temp.), and is posted to the 10th Heavy Regiment (14th Battery).

Wellington West Coast Regiment: The undermentioned Captains (temp.), 1st Battalion, to be Majors (temp.): H. Johnston, M.C., V.D.; C. O. Pratt, M.C.; S. E. Gilshnan, M.M.; Lieutenant J. Coley, 1st Battalion, granted the tempo-rary rank of Captain. The undermen-tioned Lieutenants (temp.), 1st Battalion, to be Captains (temp.): C. B. Lewis, J. M. Russell, Lieutenant and Quarter-master R. P. U. Parnell, 1st Battalion, to be Captain and Quartermaster (temp.); 2nd Lieutenant (temp.) F. P. Fawcett, 1st Battalion, granted the temporary rank of Lieutenant; Alexander Stewart Ramsay to be Bandmaster, 1st Battalion and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant; William Reindler, to be 2nd Lieutenant (temp.), and is posted to the 1st Cadet Battalion.

Taranaki Regiment: 2nd Lieutenant T. T. Murray, M.C., M.M., 1st Battalion, to be Lieutenant (temp. Captain); John Herbert Boon to be Quartermaster, 1st Battalion, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant; Donald Newton Brewer to be 2nd Lieutenant (temp.) and is posted to the 1st Battalion.

Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast Regiment: Captain W. R. P. Jaques, 1st Battalion, granted the temporary rank of Major.

New Zealand Medical Corps: Lieuten-ant-Colonel J. H. G. Robertson, C.B.E., V.D., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Edin., Re-tired List, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Cen-tral Military District (unattached); Captain A. A. Macdonald, M.B., Ch B., F.R.C.S., Edin., 1st Field Ambulance, to be Major; Stewart White Crawford, M.D., Ch.B., to be Captain (temp.), Cen-tral Military District, and is seconded for duty with the Royal New Zealand Air Force. The undermentioned to be Lieutenants and are posted to the 2nd Field Ambulance: Charles Patrick Mar-shall Feltham, M.B., Ch.B.; Desmond John Andrew Doyle, M.B., Ch B.

New Zealand Dental Corps: Cap-tain A. G. Melles, M.C., from the Reserve of Officers, The Hawke's Bay Regiment, to be Lieutenant, Central Military District (unattached).

MILITARY FORCES

Major-General Russell To Act As Chief

Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, who was recently appointed Inspector-General of the New Zealand Military Forces, will be in command of the Forces during the absence from New Zealand of Major-General Sir John Dui-gan, Chief of the General Staff, as a delegate to the Empire Economic Conference in Delhi, India. This an-nouncement was made on Saturday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones.

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Headquarters 8th Infantry Brigade.—Levestam, H. A.; Sheehan, P. J.

BRAVERY IN THE AIR

Award Of Distinguished Flying Cross

NEW ZEALAND OFFICER

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Pilot Officer Frank Henderson Denton, Greymouth. No de-tails concerning the official citation have been received from the New Zea-land Liaison Officer, Air Ministry, but B.B.C. and Press reports state that Pilot Officer Denton has participated in 24 major bombing raids.

The following particulars have been released by the Director of Publicity:— An example of his great resource and daring was quoted when he success-fully attacked Chartres aerodrome at a very low altitude, though the enemy tried to tempt him by a dummy flare path. On another occasion, failing to locate a target in the Ruhr because of severe weather, he decided to at-tack docks and shipping at Flushing. He broke cloud at 1000 feet and released his bombs at an altitude so low that the force of the explosion rocketed the plane hundreds of feet. He saw large explosions and many fires. He brought his aircraft back to his base with difficulty. There were gaping holes in each wing. Pilot Officer Denton is officially described as a de-termined and courageous captain, and carries the complete confidence of his crew and associates.

Pilot Officer Denton is 23 years of age and was born in Greymouth. He was educated at the Greymouth Techni-cal High School, and was prominent in many sporting activities. He entered the Public Works Department after leaving school, and became a member of the Greymouth Aero Club, later joining the Civil Reserve of Pilots. He was selected for a short service com-mission in 1939, and received prelimi-nary training with the Royal New Zea-land Air Force at Wigram. He left for the United Kingdom to join the Royal Air Force at the end of 1939. His father is Mr. F. H. Denton, well known as the town clerk of Greymouth.

GOOD ATTENDANCES

A.N.A. Club Popular With Men Of The Forces

Attendances were well maintained at the A.N.A. Club, Wellington, during the weekend. Large numbers of soldiers and airmen and some men from the Navy, together with girl members of the club, spent enjoyable evenings dan-cing on Friday and Saturday, the large ballroom being filled. During the week the club facilities were, as usual avail-able, and the men made full use of the cafeteria, lounge and other recreational facilities. A handsome gift of a radio set was made to the club during the week and is installed in a corner of the lounge.

Dancing on Friday was in the charge of Miss Denise Puttick, and on Satur-day Miss Patsy Ashbolt

AT NATIONAL CLUB

Men Of The Forces Guests At Weekend

There was the usual tea dance for men of the forces, at the National Club, Wellington, on Saturday evening. Help-ers included Misses Bobbie Gibbons, B. McLaren, Mrs. Gyles, Misses Helen Wynn Hesse, Ngaire Rogers, Kathleen Tucker, Sylvia McLaren, H. Taylor, F. Lowe.

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The National Club members were in charge of entertaining the men yester-day, under the vice-president, Mrs. Guy Johnston. She was assisted by Mesdames C. M. Banks, J. M. Griffiths, A. S. Morley, Misses Mary Gould, Stella Banks and Lesley Ivory. There were 100 men present.