

Service Person Record & Images: Military Service Years

**Name: STANLEY LAWRENCE MOYLE**



**Service No: 428020**

**Armed Force: Air Force**

**Enlistment At/Date: 1942**

**Training: Royal Canadian Air Force No 3**

**Wireless School Winnipeg Manitoba.**

**Graduation Date 17 Jan 1944. Royal Canadian**

**Air Force No 5 Bombing and Gunnery School**

**Dafoe Saskatchewan**

**Embarkations: Matsonia**

**Rank/s: Warrant Officer (Pilot) Air**

**Gunner/Military**

**Service: 1942 - 1945**

**CIVILIAN LIFE**

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| <b>Address before Enlistment:</b>  | Hendrys Rd Bluecliffs South Canterbury                                       |
| <b>Next of Kin on Embarkation:</b> | Mr W Moyle                                                                   |
| <b>Relationship Status:</b>        | Father                                                                       |
| <b>Occupation:</b>                 | <i>Farmer</i>                                                                |
| <b>Single/Married:</b>             | <i>Single. Stan married Dorothy Caldwell in 1950 and they had 2 children</i> |

**PRISONER OF WAR**

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| <b>Capture Details:</b>   |  |
| <b>POW Serial Number:</b> |  |

**MILITARY DECORATIONS**

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| <b>Medals and Awards:</b> | War Medal 1939-1945. New Zealand War Service Medal |
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**OTHER DETAILS**

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| <b>Date of Birth &amp; Place:</b> | <b>13 April 1921</b>    |
| <b>Date of Death &amp; Place:</b> | <b>13 February 2011</b> |
| <b>Burial/Cremation:</b>          | <b>Timaru Cemetery</b>  |
| <b>Age:</b>                       | <b>89 years</b>         |

### **MILITARY SERVICE BIOGRAPHY:**

*Stan applied to the New Zealand Royal Air Force for aircrew training at the age of 20 however 3 months later was served papers to join the Army which was not an unusual situation, however the Air Force won. Stan entered camp in July 1942 serving with the Aerodrome Defence unit at Ohakea before signing up for the course for wireless-operators, air-gunners and pilots at Rotorua. By the end of the course Stan knew he was going to be a wireless-operator/gunner.*

*January 1943 Stan left for Canada and did a 7 month course at the No 3 Wireless School at Winnipeg, then a 6 week course at the No 5 Bombing and Gunnery School at Dafoe Saskatoon, and then a 3 month posting to No 1 Observers and Navigators School at Malton Ontario on staff flying. Stan gained his (WAG) Half-wing and sergeants stripes and returned to New Zealand in March 1944 on a short leave. Then headed to Lauthala Bay, Fiji for operational training on Catalina flying-boats.*

*At the end of that course Stan was a member of one of the first crews to be posted to the newly formed No 5 (Flying-Boat) Squadron.*

*For the next 18 months the squadron was engaged in a number of roles, from anti-submarine and convoy patrols, rescue work and the transfer of personnel from base to base throughout the Pacific.*

*Stan completed his Air Force service by Christmas 1945, holding the rank of warrant officer, and returned to South Canterbury to take up farming on the family farm at Blue Cliffs*

### **WAR SERVICE IMAGES**



*Stan Moyle back row 2<sup>nd</sup> from right*

## BLUECLIFFS

### WAR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Bluecliffs War Activities Committee letters were received from Lance-Corporal E. Weeks and L.A.C. S. Moyle, thanking the residents for parcels received from the committee.

It was decided to canvass for gifts of produce to be handed to the Welcome and A.N.A. Clubs in Timaru; magazines would also be acceptable.

The Waimate Battalion headquarters had suggested that money held by the Home Guard Committee should be handed to the War Activities Committee for the benefit of soldiers and Mr Cocks was instructed to discuss the matter with the Home Guard.

It was decided to launch the local "On to Victory" Appeal at once. It was reported that the Hall Committee had offered the War Activities Committee the use of the hall free of charge for the final night of the encore evenings. The possibility of getting a Maori concert party was discussed, and further inquiries are to be made.

*Timaru Herald 9 August 1943*

## BLUECLIFFS

### Women's Institute

At the January meeting of the Bluecliffs Women's Institute, over which Mrs Vincent presided, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Calder wrote thanking the Institute for gifts of money received by them on behalf of their sons, who are prisoners of war.

Letters were received from Cpls. W. E. Weeks and D. H. Bly, and Sergeant S. Moyle thanking members for parcels received by them. Mrs Vincent gave a three-minute talk. Mrs Morris was hostess. A demonstration of smocking was given by Mrs Turner. Mrs Vincent thanked Mrs Stocker, who is leaving the district to reside in Timaru, for her help and interest in the Institute and wished her a happy retirement.

*Timaru Herald 14 February 1945*

## BLUECLIFFS

Miss Cocks presided at the April meeting of the Bluecliffs Women's Institute.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Dent and Mrs Dale who had suffered bereavement. Sergeant S. Moyle gave a talk on his experiences in Canada and America.

*Timaru Herald 8 May 1944*

### Personal

Flight Sergeant S. Moyle, who recently returned from the Pacific, is spending his furlough with his parents in Bluecliffs.

*Timaru Herald 14 March 1945*

D. Cardwell and Miss G. Ivey (equal) 2.  
 A successful dance was held recently by the Institute. Music was supplied by an orchestra and Mr Arden was M.C. A waltzing competition judged by Mr Black, of Fairview, was won by Miss M. Coupland and Mr L. Thompson. A statue waltz was won by Miss R. Murray and Warrant Officer S. Moyle while Miss O'Donoghue and Mr E. Jackson were the winners of the Lucky Spot waltz. Miss H. Tacon won a competition.

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*Timaru Herald 11 December 1945*

*Turtle ride, Stan Moyle right rear*



*Catalina Seaplane Funafuti Tuvalu Pacific Islands*



**Winnipeg Gardens Canada 1943. Left to Right, Stan Moyle, Timaru. Lindsay Nixon, Wanganui. Jack McKinnon, Timaru.**



*Catalina Seaplane Flight Crew Pacific Islands*

## USEFUL WEB LINKS FOR REFERENCE:

1. [Auckland War Memorial Museum - Online Cenotaph](#)
  - A comprehensive database of New Zealand service personnel.
2. [New Zealand War Graves Project](#)
  - Contains images and information about New Zealand war graves and memorials around the world.
3. [New Zealand History - NZ Wars and Conflicts](#)
  - Provides detailed accounts and images of New Zealand's involvement in various wars, including WW1 and WW2.
4. [Archives New Zealand - War History](#)
  - Access to war-related records and images held by Archives New Zealand.
5. [Te Papa Tongarewa - Collections Online](#)

Features war-related collections, including personal stories and photographs of New Zealand soldiers

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