

Article III.

The requisitioned vessels which come under the terms of the present Decree will be temporarily inscribed in a special register at the Marine Department of Genoa, and will be authorized to fly the Italian flag in virtue of a special temporary permit.

We order that the present Decree, sealed with the Seal of State, shall be inserted among the Laws and Decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, commanding all concerned to obey it and cause it to be obeyed.

Given at Rome, this 11th day of November 1915.

(Signed) THOMAS OF SAVOY.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,

December 2, 1915.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. G. J. Imrie, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Levenwick, in the County of Shetland, is vacant.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that, on the 27th November 1915, he made an Order under subsection (4) of Section 73 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 ("notification of certain diseases contracted in factory or workshop") applying the provisions of the said section to all cases of Toxic Jaundice occurring in a factory or workshop—that is, Jaundice due to tetrachlorethane or nitro- or amido- derivatives of benzene or other poisonous substance.

Copies of the Order, which will come into force on 1st January 1916, can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons Ltd., 29 Breems Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54 St. Mary Street, Cardiff; H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; and Messrs. E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Whitehall,

7th December 1915.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS,

November 7, 1915.

Order.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 30 (a) of the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Regulations, 1914, the Minister of Munitions hereby orders that the war material to which the regulation applies shall include the material of the following description—namely, all kinds of Aluminium and Alumina.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that all applications for a permit in connection with the above Order made by the Minister of Munitions should be addressed to the Director of Materials, Armament Buildings, Whitehall Place, S.W.

ADMIRALTY, November 8, 1915.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the following Officers to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their services, as mentioned, on the occasion of the operations against the "Königsberg":—

Captain Eric John Arthur Fullerton, R.N.

Was in charge of the two Monitors, and conducted the operations in the river with complete success.

Commander Robert Amcotts Wilson, R.N.

These two Officers had to deal with a very difficult task, entering a river of which very imperfect information was obtainable, against an unknown and invisible defence, which might well have been very serious, and there is no doubt that the Monitors were most fortunate in not being more severely handled by the enemy.

Squadron Commander Robert Gordon, R.N.A.S. (Captain, temporary Major, R.M.).

Was in command of the Air Squadron. Was indefatigable in his work, and ran great risks in spotting and reconnoitring.

Flight Commander John Tulloch Cull, R.N.A.S. (Lieutenant, R.N.).

Flight Sub-Lieutenant Harwood James Arnold, R.N.A.S.

Flight Commander Cull and Flight Sub-Lieutenant Arnold were spotted on the 11th July, under fire, in a Biplane, when the enemy's fire damaged it so that it descended in a quarter of an hour from 3200 feet to 2000 feet. During this time no attempt was made to return to Headquarters at Mafia, although it was obvious that this could not be done unless a start was made at once.

Flight Sub-Lieutenant Arnold continued to send his spotted signals the whole time, and when a quarter of an hour later the machine was again hit and forced to descend, Flight Commander Cull controlled the machine and Flight Sub-Lieutenant Arnold continued to send spotted corrections to the last, after warning the Monitors that they were coming down, and would endeavour to land near them.

The aeroplane finally came down in the river, turning over and over. Flight Commander Cull was nearly drowned, but was assisted by Flight Sub-Lieutenant Arnold, and both were rescued by a boat from the "Mersey."

The following Petty Officers and men have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for their services on the same occasion:—

H.M.S. "Severn."

Chief Petty Officer William J. Sercombe, O.N. 163215.

Able Seaman George A. Hogg, O.N. 202097 (R.F.R.).

Leading Telegraphist Percival Jacobs, O.N. J34831.

Shipwright (2nd Class) William Shepheard, O.N. 346098.

Private Edward Redhead, R.M.L.I. (R.F.R., Plym. 9481).