DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY.

Order of the Crown of Italy.

Commander.

Eng. Cdr. Marrack Sennett, R.N.

Officer.

Fleet Payr. Richard Charles, R.N.

Cavalier.

Lieut.-Cdr. Arthur L. St. G. Lyster, R.N. Lieut. Charles S. C. M'Clure, R.N.R.

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE King of the Belgians.

Order of the Crown of Belgium.

Chevalier.

Lieut. Lionel F. Robinson, R.N.

His Majesty the KING has given unrestricted permission to the officers and men concerned to wear the Decorations in question.

Corrections.

The following corrections are made in the lists of men awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, published in Supplements to the London Gazette bearing the undermentioned dates :—

23rd March 1917, page 2952.

For Ldg. Sea. Jonathan Robertson, O.N. 225836 (Ch.), read Ldg. Sea. Johnston Robertson, O.N. 225836 (Ch.).

21st April 1917, page 3821.

For Ldg. Sto. Robert Anthony, O.N. K 7164 (Po.) read Ldg. Sto. Robert Anthony Duncan, O.N. K 7164 (Po.).

21st April 1917, page 3821.

For Ldg. Sea. Charles Henry Shepherd, O.N. 23394 (Po.), read Ldg. Sea. Charles Henry Shepherd, O.N. 233947 (Po.).

> War Office, 7th May 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER. SOFT WOOD.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council do hereby order as follows :----

No person shall sell any imported Soft Wood at prices exceeding those current during the week ending 31st January 1917, in the locality in which it may be proposed to make any such sale, and in transactions between parties standing in corresponding relations.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

7th May 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

SOFT WOOD.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby take possession of all stocks of Imported Soft Wood of 250 standards and upwards held by merchants and agents in the United Kingdom at the date hereof.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

9th May 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

REGULATION OF THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE, &C., OF CHOPPED HAY AND STRAW, AND PRO-HIBITION OF THE USE OF STRAW FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers enabling them, the Army Council do hereby Order:

That on and after the 24th day of May 1917, no Chaffed or Chopped Hay shall be manufactured, purchased, sold or delivered in Great Britain unless it contains not less than 20 per cent. of chopped straw.

Clause 4 of the Army Council Order of 30th June 1916, prohibiting the lifting of hay and straw in England and Wales and Ireland in so far as it relates to the use of straw in England and Wales, and Clause 4 of the Army Council Order of the 14th September 1916, prohibiting the lifting of hay and straw in Scotland, are hereby cancelled in so far as they relate to straw.

And the Army Council do hereby further order that on and after the 24th day of May 1917, no wheat straw shall be used for any purpose other than the feeding of live stock and for thatching, and that no oat straw shall be used for any purpose other than the feeding of live stock, except in either case under licence from the District Purchasing Officer of the district or county concerned—a list of whom is appended.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

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- D.P.O.S. Berkshire, Old Queen's Hotel, Reading.
- D.P.O.S. Buckinghamshire, Winslow House, Aylesbury.
- D.P.O.S. Cambridgeshire, 63 Sidney Street, Cambridge.
- D.P.O.S. Cheshire, 14 Old Bank Buildings, Chester.
- D.P.O.S. Cornwall, 68 Lemon Street, Truro.