

War Office,

May 24, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

CROSSBRED WOOL AND TOPS, &C.

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

1. No person shall, after the 11th day of June 1917, put into manufacture any Crossbred Wool imported or to be imported into the United Kingdom or any Tops produced or to be produced therefrom otherwise than:—

(a) For the purpose of performing work of national importance, Class "A," as defined in the Order of the Army Council dated the 14th day of April 1917, or

(b) for the purpose of performing work certified to be work of national importance, Class "B," by any District Priority Committee authorised as hereinafter provided in that behalf by the Director of Army Contracts; or

(c) under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

2. No person shall, after the 2nd day of July 1917, put into manufacture any Merino Wool imported or to be imported into the United Kingdom, or any Tops produced or to be produced therefrom otherwise than:—

(a) For the purpose of performing work of national importance, Class "A," as defined in the Order of the Army Council dated the 14th day of April 1917; or

(b) For the purpose of performing work certified to be work of national importance, Class "B," by any District Priority Committee authorised as hereinafter provided in that behalf by the Director of Army Contracts; or

(c) under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

3. For the purposes of this Order the Director of Army Contracts may authorise any District Priority Committee to require any particulars as to the business of any person engaged in the sale or manufacture of woollen or worsted goods, and to issue certificates and permits on his behalf.

4. In any textile factory, the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the production or manufacture of woollen or worsted goods, the weekly hours of work on weaving shall, except under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, be reduced after the 30th day of May 1917, to a figure 20 per cent. less than the average weekly hours of work on weaving in such factory during the month of March 1917, provided that where such average amounted to 55½ hours, the weekly hours of work on weaving as aforesaid shall be reduced to 45 hours.

5. In any textile factory, the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the spinning of worsted yarn, the weekly hours of work on spinning shall, except under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, be reduced after the 13th day of June 1917, to a figure 20 per cent. less than the average weekly hours of work on spinning in such factory during the month of March 1917, provided that where such average amounted to 55½ hours, the weekly hours of

work on spinning as aforesaid shall be reduced to 45 hours.

6. In any textile factory the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the spinning of any other yarn whereof wool is a constituent part, the weekly hours of work on spinning shall, except under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, be reduced after the 30th day of May 1917, to a figure 15 per cent. less than the average weekly hours of work on spinning in such factory during the month of March 1917.

7. In any textile factory the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the production or manufacture of Hosiery no person shall, except under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, put into manufacture in any week after the 30th day of May 1917 a quantity of yarn, whereof wool forms a constituent part, exceeding a quantity 30 per cent. less than the average quantity consumed weekly in such factory during the months of January, February, and March 1917, such quantity to be estimated in lbs. weight.

8. This Order may be cited as the Wool (Restriction of Consumption) Order, 1917.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

26th May 1917.

The following are among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign:—

His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations and Medals in question.

*Decorations and Medals conferred by*

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY.

*The Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus.*

*Grand Cross.*

Field-Marshal John Denton Pinkstone, Viscount French, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G.

*Grand Officer.*

Lieutenant-General Lancelot Edward Kiggell, K.C.B.

*Officer.*

Colonel Edward John Granet, C.B.

*The Order of the Crown of Italy.*

*Grand Cross.*

Lieutenant-General The Right Honourable Sir John Grenfell Maxwell, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

General Sir William Robert Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., A.D.C. General to the King.

*Grand Officer.*

Major-General Sir George Mark Watson Macdonogh, K.C.M.G., C.B.