

and any director or officer of the company or officer of the authority who is knowingly a party to the default shall also be guilty of an offence against these regulations."

2. For regulation 27 the following regulation shall be substituted:—

"27. No person shall by word of mouth or in writing or in any newspaper, periodical, book, circular, or other printed publication,—

"(a) spread false reports or make false statements; or

"(b) spread reports or make statements intended or likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success of His Majesty's forces or of the forces of any of His Majesty's Allies by land or sea or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers; or

"(c) spread reports or make statements intended or likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline, or administration of any of His Majesty's forces;

and no person shall produce any performance on any stage or exhibit any picture or cinematograph film or commit any act which is intended or likely to cause any such disaffection, interference or prejudice as aforesaid, and if any person contravenes any of the above provisions he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

"If any person without lawful authority or excuse has in his possession or on premises in his occupation or under his control any document containing a report or statement the publication of which would be a contravention of the foregoing provisions of this regulation, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, unless he proves that he did not know and had no reason to suspect that the document contained any such report or statement, or that he had no intention of transmitting or circulating the document or distributing copies thereof to or amongst other persons.

3. The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 29A:—

"29B.—(1) The Admiralty or Army Council, with the concurrence of a Secretary of State, or in the case of Scotland of the Secretary for Scotland, may from time to time by order declare any area to be a Special Military Area for the purposes of this regulation, and the boundaries of any such area shall be indicated by means of notices on roads and other ways of access to the area and in such other manner as may appear to the commandant of the area to be required for informing the public, and the commandant shall be an officer who has been duly appointed to be a competent naval or military authority.

"(2) As from such date as may be directed in an order declaring an area to be a Special Military Area, no person shall without lawful authority or excuse enter the area without permission from the commandant, and such permission may authorise the person to whom it is granted to enter the area either generally or on any particular occasion, and may authorise him to remain in the area either indefinitely or for a specified period, and where any such permission has expired or is withdrawn the person to whom it is granted shall, unless he was at the said date a resident in the said area, forthwith leave the area:

Provided that—

(i) The commandant may at any time by public notice or otherwise suspend this regu-

lation either wholly or in so far as it affects any person or persons of any class or description, without prejudice to the subsequent enforcement of the provisions of this regulation in full;

(ii) The following persons shall be exempted from the provisions of this regulation:—

(a) any person in receipt of pay as a member of any of His Majesty's naval or military forces and any member of any police force in the United Kingdom;

(b) any person who holds a public office under the Crown and any member of His Majesty's civil service and any officer or servant of the Minister of Munitions;

(c) any officer or official of a State in alliance with His Majesty, who is the holder of a special Inland Pass issued by or under the authority of a Secretary of State, and any other alien who is the holder of such a pass;

(d) a foreign ambassador, public minister, or other alien exempted by Article 33 of the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1916, from the provisions of that Order;

(e) any person under the age of sixteen years;

(f) any person passing through the area in the course of a continuous journey by railway or water from and to places outside the area;

but the burden of proving that he is exempted from the provisions of this regulation shall rest on the person claiming exemption.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation the possession of a valid official pass in a form approved by the Admiralty or Army Council, and containing a photograph and the signature of the bearer duly authenticated by or under the authority of a Government Department recognised for the purpose by the Admiralty or Army Council, shall be a sufficient proof of the identity of the holder.

(4) Applications for and grants of permission to enter a Special Military Area shall be made in such manner and upon such form and subject to such conditions as may from time to time be approved by the Admiralty or Army Council, with the concurrence of a Secretary of State, and provision shall be made for the transmission by telegraph of applications for and grants of permission. Forms of application may be obtained by applying at any police station.

(5) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this regulation he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and may be removed from the Special Military Area, unless he was at the said date a resident therein, by the direction of the commandant.

(6) The provisions of this regulation shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any provision contained in any order made under the Aliens Restriction Act, 1914, or any other provision of these regulations.

4. After regulation 34 the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"34A. It shall be lawful for the Admiralty or Army Council or the Minister of Munitions to require any person who carries on the business of storing, cooling, transporting or distributing goods to afford such services in relation