

thereof, he shall be guilty of an offence against the said Regulations.

All persons having in their custody or control any such stocks are hereby required to make a return thereof, with full particulars of quantity, description, and cost price, to Director of Army Contracts, Imperial House, Tothill Street, Room 79, S.W. 1, together with all such further and other particulars as to their business as may be required by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

By Order of the Army Council.
R. H. Brade.

War Office,
16th July, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

WOOL.

Whereas by the Wool (Restriction of Consumption) Order, 1917, the Army Council regulated the hours of work in certain factories:

And whereas the said Order was amended by Orders of the Army Council dated the 5th June, 1917, and 9th June, 1917:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order in the manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, the Army Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby Order that the following amendments be made in the said Order:—

1. In clause 5, there shall be inserted after the words "amounted to 55½ hours" the words "or more."

2. After clause 7, the following new clauses shall be inserted:—

"8. In any textile factory, the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the combing of Merino wool, the weekly hours of work on combing such Merino wool shall not, except under permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, include, after the fourteenth day of July, 1917, any hours of work on any Monday or Monday night, provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to re-combing.

"9. In any textile factory, the business carried on in which does not consist wholly or partly, at the date hereof, in the combing of Merino wool, no Merino wool shall be combed.

"10. In any textile factory, the business carried on in which consists wholly or partly in the combing of Merino wool, those combs engaged at the date hereof on Merino wool shall not manipulate any wool other than Merino."

By Order of the Army Council,
R. H. Brade.

War Office,
18th July, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Cross to Capt. John Palethorpe, R.F.C.

During a recent hostile air raid Capt. Palethorpe, with 1st Cl. Air Mech. J. O.

Jessop, R.F.C., as Gunner, was engaged in an endurance trial from a testing squadron.

When about three miles from the coast a formation of seventeen enemy aeroplanes was sighted. Capt. Palethorpe at once attacked with great courage and determination, under very heavy fire, till the Gunner was killed.

He then landed, and having procured another Gunner, endeavoured to renew the attack.

Mentioned in Despatches for gallant and distinguished services in connection with recent enemy air raids:—

No. 25501 1st Cl. Air Mech. James Oliver Jessop, R.F.C. (Killed in action.)

India Office,
17th July, 1917.

The following appointments have been made in India:—

ARMY HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH.

To be Temporary Inspector of Infantry.

Major-General Sir M. J. Tighe, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., Indian Army. Dated 24th April, 1917.

PERSONAL STAFF OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICEROY AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

To be Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant J. A. Denny, Grenadier Guards (Special Reserve), vice 2nd Lieutenant W. A. Browne, 1/4th Battalion (The Duke of Edinburgh's), Wiltshire Regiment, resigned. Dated 1st April, 1917.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following lady nurses have been permitted to resign the service:—

Nursing Sister Miss Nina Lewis. Dated 31st May, 1917.

Nursing Sister Miss Catherine Helen McCuaig. Dated 26th June, 1917.

Civil Service Commission,
July 17, 1917.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Female Learner in London in the Department of the Postmaster-General will be held in London on the 11th October, 1917, under the Regulations dated the 10th December, 1915, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

Appointments will be offered to not fewer than 20 of the Candidates highest on the list, provided they obtain the necessary aggregate of marks and are duly qualified in other respects.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received on or before the 6th September, an application on the prescribed