

not with reasonable diligence have ascertained, that the article was so brought or removed in contravention of this regulation.

"For the purpose of the enforcement of this provision the powers of search and seizure conferred by Regulation 51 shall be exercisable by officers of Customs and Excise as well as by the authorities, officers and persons mentioned in that regulation."

8. After Regulation 42A the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"42AA. If any person within any area in respect of which the operation of section one of the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, is for the time being suspended procures or persuades a soldier to desert or absent himself without leave, or knowingly aids or assists a soldier about to desert or absent himself without leave, or knowingly conceals a deserter or absentee without leave, or aids or assists him in concealing himself, or aids or assists in his rescue, that person shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations; and for the purpose of this provision shall be deemed to have had knowledge unless he proves that he had not knowledge.

"If any person within any such area as aforesaid—

(a) buys, exchanges, takes in pawn, detains or receives from an officer or soldier or any other person; or

(b) solicits or entices an officer or soldier to sell, exchange, pawn or give away; or

(c) assists or acts for an officer or soldier in selling, exchanging, pawning or making away with

any arms, ammunition, equipment or clothing of an officer or soldier, that person shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, unless he proves either that he acted in ignorance of the same being the arms, ammunition, equipment or clothing of an officer or soldier, or that the same was sold, by order or under the authority of the Army Council."

9. After Regulation 55A the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"55B. (1) Where a Secretary of State is satisfied as respects any area that it is expedient for the better protection of that area from fire that, in case of an air raid or apprehended air raid, the fire brigades and fire appliances in that area, or any of them, should be employed under single control, he may by order—

(a) constitute the area a special fire brigade area and define the limits thereof;

(b) provide that, in case of an air raid or apprehended air raid, the fire brigades in the special area or any of them, shall co-operate in accordance with a scheme approved by him, and shall, for the purpose of carrying out such scheme, act under the directions of a single authority, being the Chief Officer of one of the Fire Brigades in the special area, or such other person or authority as may be specified in the order;

(c) make such additional and supplemental provisions as appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of giving full effect to the order;

and a Secretary of State may also from time to time give such directions as appear to him expedient for the purpose of giving full effect to the order.

"(2) All officers and members of fire brigades in the area to which the order applies shall comply with the directions of the Secretary of State, and with the directions of the authority specified in the order.

"(3) The powers conferred by this regulation on a Secretary of State shall, as respects any area situated in Scotland, be exercised by the Secretary for Scotland."

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *August*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order, 1916 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order"), His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Aliens Restriction Act, 1914, has been pleased to impose restrictions on aliens, and to make various regulations for carrying these restrictions into effect:

And whereas the principal Order has been extended and amended by subsequent Orders in Council, and it is expedient further to amend the provisions of the principal Order in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the Principal Order:—

1. At the end of Article 22A the following sub-sections shall be added:—

"(10) Any powers conferred by virtue of this Article on the Minister of Munitions may be exercised on behalf of the Minister by any person or persons deputed by the Minister for the purpose.

"(11) Where it appears to a Secretary of State, on the recommendation of the Admiralty or Army Council, that it is necessary or expedient so to do with a view to the safety of the Realm, he may by Order direct that all or any of the provisions of this Article shall apply to work of any class or description specified in the Order as they apply to munitions work, and any provisions so applied shall thereupon have effect as if references to munitions work included references to work of any class or description so specified, and any such Order may provide for such modification of any provisions so applied as may appear necessary in order to make this Article applicable to the work in question, and in particular for the substitution as respects such work of some other Government Department for the Minister of Munitions.

2. Article 25 shall be amended as follows:—

In the paragraphs numbered (a), (b) and (c) after the word "are" wherever that word occurs there shall be inserted the words "or have recently been"; and for the words "shall be kept closed either altogether or" there shall be substituted the words "shall be either closed altogether or kept closed."

3. The following Article shall be inserted after Article 25B:—

"25c. A Secretary of State may grant, in such form and subject to such conditions as