

*Ministry of Munitions,
17th November, 1917.*

SUPERPHOSPHATES.

The Minister of Munitions, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling him, hereby orders that the provisions of the Order relating to Superphosphates made by the Minister of Munitions on the 20th August, 1917, shall, as on and from the 21st November, 1917, apply to sales of Superphosphates for export from the United Kingdom to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and clause 2 of the said Order shall as on and from the date aforesaid be modified accordingly.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

In exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and all other powers thereunto enabling them, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby make the following Regulations:—

All British Merchant Vessels of 2,500 gross tonnage and upwards shall include in their crew four (4) men, specially engaged, who will when required act as look-outs at the Masthead or elsewhere, but the total number of the crew should not be increased for this purpose.

When in areas in which submarines may be encountered these Look-outs are to be employed solely on their special duty, keeping watch in four watches, each watch to be of not more than two hours duration. When off watch in these areas they are not to be employed upon any of the ordinary work of the ship.

Before men are signed on for this duty they must agree to undertake this special work whilst in the areas mentioned.

These men must obtain the special Board of Trade Certificate as to eyesight, and men are not to be signed on for this particular service unless they are in possession of this Certificate.

Any members of the ship's crew may be selected, provided it is clearly understood that none of the ship's Officers, Petty Officers, or any of the Guns' Crew are to be considered as borne for this special duty.

These special Look-outs, provided their duties are carried out to the satisfaction of the Master, who will be required to give a written certificate that this is the case, should be given extra pay at the rate of 15s. per month whilst the ship is in areas in which submarines may be met.

A proper Crow's Nest is to be provided for Look-out purposes as high as possible in every ship which has a mast suitable in character and position for the purpose.

From daybreak till dark the Look-out is to be stationed in the Crow's Nest when fitted. In other cases the Look-out is to be stationed as high aloft as possible.

From dark to daybreak the Look-out will be stationed in the position the Master considers the most suitable.

Given under our hands, this 16th day of November, 1917.

*R. E. Wemyss.
A. L. Duff.*

NOTE.—Information as to the areas in which submarines may be encountered may be ob-

tained from the Shipping Intelligence Officers at home ports and the Reporting Officers abroad.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General of the
Navy,*

Admiralty, S.W. 1.

17th November, 1917.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the award for the salvage of the schooner "Venedocian" by H.M.Y. "Boadicea II" on 19th November, 1916, and the award for the salvage of the schooner "Zwaluw" by H.M. trawlers "Cave," "Ratapiko," "Emley" "Lapwing II," and motor launch "295," on 21st November, 1916, will commence on Wednesday, the 21st instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not serving afloat, should be addressed "On Prize Business:—To the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

Admiralty, 20th November, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal on:—

Surgeon Probationer Robert Sydney Steele Smith, R.N.V.R.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

Surgeon Probationer Robert Sydney Steele Smith, R.N.V.R., was Medical Officer of one of H.M. ships which was torpedoed by an enemy submarine.

When the enemy torpedo struck the ship Surgeon Probationer Smith was in the wardroom aft with the 1st Lieutenant. The explosion wrecked the wardroom and rendered the 1st Lieutenant unconscious. All other exit being blocked, Surgeon Probationer Smith piled the wrecked furniture under the skylight, and got the 1st Lieutenant through this on deck. He then attended to a Petty Officer who was lying on deck with a broken arm and leg, adjusted and blew up his life-belt, and after doing the same for the 1st Lieutenant got him overboard, as the ship was then foundering.

The 1st Lieutenant was by then partially conscious, but was again stunned owing to an explosion when the vessel foundered, and when he was picked up by the boat he was apparently dead. Surgeon Probationer Smith applied artificial respiration until the 1st Lieutenant showed signs of life; he afterwards attended to the injured in the boat so far as the circumstances allowed, until they were picked up forty-three hours later.