

that they have varied the minimum rates for learners as defined by the Trade Board as follows:

(a) During the first six months of employment, from 4s. to 5s. 2d. a week.

(b) During the second six months of employment, from 5s. 6d. to 7s. 2d. a week.

(c) During the third six months of employment, from 10s. to 13s. a week.

(d) During the fourth six months of employment, from 12s. 6d. to 16s. 3d. a week.

On application to the Trade Board further information will (if in the opinion of the Trade Board the applicant is likely to be affected by the General Minimum Piece-Rates) be given as to the variations.

Dated this First day of March, 1918.

Signed by Order of the Trade Board.

*G. T. Reid,*  
Secretary.

Office of Trade Boards,  
5, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. 2.

#### TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

##### CHAIN TRADE: HAND-HAMMERED SECTION.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Board of Trade, the Trade Board established under the above Act for the Hammered and Dollied or Tommied Chain-making trade have given notice as required by Section 4 of the above Act that they have varied the Minimum Time Rate for Hand-Hammered Chain-making up to and including  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch, as follows:—

(a) Where the employer provides (in addition to the iron) the workshop where the work is carried on and the tools and the fuel: From 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 4d. an hour.

(b) Where the worker provides (in respect of iron supplied by the employer) the workshop where the work is carried on and the tools and the fuel, or any one of these three heads of outlay: From 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. an hour.

The latter rate is on the basis that any carriage to or from the premises of the employer is performed by the worker, or that if performed by the employer the latter is entitled to receive 1d. per cwt. either way.

The Trade Board have also given similar notice that they have varied the General Minimum Piece Rates for making Hand-hammered Chain by the addition of sums amounting approximately to 45 per cent. to the rates set out in the notice issued by the Trade Board, and dated 19th January, 1914.

The Trade Board have also given similar notice that they have varied the minimum rates for learners as defined by the Trade Board in the Hand-Hammered Chain-making trade as follows:—

(a) During the first six months of employment, 5s. 10d. per week.

(b) During the second six months of employment, 8s. per week.

(c) During the third six months of employment, 80 per cent. of the General Minimum Piece Rates.

(d) During the fourth six months of em-

ployment, 90 per cent. of the General Minimum Piece Rates.

On application to the Trade Board further information will (if in the opinion of the Trade Board the applicant is likely to be affected by the General Minimum Piece Rates) be given as to the variations.

Dated this first day of March, 1918.

Signed by order of the Trade Board,

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#### STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS, 1918, No. 272.

##### DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

Order of the Minister of Munitions, dated March 5th, 1918, under Regulation 2A(2) of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, constituting a Special Area in the county of Kent for the purposes of that subsection.

The Minister of Munitions, being of opinion that, as respects the area specified in the Schedule annexed hereto, in which the work of manufacturing, producing, repairing, storing, or transporting war material is being carried on, the ejection from their dwellings of workmen employed in that work is calculated to impede, delay or restrict that work, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby orders and declares that the area specified in the Schedule annexed hereto is a Special Area for the purpose of subsection 2 of Regulation 2A of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

*Winston S. Churchill.*

Dated this 5th day of March, 1918.

##### SCHEDULE.

The Urban District of Erith and the Urban and Rural Districts of Dartford, all in the county of Kent.

*Admiralty, 2nd March, 1918.*

*R.M.*

Actg. Supt. Clerk (W.O. 1) Ernest William Horton, R.M.L.I., to tempy. Qrmr., with the hon. rank of Lieut. 20th Feb. 1918.

William James Douglas is granted a tempy. hon. commn. as Maj. 27th Feb. 1918.

John Crabtree Thomson to be tempy. Capt. and graded as a Staff Capt. 7th Feb. 1918.

*R.M.L.I.*

Maj. Henry de Laval Willis is placed on the Ret. List on account of medical unfitness. 19th Feb. 1918.

*Admiralty, 4th March, 1918.*

Ch. Gnr. (retd.) to be Lieut. (retd.).—  
Benjamin Wallis. 22nd Feb. 1918.