DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

MARINE BOX CHRONOMETERS ORDER, 1917.

Notice of Cancellation.

Notice is hereby given, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have cancelled as from the date hereof the Marine Box Chronometers Order, 1917, made by them on the 4th day of August, 1917.

The Order was published in the London Gazette dated the 21st day of August, 1917.

By Command of Their Lordships,

O. Murray.

Admiralty, S.W. 1, 17th February, 1919.

Admiralty, S.W., 18th February, 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the posthumous award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to:

Mr. Albert Charles Mattison, late Acting Boatswain, Royal Canadian Navy, and Stoker Petty Officer Edward S. Beard, late

Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which these decorations have been conferred :

On the 6th December, 1917, the French Steamer "Mont Blanc," with a cargo of high explosives, and the Norwegian Steamer " Imo" were in collision in Halifax Harbour. Fire broke out on the "Mont Blanc " immediately after the collision, and the flames very quickly rose to a height of over 100 feet. The crew abandoned their ship and pulled towards the shore. The commanding officer of H.M.C.S. "Niobe," which was lying in the harbour, on perceiving what had happened, sent away a steam boat to see what could be Mr. Mattison and six men of the Royal done. Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve volunteered to form the crew of this boat, but just as the boat got alongside the "Mont Blanc" the ship blew up, and Mr. Mattison and the whole boat's crew lost their lives. The boat's crew were fully aware of the desperate nature of the work they were engaged on, and by their gallantry and devotion to duty they sacrificed their lives in the endeavour to save the lives of others.

Admiralty, 3rd February, 1919.

Surg. Capt. Walter G. Axford has been placed on the Retired List, with the rank of Surg. Rear-Admiral, in recognition of services rendered during the War. 4th Feb. 1919.

Admiralty, 7th February, 1919. Actg. Sub-Lieut. to be Sub-Lieut.-Alexander R. Cadell. 15th Jan. 1919.

Admiralty, 8th February, 1919.

Cdr. Ernest H. Rideout has been placed on the Retired List. 8th Feb. 1919. Sub-Lieut. (actg. Lieut.) to be Lieut.-Cyril J. West. 15th Sept. 1918.

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Admiralty, 10th February, 1919.

Tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieut. to be tempy. Engr. Lieut.

Frederick P. Wilson. 28th Jan. 1919.

Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. to be Payr. Cdr.----Norman F. Roy. 27th Jan. 1919.

To be Engr. Lieut. (temporary service).--Gerald R. Wilson. 1st Dec. 1918.

Actg. Lieut. to be Lieut.— John O. P. Roach. 1st Feb. 1918.

R.N.R.

Tempy. Lieut. Thomas Garner, who has relinquished his appointment on account of ill-health contracted in the Service, to retain his rank. 7th Feb. 1919.

Admiralty, 11th February, 1919.

Lieut.-Cdr. (retd.) to be Cdr. (retd.).-Percy J. Helyar. 11th Feb. 1919.

Tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieut. to be tempy. Engr. Lieut.

Charles M. Cock. 27th Jan. 1919.

Admiralty, 12th February, 1919.

Payr. Lieuts. (actg. Payr. Lieut.-Cdrs.) to be Payr. Lieut.-Cdrs.

Hubert F. Hewetson.

Kenneth E. Badcock, D.S.C. 13th Feb. 1919.

Tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieuts. to be tempy. Eng._Lieuts.-

James H. Richardson. 27th Jan. 1919. Victor Lockney. 25th Jan. 1919.

Eng. Comdr. (ret.) to be Eng. Capt. (ret.), in recognition of services rendered during the War-

Harry R. Batchelor. 5th Jan. 1919.

R.N.R.

Tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieut. to be tempy. Engr Lieut.

Charles S. Lewis. 1st Jan. 1919.

63rd (R.N.) Div.

The temp. commn. and appt. of Capt. Archibald E. Balfour, R.M. (Dvnl. Train), are terminated, 28th Dec. 1918, on appt. to Army.

Admiralty, 13th February, 1919.

Actg. Lieuts. to be Lieuts .--Rupert W. James. 15th June 19 Alfred Leary. 15th Feb. 1918. James F. W. C. Hawkins. 15 15th June 1917. 15th Sept. 1918.

Gnr. (ret.) to be Ch. Gnr. (ret.)-Theobald Breen. 22nd Jan. 1919.

Tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieut. to be tempy. Engr. Lieut.

James S. Jenkins. 10th June 1918.

R.N.V.R.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts .---Algernon S. Little. 4th Jan. 1919. Ambrose J. Turner. 16th Jan. 1919. Patrick J. Connolly. 18th Jan. 1919.

Tempy. actg. Lieut. to be tempy. Lieut.-Eric L. N. Pearce. 5th Jan. 1919.