5. Local divisions so organised shall assist authorities charged with responsibilities in connection with civil defence (whether under the Civil Defence Act, 1948, or otherwise) in the performance of those responsibilities.

6. Members of a local division may with their 6. Members of a local division may with their consent be transferred from one local division to another by the Secretary of State or by such authori-ties or persons as he may authorise to act in this respect on his behalf. 7. The Corps shall be maintained, equipped and trained in such manner as the Secretary of State

may from time to time decide.

8. The conditions of service of members of the Corps shall be such as the Secretary of State may from time to time promulgate.

J. Chuter Ede,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

30th May, 1949.

Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1. 30th April, 1949.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Archibald McLellan, Esq., to be a Nominated Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Singapore.

Scottish Home Department, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1. 1st June, 1949.

The KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of Major Sir Humphrey Broun Lindsay, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Colstoun, Haddington, to be Vice-Lieutenant of the county of East Lothian, and a Commission in his favour was signed by the Lord Lieutenant on 27th May, 1949.

Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1. 31st May. 1949.

Street. Belfast.

GAS ACT, 1948.

CAS AC1, 1948. The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 2) Order, 1949—S.I. 1949 No. 1057. Copies may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39 King Street, Man-chester 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast, or through any book-seller. seller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

1st June, 1949.

Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1.

The Admiralty announce that they are ready to receive applications for Royal Naval Prize Money, Campaign Stars and Medals in accordance with the Regulations which are now displayed in most Post

Offices in the United Kingdom. The amount of Prize Money to be distributed is £4 million and the value of a unit share will be about £4. Prize Money is not

of a unit share will be about £4. Prize Money is not liable to Income Tax. Claims by former members of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces, etc., and by the next of kin of deceased personnel must be made on forms which are available at Post Offices in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. These forms are not to be used by serving personnel, for whom separate arrangements are being made. Royal Naval Prize Money is payable to members and former members of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces, crews (including certain civilians) of His Majesty's Ships and members of the Royal Artillery, who performed 180 days' service at sea (as defined in the Regulations) between 3rd September, 1939, and 2nd September, 1945, and whose claims are received within 12 months from the 1st June, 1949. Persons killed in action, etc., at sea qualify irrespective of length of sea service. : Members and former members of the Royal Air

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Force are not eligible for Royal Naval Prize Money (unless they were previously members of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces and had qualifying service). A portion of Prize proceeds has been allocated to a Royal Air Force Prize Fund, but this is not being individually distributed. Members and former members of Navies of other Commonwealth countries (other than Colonial Naval Volunteer Forces) are not eligible for Royal Naval Prize Money unless they were transferred permanently to the Royal Navy and Royal, Marines before 3rd September, 1945. Governments of the other Commonwealth countries concerned are making their own arrangements. making their own arrangements.

The Admiralty state that in view of the magnitude of the task, some months may elapse before an individual claim is settled and claimants must not expect their Prize Money, Stars and Medals to arrive together. Unnecessary correspondence will only cause further delay.

Commonwealth Relations Office,

3rd June, 1949.

The KING has approved the following retire-ments and relinquishments :---

INDIAN ARMY DEPARTMENTS.

Capt. (D.C.) A. E. BROADLEY (OS/79) retires, 4th August, 1947, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

SPECIAL LIST (EX-INDIAN ARMY).

¹·BRITISH ARMY.

The undermentioned officers retire: — Lt.-Col. G. W. PURSER, O.B.E. (800 IA), 21st Jan. 1949.

- 30th May 1949. Lt.-Col. R. L. CARPENTER, O.B.E. (541 AI). Lt.-Col. R. H. D. Ross (AI 31).

- Maj. R. P. MAOCURRACH (504 AI), 21st Sept. 1948. Maj. G. T. TARR (559 AI), 11th Dec. 1948, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. . Maj. G. E. C. NEWLAND, M.C. (630 AI), 12th Dec. 1948.

- 1948.
 Maj. A. T. SCOTT, O.B.E. (AI 345), 30th May 1949, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.
 Maj. L. N. EVANS, M.B.E. (IA 470), 1st June 1949, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.
 Capt. C. C. ANSELL, D.S.O. (IA 1127), 30th May 1949, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.
- Emergency Commissions. War Subs. Lt. E. W. BEAUMONT (EC 14964) relin-quishes his commn., 8th June 1948, and is granted the hon. rank of Capt. War Subs. Lt. V. WYLE (EC 8689) relinquishes his commn., 25th Jan. 1949, on enlistment in ranks (TA)
- (T.A.).

The undermentioned officers relinquish their commns. on appt. to T.A.:— War Subs. Lt. R. T. WRIGHT (EC 10758), 15th Dec.

- 1948.
- War Subs. Capt. R. J. D. MANDERS (EC 6044), 19th Jan. 1949. War Subs. Lt. E. E. NORTHWOOD (EC 9878), 24th Jan. 1949.
- 25th Jan. 1949. War Subs. Lt. E. G. DANIELS (EC 12153). War Subs. Lt. R. B. L. GARBETT (EC 13063).
- War Subs. Lt. K. L. GILL (EC 7539), 31st Jan. 1949.