

GAS ACT, 1948.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 19) Order, 1950—S.I. 1950 No. 1410, copies of which may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power,
7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.
25th August, 1950.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911, as amended.

The Mining Qualifications Board hereby give notice that with the approval of the Minister of Fuel and Power they have made the Mining Examinations (Certificates of Competency) Rules, 1950. Copies may be purchased direct from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses or through any bookseller:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 429 Oxford Street, London, W.1; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39 King Street, Manchester 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast.

Ministry of Fuel and Power,
7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.
15th August, 1950.

Air Ministry, 29th August, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

Military Medal

3960 Corporal Saleh Haiderah YAFAI, Royal Air Force, Aden Protectorate Levies.

On the 14th May, 1950, a small airfield reconnaissance party comprising 4 British Officers and 20 Arabs was returning to Aden from Azzan when it was ambushed at a cleverly sited road block in the pass. The enemy, numbering between two and three hundred, in addition to covering the road block, commanded the heights from well concealed positions on either side of the route for about 400 yards. Corporal YAFAI was the non-commissioned officer in charge of the Section acting as escort to the party who, when fire was opened simultaneously from the front and both flanks, quickly took up positions and returned the enemy fire which was intense and accurate. The remainder of the party left their vehicles and took cover, but it soon became apparent that withdrawal offered the only possible hope of survival and, under cover of the escort's fire, the five vehicles were turned, being repeatedly hit during this difficult process. At this point the intensity of the enemy's fire reached its peak. With the greatest coolness and despite the fact that one of his men had been killed, and he himself had been wounded in the thigh, Corporal YAFAI, continued with controlled fire, to engage the enemy until the vehicles were well on the move. Corporal YAFAI'S cool and competent handling of his Section was up to the highest traditions of the Service and his outstanding leadership and resourceful covering of the withdrawing party were largely instrumental in averting the complete disaster which would have otherwise overtaken it.

Civil Service Commission.

29th August, 1950.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF ASSISTANT GOVERNORS CLASS II (MALE) IN THE PRISON AND BORSTAL SERVICE (ENGLAND AND WALES).

1. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age on the 1st January of the year in which the competition is held. No upper age limit is specified, but in

general Government Departments require a reasonable period of service from persons newly appointed to the Civil Service, and accordingly weight may be given to this factor in considering candidates for these posts who are over 50 years of age.

2. Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at the time of death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing, or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

3. Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate Central Education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

4. Candidates must be men of sound general education, able to hold their own with all ranks and to fill a position of responsibility in which tact and judgment are required. They should preferably have personal knowledge of working-class homes and conditions. A keen interest in difficult reformatory work is essential.

5. Those candidates who from their applications seem to the Prison Commissioners and the Civil Service Commissioners to be best qualified will be summoned to interview before a Selection Board consisting of representatives of the Prison Commissioners and of the Civil Service Commissioners, who will select for the vacancies existing those candidates who appear to them to possess the highest qualifications, provided they find so many suitable. The Selection Board will take into consideration the candidates' records of experience and education, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the personal qualities of the candidates as shown at this interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence they will frame their decisions. The decision of the Civil Service Commissioners will be final.

6. Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons (except as referees to be named by them in their application form) will disqualify them for appointment. The Selection Board will disregard recommendations from persons who are not personally acquainted with the candidate's work.

7. The appointment of the selected candidates will be subject to their satisfying the Civil Service Commissioners as to their eligibility in respect of age, nationality, health and character, and will not be confirmed unless and until they have passed the prescribed period of probation to the satisfaction of the Prison Commissioners.

8. A successful candidate will be required to pay a fee of £1 10s., before the issue of a certificate of qualification for appointment.

Civil Service Commission.

29th August, 1950.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, the following amendment has been made in the Normal Regulations for recruitment to Basic Grades of Professional Engineers (General Service Class and Linked Departmental Variants)