

pression of my warm gratitude is also due to General D'Urbal, Commanding the 8th French Army on my left, and General Maud'huy, Commanding the 10th French Army on my right.

I have many recommendations to bring to Your Lordship's notice for gallant and distinguished service performed by officers and men in the period under report. These will be submitted shortly, as soon as they can be collected.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

J. P. D. FRENCH,
Field-Marshal, Commanding-in-Chief,
The British Army in the Field.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the
28th day of *November*, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Frederick Edward Grey Ponsonby, K.C.V.O., C.B., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the
28th day of *November*, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, His Majesty has power during the continuance of the present war to issue Regulations for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm subject to and in accordance with that Act:

And whereas by Orders in Council dated respectively the 12th of August, the 1st and 17th of September, and the 14th of October, 1914, His Majesty was pleased to issue various Regulations under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, and the Defence of the Realm (No. 2) Act, 1914, and by virtue of the said Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, those Orders in Council shall until altered or revoked by an Order in Council under the last-mentioned Act continue in force and have effect as if made under that Act:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke the said Orders in Council and to issue such Regulations as are hereinafter contained:

Now, THEREFORE, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

General Regulations.

1. The ordinary avocations of life and the enjoyment of property will be interfered with as little as may be permitted by the exigencies of the measures required to be taken for securing the public safety and the defence of the Realm, and ordinary civil offences will be

dealt with by the civil tribunals in the ordinary course of law.

The Admiralty and Army Council, and members of the Naval and Military Forces, and other persons executing the following Regulations shall, in carrying those Regulations into effect, observe these general principles.

Powers of competent naval and military authorities, &c.

2. It shall be lawful for the competent naval or military authority and any person duly authorized by him, where for the purpose of securing the public safety or the defence of the Realm it is necessary so to do—

(a) to take possession of any land and to construct military works, including roads, thereon, and to remove any trees, hedges, and fences therefrom;

(b) to take possession of any buildings or other property including works for the supply of gas, electricity, or water, and of any sources of water supply;

(c) to take such steps as may be necessary for placing any buildings or structures in a state of defence;

(d) to cause any buildings or structures to be destroyed, or any property to be moved from one place to another, or to be destroyed;

(e) to take possession of any arms, ammunition, explosive substances, equipment, or warlike stores (including lines, cables, and other apparatus intended to be laid or used for telegraphic or telephonic purposes);

(f) to do any other act involving interference with private rights of property which is necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

3. The competent naval or military authority and any person duly authorized by him shall have right of access to any land or buildings or other property whatsoever.

4. The competent naval or military authority may by order authorize the use of land, within such limits as may be specified in the order, for the training of any part of His Majesty's naval or military forces; and may by such order confer such rights of user of the land, and provide for such temporary suspension of rights of way over roads and footpaths, as are conferred and are exercisable with respect to authorized land roads and footpaths under the Military Manœuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, and the competent naval or military authority shall have all the powers exercisable by a Military Manœuvres Commission under those Acts.

5. The competent naval or military authority may by order if he considers it necessary so to do for the purposes of any work of defence or other defended military work, or of any work for which it is deemed necessary in the interests of public safety or the defence of the Realm to afford military protection, stop up or divert any road or pathway over or adjoining the land on which such work is situate for so long as the order remains in force:

Provided that where any such road or pathway is so stopped up or diverted the competent naval or military authority shall publish notice thereof in such manner as he may consider best adapted for informing the public, and where any road or pathway is stopped up by means of any physical obstruction he shall