

War Office,
3rd March 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

RUSSIAN FLAX AND TOW.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby give notice that they take possession of all Russian Flax and Tow in stock in the United Kingdom not already sold to spinners in the United Kingdom, except Flax or Tow in respect of which a permit of sale has been issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

The Army Council further give notice that they intend to take possession of all Russian Flax and Tow which may hereafter arrive in the United Kingdom.

All persons having in their custody or control any stocks of Russian Flax not having been sold prior to the date hereof to spinners in the United Kingdom, or referred to in any permit of sale issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, are required to make a return of such stocks to the War Department, Flax Office, Dundee.

By Order of the Army Council,
R. H. BRADE.

War Office,
6th March 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN WOOL.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations the Army Council hereby order as follows:—

No person, except as may be authorised by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, shall make or take delivery of any Colonial or Foreign Wool for carriage or shipment inland from any port in Great Britain.

By Order of the Army Council,
R. H. BRADE.

War Office,
14th March 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

REGULATION OF THE SALE OF CHOPPED HAY AND OAT AND WHEAT STRAW IN GREAT BRITAIN.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling them, the Army Council do hereby Order:—

That on any Sale in Great Britain of hay and oat straw and wheat straw, chopped or chaffed and mixed, hereinafter called "Chop," and where such chop does not contain more than 20 per cent. of straw, the price shall not exceed such prices as are set out in the Schedules hereunder:—

Schedule 1.

Maximum prices per ton which a Dealer or

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Retailer may not exceed for quantities of 10 cwt. and upwards for "chop."

England, £7 10s.
Scotland, £7 2s. 6d.

The above prices are deemed to include all costs and charges for "chop," delivered on to the Purchaser's premises—excepting that where it is delivered in returnable sacks or bags, a sum equal to 7s. 6d. per ton may be added to the above prices.

Schedule 2.

Maximum prices per stone which a Dealer or Retailer may not exceed for quantities of less than 10 cwt. for "chop":—

England, 1s.
Scotland, 11½d.

The above prices are deemed to include all costs and charges for "chop" delivered on to the Purchaser's premises, excepting that where it is delivered in returnable sacks or bags, one halfpenny per stone may be added to the above prices.

Nothing in this Order shall affect the Orders already made prohibiting the lifting of hay and straw excepting under licence, dated the 31st March 1916, 30th June 1916, and 14th September 1916, or the Orders regulating the price of hay and straw dated the 5th November 1916, and the 27th February 1917.

By Order of the Army Council,
R. H. BRADE.

War Office,
15th March 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, in recognition of most conspicuous bravery displayed:—

Capt. (temp. Maj.) Cuthbert Bromley (since drowned).

No. 1506 Sgt. Frank Edward Stubbs (since died of wounds).

No. 2609 Cpl. (now Sgt.) John Grimshaw.

On the 25th April 1915, headquarters and three companies of the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, in effecting a landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula to the West of Cape Helles, were met by very deadly fire from hidden machine guns, which caused a great number of casualties. The survivors, however, rushed up to and cut the wire entanglements, notwithstanding the terrific fire from the enemy, and after overcoming supreme difficulties, the cliffs were gained and the position maintained.

Amongst the many very gallant officers and men engaged in this most hazardous undertaking, Captain Bromley, Serjeant Stubbs, and Corporal Grimshaw have been selected by their comrades as having performed the most signal acts of bravery and devotion to duty.

The above awards of the Victoria Cross are to be read in conjunction with those conferred on