

a ship within the limits of the Principal Order without the previous consent in writing of the Minister, provided that this Article shall not apply to the completion of a ship which was actually under construction at the date of the making of this Order.

3. If any person lays down, builds, or constructs, or directs, or assists in the laying down, building, or construction of a ship in contravention of this Order, the ship, or part of a ship, so laid down or constructed shall be forfeited to the Crown, and the person so acting in contravention of this Order shall be liable to imprisonment, without hard labour, not exceeding six months, and to a fine not exceeding 500 dollars for every day during which such contravention continues; and, if such person be a company, every director and officer of the company shall be liable to the like penalty, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or consent.

4. This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of March 1918.

And the Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

### MOTOR CARS.

#### USE OF MOTOR CARS ON HIGHWAYS.

THE HEAVY MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) ORDER, 1918, DATED THE 25TH JANUARY 1918.

In pursuance of the powers given to me by the Motor Car Acts, 1896 and 1903, and by any other statutes in that behalf, I, the undersigned, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Regulations, applicable to Scotland.

I. So much of Article VII. of the Heavy Motor Car (Scotland) Order, 1905, as provides that if a heavy motor car draws a trailer the speed at which the heavy motor car is drawn on any highway shall not exceed five miles an hour shall cease to apply to a heavy motor car drawing a "gas container trailer."

For the purposes of this Order a "gas container trailer" is a vehicle—

(a) constructed or adapted for use and used solely for carrying a bag or other receptacle for containing gas to be used for the purpose of propelling the vehicle;

(b) not exceeding in weight unladen fifteen hundredweight; and

(c) having all its wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres or tyres made of a soft or elastic material.

II. This Order shall have effect for the period of the war and for twelve months thereafter, and may be cited as the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) (Scotland) Order, 1918.

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(Sd.) ROBERT MUNRO,

His Majesty's Secretary for  
Scotland.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
25th January 1918.

### CORRECTION.

Ministry of Munitions,  
2nd February 1918.

### ORDER.

#### TAR OILS.

The words "an additional charge of 3s. 8d. per gallon is permitted" appearing in the Schedule to the above Order in the Edinburgh Gazette dated 5th February 1918 (page 564), should read, "an additional charge of  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per gallon is permitted."

Admiralty, 5th February 1918.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal to

Lieutenant (acting Lieutenant-Commander) Maurice MacMahon, R.N.R., for gallantry in saving life at sea.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On the 8th November 1916 a series of fires and explosions occurred at Bakaritsa, Port of Archangel. After the merchant ships had been got away from the wharves, cries and moans were heard from the direction of a 100-ton floating crane moored between the S.S. "Earl of Forfar" and the quay. The "Earl of Forfar" was on fire fore and aft, and it was obvious that any attempt to save life must be accompanied by the greatest risk, the ship having explosives on board and the quay abreast it burning furiously with intermittent explosions from small arm ammunition.

Lieutenant-Commander MacMahon, without a moment's hesitation, volunteered to carry out rescue work, although other rescue parties considered that they had already done all that was humanly possible.

In order to reach the floating crane it was necessary to cross the "Earl of Forfar," the after part of which had blown up, whilst the forepart was on fire and the forecastle was a mass of smouldering debris. Hearing moans from under the debris of the forecastle, Lieutenant-Commander MacMahon, with the aid of the crew of a tug, cleared away the wreckage and discovered the mate, with one arm, one leg, and collar-bone fractured. This man was extricated and passed into the tug. Lieutenant-Commander MacMahon then proceeded on to the floating crane by means of a single plank and rescued from beneath the debris of the crane the carpenter of the "Earl of Forfar" and two Russian subjects, part of the crane's crew.

War Office,

5th February 1918.

### AMENDMENT.

The announcement of the award of the Military Cross on page 575 of the Edinburgh Gazette of the 6th February 1918, to 2nd Lt. William Ace Edwards, Notts. & Derby. R.,