

For courage and daring in the face of the enemy, particularly on the 13th March 1918. On that date, when on patrol with four machines, he attacked an enemy patrol of five scouts, destroying two, whilst a third was destroyed by another officer.

Act. Flt. Cdr. Minifie has now destroyed numerous hostile machines.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

P.O. Alfred Clark, O.N. 234540 (Po.).  
Air Mech., 1st Gr., Walter Naylor, O.N. F1406.

#### FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

The following Decorations have been conferred by the Allied Powers on Officers of the British Naval Forces for distinguished services rendered during the war:—

His Majesty the KING has given unrestricted permission to the Officers concerned to wear the Decorations in question.

#### DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

##### CROIX DE GUERRE.

Wing-Cdr. Charles H. K. Edmonds, D.S.O., R.N.A.S.  
Sqd.-Cdr. Conway W. H. Pulford, R.N.A.S.

#### DECORATION CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF SERBIA.

#### ORDER OF THE WHITE EAGLE (WITH SWORDS). *Grand Cross.*

Vice-Adml. Ernest C. T. Troubridge, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O.

#### DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE HELLENES.

##### ORDER OF THE REDEEMER.

##### *Grand Commander.*

Vice-Adml. Sir Cecil F. Thursby, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.  
Vice-Adml. Arthur H. Christian, C.B., M.V.O.

##### *Commander.*

Rear-Adml. Sydney R. Fremantle, C.B., M.V.O.  
Cdre. Maurice S. Fitz-Maurice, C.M.G., R.N.  
Capt. Theobald W. B. Kennedy, R.N.  
Capt. F. Clifton Brown, C.M.G., R.N.  
Capt. Frank Larken, C.M.G., R.N.  
Capt. Arthur K. Macrorie, M.V.O., R.N.  
Capt. Henry E. Grace, R.N.  
Capt. Gilbert O. Stephenson, R.N.  
Maj. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) Godfrey L. Beaumont, R.M.  
Cdr. (Actg. Capt.) Sydney R. Olivier, R.N.  
Cdr. (Actg. Capt.) Harold Escombe, C.M.G., R.N.  
Cdr. Aubrey W. Peebles, D.S.O., M.V.O., R.N.  
Sqdn. Cdr. Reginald J. Bone, D.S.O., R.N.A.S.

#### CORRECTION.

In Gazette of 5th November 1917, page 2289, column 2, *delete* the name of Ldg. Sea. Alfred Edward Pearson, O.N. 206490 (Ch.).

War Office,  
13th April 1918.

#### ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

#### HEMP (RESTRICTION OF CONSUMPTION) ORDER AMENDMENT.

Whereas by the Hemp (Restriction of Consumption) Order, 1918, the Army Council regulated upon certain conditions the spreading, carding or otherwise putting into process of manufacture any Hemp of certain descriptions:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order should be amended:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby order that the said Order shall be amended as follows:—

In Clause 1 the words "or any hackled Tows produced therefrom by hackling in the United Kingdom" shall be inserted after the words "hereto annexed."

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,  
13th April 1918.

#### THE TOW (RESTRICTION OF CONSUMPTION) ORDER, 1918.

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

1. No person shall without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Flax Control Board purchase, sell or deal in any Tow produced by hackling Flax of any description or Hemp of the descriptions set out in the Schedule annexed to the Hemp (Restriction of Consumption) Order, 1918.

2. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to refer to Scutching Tow.

3. This Order may be cited as The Tow (Restriction of Consumption) Order, 1918.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

#### ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 491 of the year 1918.

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO MERCHANT VESSELS.

*Former Notice.*—No. 373 of 1918; hereby cancelled.

#### (1) INFORMATION RESPECTING WAR INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERCHANT VESSELS.

Notice is hereby given that, under the Defence