Order of the Crown of Italy.

Cavalier. Lieut. William H. Haslam, R.N.V.R. Act. Lieut. Henry S. L. Fargher, R.N.R.

DECORATION CONFERRED BY HIS HIGHNESS THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

> ORDER OF THE NILE. Third Class.

Captain Francis H. M. Jackson, R.N.

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

> Order of the Tower and Sword. Fourth Class.

Lieut, Maximilian C. Despard, D.S.C., R.N.

MILITARY ORDER OF AVIS.

Third Class.

Cdr. Gregory Stapleton, R.N.

- Eng. Lieut. (act. Eng. Lieut.-Cdr.) Richard A. Steer, R.N.
- Surg. Lieut.-Cdr. Basil Taylor, M.B., R.N.
- Lieut. Bertie C. Porter, R.N.
- Lieut. Lawrence H. Kirby, R.N.R.
- Lieut. Denis H. Bryant, R.N.R.
- Lieut. Charles H. Pullen, R.N.V.R.
- Lieut. Alfred A. Eddy, R.N.V.R.
- Act. Eng. Lieut. John Mann, R.N.

CORRECTIONS.

- In Gazette of 13th December 1918, Page 4571, col. 1, for C.E.R.A., 1st Cl., Gilbert Kingston Macdonald, O.N. 269830 (Ch.), read C.E.R.A., 1st Cl., Gilbert Hingston M'Donald, O.N. 269830 (Ch.).
- In Gazette of 21st January 1919, Page 413, col. 2, *delete* the name of Pte. (act. Sergt.) Robert Naismith M'Intosh, R.M.L.C., No. Deal/9351 (S.).

Admiralty, S.W., 18th February 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the posthumous award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to :---

Mr. Albert Charles Mattison, late Acting Boatswain, Royal Canadian Navy, and

Stoker Petty Officer Edward S. Beard, late Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which these decorations have been conferred :—

On the 6th December 1917, the French Steamer "Mont Blanc," with a cargo of high explosives, and the Norwegian Steamer "Imo" were in collision in Halifax Harbour. Fire broke out on the "Mont Blanc" immediately after the collision, and the flames very quickly rose to a height of over 100 feet. The crew abandoned their ship and pulled towards the shore. The commanding officer of H.M.C.S.

"Niobe," which was lying in the harbour, on perceiving what had happened, sent away a steam boat to see what could be done. Mr. Mattison and six men of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve volunteered to form the crew of this boat, but just as the boat got alongside the "Mont Blanc" the ship blew up, and Mr. Mattison and the whole boat's crew lost their lives. The boat's crew were fully aware of the desperate nature of the work they were engaged on, and by their gallantry and devotion to duty they sachificed their lives in the endeavour to save the lives of others.

War Office, 12th February 1919.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby give notice that the Wool (Restriction of Consumption), No. 3 Order, 1917, is hereby cancelled.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

War Office,

" 13th February 1919.

NOTICE.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby give notice that the Women's Boots (Uppers) Order, 1917, and the Women's Boots (Uppers) Amendment Order, 1918, are cancelled.

By Order of the Army Council.

R. H. BRADE.

War Office, 12th February 1919.

NOTICE.

THE COLOURED AND LAPPETT WOOL PERMIT, 1919.

Whereas by the Wool and Tops (Dealings) Order, 1917, as amended, the Wool (Colonial Fellmongers) Order, 1918, and the sale of Wool (Great Britain) Order, 1918, as amended, the Army Council took possession of certain wool taken from the skins of sheep or lambs in Great Britain :

And whereas it is expedient that all Coloured and Lappett wool produced from sheep and lamb skins during the process of manufacture into rugs or mats should be dealt in without further restriction :

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby give notice as follows :---

(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Wool and Tops (Dealings) Order, 1917, as amended, the Wool (Colonial Fellmongers) Order, 1918,

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