

Whitehall, February 26, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Lieutenant Edward Arthur Simmons, Middlesex Regiment, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life in November last.

On the 1st November 1918, at Wouldham, a platoon was engaged in attack practice, in the course of which the rifle sections advanced under cover of a rifle bomb barrage. The riflemen had reached a point some twenty yards in advance of the bombers, when, owing to a defective cartridge one of the bombs fired from the right flank, where Lieutenant Simmons was stationed as bombing officer, fell about four yards in rear of the riflemen. Lieutenant Simmons, who was behind the bombers, at once rushed forward, and, as there was no time to pick up the bomb and throw it away, he kicked it away. It exploded immediately, and he received severe wounds.

Lieutenant Simmons undoubtedly saved some of the men from injury or death at the cost of injury to himself and at the risk of his own life.

*Ministry of Munitions of War,
Whitehall Place, S.W. 1,
28th February 1919.*

ORDER.

SMALL TOOLS.

In reference to the following Order made by the Minister of Munitions, namely:—

The Small Tools Order, 1918, dated the 10th May 1918, the Minister of Munitions hereby orders as follows:—

(1) The operation of the said Order is hereby suspended on and after the date hereof until further notice.

(2) Such suspension shall not affect the previous operation of the said Order or the validity of any action taken thereunder or the liability to any penalty or punishment in respect of any contravention or failure to comply with the said Order prior to such suspension or any proceedings or remedy in respect of any such penalty or punishment.

(3) This Order may be cited as the Small Tools (Suspension) Order, 1919.

WAR PENSIONS (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1918.

Notice is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the Minister of Pensions, after the expiration of at least 40 days from this date, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Section 5 of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1918, to make regulations prescribing the period for which estimates of Local and Joint Committees, purporting to cover expenditure properly to be incurred on or after the 1st January 1919, shall be submitted.

Copies of the draft regulations can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from His Majesty's Stationery Office,

at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, and 28 Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37 Peter Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; or from E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 4th day of March 1919.

Ministry of Pensions,
Westminster House,
Millbank, S.W. 1.

*War Office,
22nd 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 Socks (Army Grey) Order, 1918, is cancelled.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

*War Office,
25th 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 Orders indicated in the Schedule hereto annexed are hereby cancelled.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. BRADE.

SCHEDULE.

The Crossbred Tops Order, 1917.
The Crossbred Tops (Amendment) Order, 1917.
The Wool and Tops (Dealings) Order, 1917.
The Wool and Tops (Dealings) (Amendment) Order, 1917.
The Crossbred or Merino Wool (Maximum Prices) Order, 1917.
The Merino Tops (Delivery) Order, 1917.

*Civil Service Commission,
February 28, 1919.*

Notice is hereby given, that upon a special recommendation from the Postmaster-General and with the consent of the Treasury, Messrs. William Johnson Chrisp, Ralph Pickersgill Smithson, James Henderson, William Thomas Scott, John Thurlow Smith, Vernon Puzey Peacock, William Henry Willis, and Ernest Alexander Wildish, having served as Clerks of the Second Division for upwards of eight years, have been promoted to Superintendships in the Savings Bank Department of the General Post Office, with special certificates granted exceptionally by the Civil Service Commissioners.