David Saunders. 16th Jan. 1917. Arthur C. Horne. 30th Jan. 1917. To be tempy. Sub-Lieut.— William Milne. 22nd Jan. 1917. William Bellerby. 26th Jan. 1917. To be tempy. Eng. Lieuts.— Joseph E. Simpson. 16th Jan. 1917. Robert S. Miller. 18th Jan. 1917. To be tempy. Eng. Sub-Lieut.— Richard S. Edwards. 29th Jan. 1917. William T. Seabrook. 30th Jan. 1917. R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Lieuts-Robert G. B. Bird. Herbert A. Dawson. Stanley Henderson. Norman D. Newall. Arthur A. Sutton. Ist Feb. 1917. To be tempy. Sub-Lieuts.--Edward D. Densham. Walter R. Horsfield. Ist Feb. 1917. To be tempy. Eng. Lieut.--

Robert G. Thomson. 6th Jan. 1917.

War Office, 2nd February, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER. HIDES.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the Army Council hereby regulate and restrict the purchase, sale, delivery of or payment for or other dealing in any Hides of the descriptions specified in Schedule "A" hereto annexed as follows, that is to say:

1. No person, unless holding a special permit from the Director of Army Contracts for the purpose, shall purchase, sell, deliver, pay for, or enter into any transaction or negotiation in relation to the purchase, sale, delivery of or payment for, any Hides of the descriptions aforesaid at a price exceeding by more than one per cent. the price at which the said Hides were sold by or on behalf of the Importer thereof into the United Kingdom.

2. The following persons, unless holding a special permit from the Director of Army Contracts for the purpose, shall not purchase, sell, deliver, pay for, or enter into any transaction or negotiation in relation to the purchase, sale. delivery of or payment for, any Hides of the descriptions aforesaid, that is to say:---

(a) Any person deemed by the Director of Army Contracts to be a Hide Broker carrying on business in accordance with the custom and usage prevailing in the London market.

(b) Any person who has infringed any provision or condition of this or of any other paragraph of this Order or of any permit issued thereunder.

3. In addition to all other restrictions imposed by this Order, no Tanner shall purchase any Hides of the descriptions aforesaid without giving to the seller a guarantee in the form set out in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and no person shall sell or deliver such Hides to a Tanner without the receipt of such guarantee.

4. It shall be the duty of all parties to any of the transactions herein specified to require or disclose, as the case may be, all such information as may be necessary for or required by such parties as aforesaid or by the Director of Army Contracts for the purpose of satisfying them or him that the provisions of this Order have not been contravened.

5. Permits hereunder may be issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts whereby any further and other restrictions or conditions may be imposed in respect of any of the transactions herein specified.

6. All persons engaged in any of the transactions herein specified shall cause books to be kept in which shall be entered forthwith the name, address and trade or occupation of the persons with whom any such transactions have been carried on, and full details as to the nature of such transactions. All such persons shall furnish to the Director of Army Contracts such particulars as to their business or to any such transactions as may be required on his account.

7. Nothing in this Order shall apply to persons engaged solely in the shipment, forwarding, carriage, storage or insurance of Hides.

R. H. Brade.

By Order of the Army Council. 15th December, 1916.

Enquiries relating to this Order should be made by letter to the Director of Army Contracts, Raw Material Section, Imperial House, Tothill Street, S.W.

SCHEDULE A.

All Hides, Cow, Ox and/or Bull imported into the United Kingdom of the undermentioned weights:---

Wetsalted, 45 lbs. and upwards. Drysalted, 25 lbs. and upwards. Dry, 18 lbs. and upwards.

SCHEDULE B.

I,...., of...., in consideration of the permission granted to me, notwithstanding the Order of the Army Council dated the day of....., 1916, and made under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, hereby undertake and guarantee to put the Hides this day purchased by me from......

work for the production of leather suitable for military requirements.

War Office, 2nd February, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the promotion of the undermentioned Officers to the rank of Honorary Major from the dates specified, in recognition of distinguished services rendered in India in connection with the war:---

Commissary and Honorary Captain Edward Alfred Browne, Supply and Transport Corps. 1st January, 1916.

Commissary and Honorary Captain Thomas Taylor, India Miscellaneous List. 1st July, 1916.

Commissary and Honorary Captain Arthur Villiers, Ordnance Department. 2nd September, 1916.