

Foreign Office,
December 13, 1917.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission to Miss Lina Mary Potter, Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Society of Apothecaries, London, to wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of St. Sava, conferred upon her by His Majesty the King of Serbia in recognition of her services to the Serbian sick and wounded, under the auspices of the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service.

**CARGOES EX ENEMY VESSELS IN
PORTUGUESE HARBOURS.**

Foreign Office,
December 12, 1917.

With reference to the notifications which were published in the London Gazette of May 30, 1916, and July 24, August 3, and November 2, 1917, respecting the release of allied and neutral merchandise found on enemy vessels in Portuguese harbours, a translation is appended of a Ministerial Order which has been issued by the Portuguese Government on the subject:—

MINISTERIAL ORDER No. 1155.

Whereas it has become necessary to explain certain doubts which have arisen in the execution of the Decree No. 3246 of the 13th of July last,* the Government of the Portuguese Republic, through the Minister of Finance, direct the following declaration to be made:—

1. That the Delivery Orders issued by the shipowners shall be considered as equivalent to those issued by masters and agents of ships, for the purposes of the provisions of Article I of the said Decree, pursuant to the provisions of Article 509 of the Commercial Code, as far as masters are concerned, and the principles regulating their mandate in the case of agents.

2. That the guarantee certificates mentioned in Article II of the said Decree, concerning goods with regard to which delivery orders have not yet been issued, should be forwarded, together with the minute of the Minister of Finance accepting them, to the department of the Procurator of the Republic concerned, so that they may be taken into consideration by the latter department when the delivery orders are issued.

3. That the obligation to pay the discharging and other expenses mentioned in the final part of the above-mentioned Article II shall include the cost of any Customs clearance, other than for actual re-exportation to which the goods may be subjected.

Seat of the Government of the Republic,
the 27th of November, 1917.

Artur R. de Almeida Ribciro,
Acting Minister of Finance.

* See London Gazette of August 3, 1917.

Whitehall, 11th December, 1917.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 30th ultimo, to define the styles and titles to be borne henceforth by members of the Royal Family. It is declared by the Letters Patent that the children of any Sovereign of the United Kingdom and the children of the sons of any such Sovereign and the eldest living son of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales shall have and at all times hold and enjoy the style, title or attribute of Royal Highness with their

titular dignity of Prince or Princess prefixed to their respective Christian names or with their other titles of honour; that save as aforesaid the titles of Royal Highness, Highness or Serene Highness, and the titular dignity of Prince and Princess shall cease except those titles already granted and remaining unrevoked; and that the grandchildren of the sons of any such Sovereign in the direct male line (save only the eldest living son of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales) shall have the style and title enjoyed by the children of Dukes.

Whitehall, December 12, 1917.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in Gold to Nicholas Rath, Seaman, R.N.R., and the Albert Medal to Richard Knoulton, Ordinary Seaman, R.N., and George Faucett Pitts Abbott, Deckhand, R.N.R. (Trawler Section), in recognition of their gallantry in saving life in the following circumstances:—

On the 14th September, 1917, a seaplane collided with a Poulsen mast and remained wedged in it, the pilot (Acting Flight Commander E. A. de Ville) being rendered unconscious and thrown out of his seat on to one of the wings.

The three men above mentioned at once climbed up the mast for 100 feet, when Rath, making use of the boatswain's chair, which moves on the inside of the mast, was hoisted up by men at the foot of the mast to the place, over 500 feet from the ground, where the seaplane was fixed. He then climbed out on the plane, and held the pilot until the arrival of Knoulton and Abbott, who passed the mast-head gantline out to him.

Having secured the pilot with the gantline Rath, with the assistance of Knoulton and Abbott, lifted him from the plane to the inside of the mast and lowered him to the ground.

The three men were very well aware of the damaged and insecure condition of the mast, which was bent to an angle where the seaplane had become wedged. One of the three supports of the mast was fractured, and, so far as the men knew, the mast or seaplane might at any time have collapsed.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM (LIQUOR CONTROL).

Order (Further Amendment) of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) for the Southern Military and Transport Area.

We, the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the Acts and Regulations relating to the Defence of the Realm, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order shall apply to so much of the Southern Military and Transport Area as comprises the Petty Sessional Division of Wareham and the Parishes of Lytchett Matravers and Lytchett Minster in the county of Dorset.

2. The Order of the Board made on the twelfth day of March, 1917, and now in force in the above-mentioned part of the area is hereby revoked and shall cease to have effect.

Given under the Seal of The Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) this eleventh day of December, 1917.

D'ABERNON,
Chairman.

JOHN PEDDER,
Member of the Board.

