

Ministry of Munitions,  
18th December, 1917.

## NOTICE.

With regard to the Order of the Minister of Munitions, dated the 1st October, 1917, including Acetic Acid in the war materials to which Defence of the Realm Regulation 30A applies.

Notice is hereby given that, as from the present date, all applications for permits to deal in Acetic Acid and other applications and enquiries regarding the above mentioned Order should be addressed to

The Director of Propellant Supplies,  
Explosives Supply Department,  
32, Old Queen Street,  
Westminster, S.W. 1.

This Notice cancels the footnote to the said Order directing applications and enquiries regarding such Order to be addressed to the Chemical Section, Trench Warfare Supply Department.

## MERSEY CONSERVANCY ACT.

*Mersey Conservancy,  
Private Office, Admiralty,  
18th December, 1917.*

I hereby give notice, pursuant to the 9th Section of the Act 5 & 6 Victoria, cap. 110, intituled "An Act for better preserving the Navigation of the River Mersey," that I have received a note from The United Alkali Company Limited, given pursuant to the provisions of the above mentioned Act, of their intention to construct at Widnes certain works in connection with a new Power Station, in accordance with plans and sections deposited at this Office, a copy of which notice is subjoined.

A. Mostyn Field,  
Admiral,  
Acting Conservator of the Mersey.

To Admiral Sir A. MOSTYN FIELD, K.C.B.,  
F.R.S., &c., Acting Conservator of the  
Mersey.

In pursuance of an Act for better preserving the Navigation of the River Mersey (5 & 6 Vic., cap. 110), We, The United Alkali Co., Ltd., Cunard Building, Liverpool, hereby give you notice that we propose to construct at Widnes, in accordance with Plans and Sections deposited at the office of the Mersey Conservancy, intake and screening chambers for centrifugal circulating pumps for a new Power Station required in connection with work in hand for the Trench Warfare Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions. Normally at full load, three pumps will be working, each handling about 330,000 gallons of water per hour, all of which water will, of course, be returned to the river, probably higher up and near to the existing L. & N.W. Ry., bridge. It is proposed to construct the screen chambers, etc., of concrete with brick house over the pumps on a site adjacent to the new entrance of West Bank Dock as shown on the drawings herewith. The proposed buildings

will, as shown on the drawings, project about 17 feet beyond the natural line of wharf frontage and will be protected from damage by a line of piles at each end.

It is proposed to commence work as soon as possible after the consent of the Conservancy has been received.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1917.

For The United Alkali Co., Ltd.,

Holbrook Gaskell, W. Chief Engineer.

Admiralty, 18th December, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Albert Medal on:—

Flight Lieutenant Edward Peverall Meggs Davis, R.N.A.S.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On the 3rd October, 1917, whilst carrying out a practice flight, a seaplane, piloted by Flight Sub-Lieutenant James Douglas Grant, fell into the sea. The seaplane turned over and the pilot was enclosed in the boat under water.

Flight Lieutenant Edward Peverall Meggs Davis immediately flew a seaplane to the position of the accident, made fast to the wreck, and dived under the wreck in his uniform and endeavoured to extricate Flight Sub-Lieutenant Grant.

To do this it was necessary for him to dive amongst and struggle through the mass of wires and broken parts of the wreck. Notwithstanding the imminent danger of being caught up amongst them, Lieutenant Davis continued his efforts to get Flight Sub-Lieutenant Grant out, until the emergency boat arrived on the scene.

No other help was at hand until the arrival of this motor boat, which at the time of the accident was about a mile and a-half away.

Flight Lieutenant Davis risked his life in endeavouring to save that of his brother officer, as there was every chance of his becoming caught under water in the wires of the wreck.

Admiralty, 11th December, 1917.

R.M.

Tempy. Lieut. Thomas Ormiston Callender to be actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Coy. 6th Oct. 1917.

Temp. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) Thomas Ormiston Callender relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on altern. in posting. 2nd Nov. 1917.

Lieut. Richard Burton to be actg. Capt. whilst holding the appmt. of actg. Adj. to a Bn., but to continue to draw pay and allcs. of Lieut. 10th Nov. 1917.

Tempy. Lt. Richard John Williams to be actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Coy. 10th Nov. 1917.

Submarine Miners.

William Francis Baxter Bartram (late tempy. Capt.) granted hon. rank of Capt., without the right to wear uniform, on the termination of his tempy. commn. 11th July 1917.