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NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy,

Admiralty, S.W. 1,

24th January, 1918.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the award for the salvage of S.S. "Mantola" by His Majesty's Ships "Clacton Belle" and "Duchess of Rothesay," on the 30th October, 1916, and the award for the salvage of S.S. "Southpoint" by His Majesty's Trawlers "Miura" and "Bromelia" on the 15th and 16th March, 1917, will commence on Saturday, the 26th instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business:—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers), should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS—REDUCTION OF VISIBILITY, &c.

In Areas in which Submarines or Raiders may be met Vessels are to be carefully darkened from sunset to sunrise and are to proceed without Navigation Lights. These Lights must be so arranged that they can be instantly shown to avoid collision and extinguished as soon as the danger of collision is past. Navigation Lights when specially ordered to be shown must be dimmed to a visibility of less than two miles.

(Admiralty War Instructions for British Merchant Vessels.)

For the purpose of securing compliance with the last sentence of the above directions the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, hereby make the following Order:—

1. Masthead Lights.

No Masthead Light of a brilliancy exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ candle power is to be exhibited. Lights are to be shaded with plain opal glass, and the reflectors are to be removed from the lanterns. Masthead Lights are never to be used unless the Master considers it absolutely necessary. The use of the Masthead Lights is to be discontinued until provision has been made for their being dimmed in accordance with this Order.

2. Side Lights.

No Side Light of a brilliancy exceeding 8 candle-power shall be exhibited.

In clear weather, and when specially ordered, 5 candle-power lamps are to be exhibited.

Plain coloured glass is to be fitted to the lanterns, but where already placed dioptric lenses may be continued in use until the plain glasses can be fitted.

Oil Side Lamps are only to be exhibited if electric lights are not available.

Reflectors are to be removed from the lanterns.

3. Stern Lights.

No Stern Light is to be exhibited except to avoid danger of collision, and such light is to be extinguished as soon as the danger is past.

Such light shall be electric, of $2\frac{1}{2}$ candle-power, shaded with a plain opal glass, and is to be controlled from the bridge.

In vessels where electric light is not installed, an oil lamp or electric torch of equivalent brilliancy may be substituted.

Vessels in Convoy which on occasion necessarily have to exhibit a Stern Light are to have such lights screened so as to show not more than three (3) points from right astern on each quarter.

This Order shall apply, subject to any directions that may be given in any particular circumstances by the Commanding Officer of the Convoy or Senior Naval Officer present, to all British Merchant Vessels, and if

(a) the owner of any British Merchant Vessel, or where such owner is a Company, the Managing Director or other responsible person, fails to provide such vessel with the lights hereby prescribed and/or the means of shading the same; or if

(b) the Master or other person in command or charge of such vessel so provided fails to comply with any of the directions in this Order stated or referred to, then such Owner, Managing Director or other responsible person, and such Master or other person in command or charge, shall respectively be guilty of an offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

(Clause 2, Bow and Masthead Steaming Lights, of the Admiralty Order as to Ships Lights, dated the 22nd May, 1917, is hereby cancelled.)

Given under our hands this 21st day of January, 1918.

A. L. Duff.
Hugh Tothill.

Admiralty, S.W. 1.

Admiralty, 25th January, 1918.

FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

The following Decorations have been conferred by the President of the French Republic on Officers and Men of the British Naval Forces for distinguished services rendered during the war.

His Majesty the KING has given unrestricted permission to the Officers and Men named to wear the Decorations in question.

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

Commander.

Adml. Sir Lewis Bayly, K.C.B., O.V.O.
Vice-Adml. Sir Reginald G. O. Tupper, K.C.B., C.V.O.
Vice-Adml. Sir Herbert L. Heath, K.C.B., M.V.O.
Vice-Adml. Montague E. Browning, K.C.B., M.V.O.
Rear-Adml. (actg. Vice-Adml.) Sir Henry F. Oliver, K.C.B., M.V.O.
Vice-Adml. Sir Alexander L. Duff, K.C.B.