

tions, 1914, the following Regulations have been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and are now in force:—

### Section I.

(1) Until further notice, the following Regulations are to be observed by all merchant vessels approaching or moving in the Firth of Forth (i.e., westward of a line joining Barns Ness and North Carr Rock).

All orders and instructions given by the King's Harbour Master or by any Patrol vessel are to be implicitly obeyed, otherwise vessels will be liable to be fired upon.

(2) No vessels other than those of British Nationality, or those of the Allied Nations may enter Granton Harbour, or the Port and Harbour of Burntisland, within the statutory limits administered by the Harbour Commissioners, until further Notice.

### Section II.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, MASTERS, ETC.

(3) Shipowners, Agents, Masters of ships and other persons concerned are advised that, in their own interests and the interest of those whom they represent, they should assist in every possible way to conform to these Regulations.

(4) Shipowners and Agents must give not less than 24 hours' notice in writing to "The Trinity House, Leith," of the following particulars regarding vessels arriving, so that they may be readily identified:—

1. Name of vessel.
2. Nationality.
3. Nett tonnage.
4. Where from.
5. Where bound.
6. Nature of cargo.
7. Number of passengers.
8. Any particulars of appearance which might assist identification at sea.

NOTE.—If a vessel does not arrive within a reasonable time after this notice has been given, it will be presumed that she has either been diverted to another port, or sailing cancelled, and her name will be removed from the list of expected arrivals.

(5) Ships outward bound must time their departure so as to be clear of the Firth of Forth before the commencement of Official Night.

(6) Fishing boats' numbers are to be kept distinctly painted.

(7) No merchant vessel is permitted to be under way in the Firth of Forth to the westward of Inchkeith during the hours of "Official Night."

(8) No merchant vessel is permitted to enter or leave the Docks at Leith or Granton during the hours of "Official Night." Special arrangements, which are notified from time to time, are made for merchant vessels entering and leaving docks at ports East of Inchkeith.

(9)—(a) Whilst lying at anchor off Leith or Granton, vessels are to arrange for a night watch to be kept, with special orders to particularly observe the night signals shown by the Examination Vessel anchored in Leith Roads, in order that the "riding lights" for a ship at anchor, reduced in power and screened as prescribed in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 5

of 1918, may be exhibited directly that vessel shows "Night Distinguishing Signals" (three Red lights vertical). See Section III.

Riding lights are to be kept trimmed, lit, and at hand where they are easily and quickly accessible when required.

(b) The side ladder and a boat should be kept ready for use. All boats are to be kept hoisted close up to the davits during the hours of Official Night.

(c) The wireless room is to be locked, and no wireless messages are to be taken or despatched whilst the ship is in the Firth of Forth.

(d) No lights are to be visible from outboard other than navigation lights. Scuttles and skylights are to be effectively screened, or cabin lights kept extinguished.

(e) Anchor lights are not to be exhibited when off Leith or Granton, unless the "Night Distinguishing Signal" (three Red lights hoisted vertically) is shown by the Examination Vessel.

The Examination Vessel anchored in Leith Roads will only show this signal on occasions when it is considered necessary by the Deputy Examination Officer.

Vessels at anchor off Leith or Granton should keep a smart look-out, and when the "Night Distinguishing Signal" is shown by the Examination Vessel are immediately to exhibit the customary "riding lights" of a ship at anchor, reduced in power and screened as prescribed in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 5 of 1918.

(f) Merchant vessels berthed in Leith and Granton docks and harbours are prohibited from having any lights visible from outward during the hours of "Official Night," unless such vessel is actually engaged in working cargo. All such lights are to be screened from overhead and from seaward when possible.

(g) Navigation lights are to be kept well trimmed and burning brightly when inside the Firth of Forth if under way. Electric Navigation lights are prohibited.

(10) When inward bound, the National Colours and number (or distinguishing signal) are to be hoisted on passing May island, and kept flying until the vessel docks.

(11) Care is to be taken that all flags displayed are showing clearly. If the weather is calm any flag signal which the vessel is ordered by an Examination Steamer to hoist should be shaken out so as to render it readily distinguishable.

(12) As little smoke as possible is to be allowed to escape from the funnels, and care is to be taken that neither lights nor flags are obscured by it.

(13) During thick or foggy weather, all mercantile traffic is to cease. Mercantile traffic is also to cease on all occasions when the Firth of Forth has been declared "Closed" by the King's Harbour Master.

(14) The Firth of Forth is always "Closed" during Official Night.

### Section III.

#### DISTINGUISHING SIGNALS OF EXAMINATION STEAMERS.

(15) Armed Examination steamers will be found at the Examining Station (see Section VII.) and also at the Examination Anchorage,