

the expression 'the purchase of any ship or vessel' shall be construed accordingly."

6. The following regulation shall be inserted after Regulation 39DD:—

"39DD. (1) There shall be included in every contract for the charter of any British ship registered in the United Kingdom, and in every contract made in the United Kingdom for the charter of any ship not being such a British ship, a provision making the validity of the contract conditional on the approval of the Shipping Controller being given thereto.

"(2) The owner of any ship with respect to which any such contract as aforesaid is made or, if the contract is made by some person as agent of the owner that person, shall within fourteen days after the date on which the contract is made deliver a copy thereof to the Shipping Controller:

"Provided that where any such contract is not made in the United Kingdom there shall be substituted for the period of fourteen days as aforesaid a period of fourteen days after the date on which a copy of the contract, if posted at the place where the contract is made immediately after the making thereof, would in due course of post reach the United Kingdom.

"(3) If any person

(a) being the owner of any ship, whether by himself or by any agent, enters into any contract, being such a contract as aforesaid, which does not comply with the foregoing requirements: or

(b) being a person required as aforesaid to deliver to the Shipping Controller a copy of any contract fails so to do within the time hereinbefore allowed in that behalf: or

(c) fails to comply with any of the conditions subject to which any approval has been granted by the Shipping Controller under the foregoing provisions,

he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations, and any contract made in contravention of this regulation shall be void.

"(4) Where any such contracts as aforesaid which have been made before the fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and eighteen and are in force on that date do not contain such a provision as aforesaid, the Shipping Controller may, if he is of opinion that it is necessary so to do for the purpose of organising or maintaining the supply of shipping in the national interests in connection with the present war, by order direct that the contracts shall cease to have effect as from the date specified in that behalf in the order.

"Any such order may apply either generally to all such contracts, or to contracts of any specified class or description, or to particular contracts.

"(5) In this regulation the expression 'ship' and 'British ship' have the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1916, and the expression 'contract' includes an agreement of any kind, and where the person with whom a contract for the charter of a ship is made is himself a charterer of the ship that person shall for the purposes of this regulation and so far as relates to that contract be deemed to be the owner of the ship."

7. After Regulation 41AAA the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"41AB. (1) Before any male person apparently of military age is taken into or engages in any employment in Great Britain or a contract for such employment is entered into with him, the proposed employer shall take all reasonable steps to obtain the production of any certificate of exemption or protection affecting him and other evidence relating to his position for the time being with regard to liability for military service.

"(2) Any person who in the ordinary course of his business is in communication with any male person apparently of military age with a view to such person being taken in or engaged in any employment in Great Britain shall take the like steps as are required in the case of the proposed employer.

"(3) Any person apparently of military age seeking to be taken into or engaged in any employment in Great Britain shall produce all such documents and disclose all such evidence as the proposed employer or such person as aforesaid is entitled under this regulation to require, and he shall also answer to the best of his ability and knowledge any questions which may reasonably be addressed to him by or on the behalf of the proposed employer or such person as aforesaid in relation to his position for the time being with regard to liability for military service.

"(4) If any person fails to comply with any of the provisions of this regulation or makes any false or misleading statement as to any fact or matter which he is bound by this regulation to disclose, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"(5) This regulation shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of any Statute or of these regulations relating to the employment or concealment of deserters or absentees from the Army or the Army Reserve or the production of certificates of exemption."

8. Regulation 42c shall be amended as follows:—

(1) By the substitution for the words "for employment by the Army Council" of the words "nineteen hundred and seventeen, for employment by the Army Council, or entered for service under the direction of the Admiralty, after the fifth day of February, nineteen hundred and eighteen."

(2) By the insertion at the end thereof of the following new sub-section:—

"(2) The Admiralty may by order authorise any persons entered for service under their direction as aforesaid to exercise in relation to any other persons so entered any of the powers which may be exercised by naval or military patrols in relation to members of His Majesty's naval and military Forces."

9. After Regulation 61 the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"61A. A certificate purporting to be signed by a recruiting official of the Ministry of National Service that a notice calling up a man from the army reserve to report for military service has been delivered at, or sent by post to such man addressed to, his last known place of abode shall, in any proceedings taken against such man for failure to comply with