

Admiralty, 23rd February, 1918.

H.M. the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the R.N.R. Officers' Decoration upon Lieut.-Cdr. Alfred H. Ferris, R.N.R.

Lieut.-Comdr. (retd.) to be Comdr. (retd.)—
Harry C. S. Rawson. 21st Feb. 1918.

To be tempy. Lieut.—
William Sheppard. 20th Feb. 1918.

Payr. to be Staff Payr.—
Fritz J. Reger. 21st Feb. 1918.

Lieut. (retd.) to be Lieut.-Comdr. (retd.)—
James Titheridge. 24th Feb. 1918.

To be tempy. Surg.—
William Collins. 20th Feb. 1918.

R.N.R.

To be tempy. Sub-Lieut.—
Reginald G. S. Burrell. 4th Feb. 1918.

To be tempy. Asst. Payrs.—
Leonard W. Evans.

James Cook.

Edward C. Elliott.

Thomas Williams.

Samuel E. Towers.

Thomas Allan.

Albert V. Marshall.

Alfred A. Allen.

23rd Feb. 1918.

R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Asst. Payrs.—
Andrew A. Lumsden.

Charles E. Boulton.

Frederick L. Allbeury.

Frank E. Carr.

Cyril A. C. Bell.

Harry N. Russell.

Frank S. Thomas.

Guy T. Watts.

Harold E. Whittles.

Henry J. Messiter-Tooze.

Alexander Pollock.

Sidney J. Blackburn.

John W. G. Turnbull.

23rd Feb. 1918.

R.N.A.S.

Tempy. Proby. Flt. Ofrs. to be tempy. Flt. Sub-Lieuts.—

Frederick R. C. Hewitt. 31st Oct. 1917.

Hubert W. Lester. 5th Dec. 1917.

Claude S. Frowd.

Thomas H. Holmes.

Stanley D. Dennis.

3rd Feb. 1918.

John W. Willett. 6th Feb. 1918

Admiralty, 25th February, 1918.

R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Lieut.—

Percy G. Black. 25th Feb. 1918.

War Office,

26th February, 1918.

MEMORANDA.

Maj. (T./Lieut.-Col.) C. G. Liddell, D.S.O., Leic. R., to be Brevet Lieut.-Col. 23rd Oct. 1917.

Capt. (A./Lieut.-Col.) W. J. Cranston, N. Staff. R., to be Brevet Maj. 24th Dec. 1917.

TELEGRAMS FOR CERTAIN PLACES ABROAD.

The rates for telegrams for the following places are now as shown below:—

	Rates per word.	
	s.	d.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:		
Bacolod (Negros Island) ...	}	4 3
Cebu (Cebu Island) ...		
Iloilo (Panay Island) ...		
All other places and Islands in the Visayas ...	4	3

ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 283 of the year 1918.

IRISH CHANNEL—NORTH CHANNEL.

Restriction of Navigation.

Former Notice.—No. 126 of 1918; hereby cancelled.

Mariners are hereby warned that, under the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914, the following regulations have been made by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and are now in force:—

1. Navigation and use of the undermentioned area is entirely prohibited to all ships and vessels of every size and nationality:—

The area is bounded as follows:

On the North-West by a line joining (a) and (b):

(a) Lat. $55^{\circ} 24\frac{1}{2}'$ N., Long. $6^{\circ} 13\frac{3}{4}'$ W.

(b) ,, $55^{\circ} 31'$ N., ,, $6^{\circ} 02'$ W.

On the South-East by a line joining (c) and (d):

(c) Lat. $55^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$ N., Long. $5^{\circ} 30'$ W.

(d) ,, $55^{\circ} 02\frac{1}{2}'$ N., ,, $5^{\circ} 40'$ W.

On the South-West by a line joining (a) and (d):

On the North-East by a line joining (b) and (c).

2. Rathlin Sound is closed to all traffic.

Note.—This Notice is a revision of the former Notice quoted above.

Caution.

This Admiralty Notice to Mariners is issued under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and failure to comply strictly with the directions contained in it will constitute an offence against those Regulations.

Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable to severe penalties both of imprisonment and fine.

Any person aiding or abetting the commission of such an offence is himself guilty of an offence against the Regulations.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that any infringement of the directions contained in