R.M.L.I.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. Harold George Grant to be General Staff Officer, 2nd Gde., whilst holding a spec. appt. 3rd Aug. 1918.

63rd (R.N.) Divn.

Lieut. Frederick G. McPherson, Tempy. R.M. (Divnl. Train), to be actg. Capt., R.M. 1st Aug. 1918.

Admiralty, $17th\ August$, 1918.

Captain (Commodore, 2nd Class) George H. Borrett, C.B., A.D.C., to be Rear-Admiral. 16th Aug. 1918.

To be tempy. Surg.—
Alexander Patton, M.B. 12th Aug.

R.N.R.

To be tempy. Sub-Lieuts.-Norman Chamberlain. 15th July 1918. Robert M. Brown. 14th Aug. 1918.

R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Lieut.— Ernest F. Fennell. 6th Aug. 1918. To be tempy. Sub-Lieuts.— Thomas Terris. Frederick J. Parker. 17th Aug. 1918.

> War Office, 20th August, 1918.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

REGULATION OF THE SALE OF HAY AND STRAW AND OF CHOPPED HAY AND STRAW IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and of all other powers enabling them, the Army Council do hereby order :-

That on any sale of hay, threshed hay, straw, chopped hay, chopped threshed hay or chopped straw in England and Wales, the prices shall not exceed such prices as are set out hereunder:---

Schedule 1.

The following are the maximum prices which a Producer or Grower may receive for hay and straw in the stack, but such prices shall in every case include the cost of carting to the nearest Railway Station or a distance equivalent thereto:-

Hay, per ton, £8.

Threshed Hay, per ton, £5.

Oat Straw, Barley Straw, Bean Straw, Pea

Straw and Threshed Tares, per ton, £3 15s. Wheat Straw, Revit Wheat Straw, Buckwheat Straw and Mustard Straw, per ton, £3.

The above prices are for best quality only; inferior hay or straw will be graded according to quality

In addition to the above prices interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be added calculated from 1st October, 1918, if the applica-

tion to inspect (as mentioned in the Army Council Order of 30th July, 1918, prohibiting the lifting of hay and straw in England and Wales) is received in the office of the D.P.O.S. on or before that date, to date of completion of lifting and calculated from the date such application to inspect is received in the office of the D.P.O.S. when received after 1st October, 1918, to date of completion.

Further, if lifting is completed subsequent to 31st December, 1918, interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum will be added calculated from 1st January, 1919, to completion of lifting, computed on the prices set out in the above Schedules.

Schedule 2 (1917 or earlier crops).

The following are the maximum prices which a Producer or Grower may receive for hay and straw in the stack, but such prices shall in every case include the cost of carting to nearest Railway Station or a distance equivalent thereto:

Hay, per ton, £6 1s.

Threshed Hay, per ton, £4 10s.

Oat Straw, Barley Straw, Bean Straw, Pea Straw and Threshed Tares, per ton, £3 6s.

Wheat Straw, Revit Wheat Straw, Buckwheat Straw and Mustard Straw, per ton,

The above prices are for best quality only: inferior hay or straw will be graded according to quality.

Schedule 3.

- 1. All Hay and Straw sold for Civilian purposes, whether to a Wholesale Dealer or Retailer, will be invoiced to such Wholesale Dealer or Retailer by the County Distributing (Forage) Committee of the County concerned at cost price at stack plus buying and establishment charges.
- 2. To such invoiced price the Wholesale Dealer may add the following charges:-
 - (a) For establishment charges, 5s. per ton.
 - (b) For cutting, trussing and tying with string or baling with two or more wires, 16s. per ton.

(c) (1) The actual cost per ton incurred of

any freight by rail, or,
(c) (2) The actual cost of freight by water not exceeding such sum per ton per mile as the County Distributing (Forage) Committee is satisfied is the local rate ruling at the time of delivery.

(c) (3) Where conveyed wholly by road and not by rail or water, such sum per ton per mile in excess of the distance from stack to nearest Railway Station as the County Distributing (Forage) Committee is satisfied is the local rate ruling at the time of de-

(d) Where conveyed by rail or water, for loss of weight in transit, 5s. per ton.

(e) In the case of straw tied in bundles with two strings, instead of the sum mentioned in para. 2 (b) above, the sum of 14s.

(f) In the case of hay tied with hay or straw bands, instead of the sum mentioned in para. 2 (b) above, the sum of 10s. per ton.

(g) In the case of straw baled with two or more wires behind the threshing drum, instead of the sum mentioned in para. 2 (b) above, the sum of 10s. per ton.