

DEFENCE OF THE REALM  
REGULATIONS.

PROTECTION AGAINST RISKS OF  
MINES.

ORDER.

ADMIRALTY ORDER.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations and all other powers thereunto enabling them, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hereby make the following Order with a view to protecting British Merchant Vessels when navigating within certain areas from the risk of damage by Mines:—

*Part I.—Use of Mine Protection Gear.*

*A. Passenger Vessels.*

1. British Passenger Vessels equipped with the "Otter" protection gear are to stream their Otters on all occasions in the following waters:—

(a) *Baltic Sea*, East of the meridian of Cape Arkona (Long. 13° 28' E.).

(b) *Mediterranean*.

(i) *Ægean Sea*, North and East of a line Thaso-Lemnos-Tenedos extended both ends to meet the nearest point on the Mainland.

(ii) *Adriatic*, North of parallel of Latitude 40° 10' N.

(c) *Black Sea*. In depths of less than 180 fathoms.

2. Otters are to be streamed by British Passenger Vessels if uncertain of position (i.e., in doubt as to being in approved tracks, channels and fairways), in an area in the *North Sea*:—

Bounded on the West by the meridian of Long. 4° E.

Bounded on the North by parallel of Lat. 56° 30' N.

Bounded on the East by land.

Bounded on the South by land.

3. In all other waters Otters are not required to be used by British Passenger Vessels, provided that the approved tracks, channels and fairways are adhered to.

*B. Other Vessels.*

4. British Merchant Vessels, other than Passenger Vessels, equipped with Otter Gear, are to stream their Otter Gear on all occasions in:—

(a) The Baltic Sea East of Cape Arkona (Long. 13° 28' E.).

(b) The Black Sea in depths of less than 180 fathoms.

5. Otter Gear is not required to be streamed by these vessels in any other waters, but it is of the greatest importance that the approved tracks, channels and fairways shall be followed upon all occasions.

*C. All Vessels.*

6. Senior Naval Officers at Ports from which ships are sailing may modify or add to these orders as demanded by local conditions.

7. To secure the efficient working of the Otter Gear, it must be properly adjusted, actually running and adequately manned.

The Master or other person in command or charge of any British vessel who neglects to see that the apparatus is so adjusted, running,

manned and worked as required by this Order, will be guilty of a summary offence against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

Entry is to be made in the ship's log regarding the streaming and taking inboard of Otters.

8. Masters of vessels carrying deck cargo are to ensure that sufficient space to enable Otters to be handled efficiently is always left when loading.

9. Application must be made in respect of all vessels proceeding to the Baltic to have Otter Gear fitted, if it is not already installed.

10. The Admiralty Order dated 9th May, 1919, and published in the London Gazette of the 13th May, 1919, is hereby cancelled.

Given under our hands this 28th day of July, 1919.

*J. A. Fergusson,*

*A. E. M. Chatfield.*

*Admiralty, 17th July, 1919.*

Actg. Engr. Capt. Wallace Wright, placed on the Retd. List, with rank of Engr. Capt. 17th July 1919.

Engr. Lt. Ottual H. Naylor, placed on the Retd. List. 17th July 1919.

*Admiralty, 22nd July, 1919.*

*R.N.R.*

Placed on Retd. List—

Lt.-Cdr. George F. Carlton. 3rd June 1919.

*Admiralty, 25th July, 1919.*

Actg. Engr. Capt. Gilbert C. Nicholson, placed on the Retd. List, with rank of Engr. Capt. 25th July 1919.

Engr. Capt. (Retd.) to be Engr. Rear-Admi. (Retd.):—

John R. J. Pedrick. 25th July 1919.

*Women's Royal Naval Service.*

Dep. Principals to be Principals.—

Miss Irene Rope, M.B.E. 1st June, 1919.

Miss Joan Martyn. 5th July, 1919.

Asst. Principals to be Dep. Principals.—

Miss Merle E. Dawes. 1st July 1919.

Miss Mary G. Webster. 2nd July 1919.

Asst. Principals Non-Administrative to be Dep. Principals Non-Administrative.—

Miss Eileen M. Atkins. 7th June 1919.

Miss Emily L. Wilson. 1st June 1919.

Asst. Principals to be Dep. Principals (acting rank).—

Miss Edith A. Crick. 28th June 1919.

Miss Elsie J. Melrose. 20th June 1919.

Asst. Principal Non-Administrative to be Dep. Principal Non-Administrative (acting rank).—

Miss Eileen M. MacManus. 20th June 1919.

To be Asst. Principal.—

Miss Madge H. Fergusson. 12th Mar. 1918.

*Admiralty, 26th July, 1919.*

Engr. Lt. William C. Oliver, placed on the Retd. List. 1st July 1919.