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TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 17th day of *July*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is provided by the Prize Act, 1939 (2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 65), that the law relating to Prize shall apply in relation to aircraft and goods carried therein in the same manner as it applies to ships and goods carried therein:

And whereas by Orders in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939, and the 11th day of June, 1940, His Majesty was pleased, for the reasons specified in the said Orders, to direct certain measures to be taken against the commerce of Germany and Italy respectively:

And whereas it is provided by the said Orders that the law and practice in Prize shall, so far as applicable, be followed in all cases arising thereunder:

And whereas it is expedient to make clear the position of aircraft and goods carried therein in relation to the said Orders:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

The Orders in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939, and the 11th day of June, 1940, shall be deemed to have applied and shall apply as if the terms "merchant vessel" and "vessel", wherever occurring therein, included civil aircraft; as if the term "port" included place; and as if the term "sailed from" included the departure of an aircraft.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
30th July, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Award:—

The Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—

Warden Donald Louis Jones, Air Raid Precautions Service, Kent.

During a recent raid on a Kentish town a number of people were buried under the debris of a house which had been damaged. At considerable risk Warden Jones crawled under some tons of wreckage and found two persons pinned down by heavy joists which had fallen with the floor above. For four hours, during which heavy building material was likely to collapse, he protected with his body the heads and faces of the trapped people from debris which was dislodged during the rescue operations; and encouraged them while giving directions to the rescue party. It was mainly owing to his courage and endurance that the victims were eventually released.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

In pursuance of Section 122 of the Factories Act, 1937, and of all other Powers enabling him in that behalf, the Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, has been pleased to appoint Hilda Grace Tayler to be one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Factories.

Whitehall,
July 27th, 1940.