Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland this Seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

THE FIRE PREVENTION (GOVERNMENT PREMISES) (NORTHERN IRELAND) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1942, DATED 3RD NOVEMBER, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 27A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942. No. 177.

WHEREAS by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland) Order, 1942 (a), made on 26th March, 1942, by the Secretary of State under Regulation 102A (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (b), the Secretary of State delegated his powers as respects Northern Ireland under Regulation 27A of the said Regulations to the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers so delegated to it and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders as follows :—

1.—(1) For paragraph (*g*) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Article 4 of the Fire Prevention (Government Premises) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942 (c) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal order "), there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (*g*) a person who holds a certificate from a local authority that, at the time when the certificate was issued, he was performing, under direction from that authority, civil defence duties for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than forty-eight hours in each month shall be exempted from the said duties so long as he continues to perform civil defence duties as aforesaid for such periods ;"

(2) At the end of the said Article 4 there shall be added the following paragraph :—

" (6) If a fire occurs otherwise than as a result of hostile attack at any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order, any person then performing fire prevention duties at the

(a) S. R. & O. 1942, No. 588.
(b) S. R. & O. 1939, No. 927.
(c) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1942, No. 137.

premises under the arrangements shall, on the detection of the fire, take such steps as are immediately practicable to combat the fire and shall summon such assistance as may be necessary."

2.—(1) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Article 5 of the principal order the words " and they receive sufficient instruction to enable them to perform those duties " shall be omitted.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of the said Article 5, after the words " working hours " there shall be inserted the words " (exclusive, in the case of a person employed in night work on any night, of any break for food or rest not exceeding one and a half hours in the course of a period of work)."

3.—For part (i) of sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (2) of Article 5 of the principal order there shall be substituted the following :—

" (i) in respect of any occasion on which he performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period not exceeding three hours, ninepence ;

(i*a*) in respect of any occasion on which he performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period exceeding three hours but not exceeding twelve hours, three shillings ;"

4.—After Article 5 of the principal order the following Article shall be inserted :—

Relief for persons employed in night work.

5A.—Where any person who is required to perform fire prevention duties under arrangements in force under this order is employed in night work, whether at premises for which the arrangements are in force or elsewhere, the arrangements shall, so far as practicable, secure that—

(*a*) if he is ordinarily employed for every week in night work, or is ordinarily employed in night work on not less than twenty nights in twenty-eight—

(i) he shall not be required to perform the said duties outside his working hours except on not more than one night in any week, being a night on which he is employed in night work, for a period beginning not earlier than five o'clock and ending when his work begins for the night or for a period beginning after his work has finished for the night and ending not later than eight o'clock on the following morning ; and

(ii) the periods for which he is required to perform the said duties outside his working hours shall not in the aggregate exceed twelve hours in each period of four weeks ;

(*b*) if he is employed in night work on a weekly shift system for three weeks in four, or two weeks in three, or for three weeks in five, or is ordinarily employed in night work on not less than fifteen nights in twenty-eight, the periods for which

he is required to perform the said duties outside his working hours shall not in the aggregate exceed twelve hours in each period of four weeks ;

(*c*) if he is employed in night work on a weekly shift system for one week in two, or for two weeks in five, or for one week in three, or is ordinarily employed in night work on not less than eight nights in twenty-eight, the said periods shall not in the aggregate exceed twenty-four hours in each period of four weeks ;

(*d*) if he is employed in night work on a weekly shift system for one week in four, or is ordinarily employed in night work on not less than five nights in twenty-eight, the said periods shall not in the aggregate exceed thirty-six hours in each period of four weeks :

Provided that nothing in paragraph (*a*) of this Article shall prevent a man being required to perform the said duties on any night on which he is employed in night work during a break for food or rest not exceeding one and a half hours in the course of a period of work, and in considering for the purposes of any of the provisions of this Article whether the periods for which he is required to perform the said duties, outside his working hours, do or do not in the aggregate exceed the relevant amount specified in this Article, any period during any such break on any such night during which he is required to perform the said duties shall be left out of account.

5.—After Article 11 of the principal order the following Article shall be inserted :—

Training.

11A.—(1) The appropriate department for any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order shall make provision for securing that all persons who undertake or are required to perform fire prevention duties under the arrangements receive, as soon as practicable after the date of this order or of the commencement of their duties (whichever is the later) and thereafter from time to time, instruction and training with respect to the following matters :—

(*a*) the characteristics of different types of incendiary bombs and other missiles likely to cause fire, and the methods of dealing therewith ;

(*b*) the use of fire-fighting equipment and appliances whether by individuals or by parties or by groups of parties, and the maintenance of such equipment and appliances ;

(*c*) the situation of any fire-fighting equipment and appliances and supplies of static water available for use at the premises, and the situation and use of any hydrants, taps, switches and