

TREATMENT OF RUSSIANS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir.—In the time of the reign of Nicholas II. in Russia, there existed an order by which Jews could not go to another place, from where they were born and registered, as their place of abode. This order was called "The Restriction Order for Jews." In case someone breaks this law, he is liable to be arrested, fined, and sent back. This order was abolished with the downfall of Nicholas II. in Russia. It looks as if this order exists now in Australia for the Russians.

And, now from the day of my return from France (being with the A.K.F. for 2½ years, i.e., from January 1, 1917). It seems to me that I am under this order of the Restriction Border in Australia for Russians, and for how long this order will exist no one knows. Last year I inquired at the Victoria Barracks for a pass to leave Australia, and answered that it was not their business. I was told the same thing at the Customs-house. On April 28, 1919, I sent an application to Melbourne Home and Territories Department, with intention of getting a pass to leave Australia for Siberia. I sent two telegrams and received no answers, either to the application or telegrams.

But, in Russia, everyone knew that order. Here no one knows it why they won't let me to go.

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Is this an order or somebody's wish? If it is an order, why is it not published? But, if it somebody's wish, I would like to know for how long it will last. Nobody knows. Work is not given, even a lot of Russians have been given notice to shift from their houses, not taking notice of personal insults. And now, I think it is time that everyone be given a pass to leave Australia.-

-I am, etc.,

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