

the Regulations attached to certain Orders in Council under the said Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, and administered by the Minister of Pensions :

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said proposals into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the scheme framed by Order in Council bearing date the 27th day of May 1915, as amended by Order in Council dated the 8th day of June 1916, be amended by excluding therefrom the persons specified in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by extending to such persons the provisions of the scheme set forth in the said annexed Schedule as from the first day of May 1918.

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*Schedule.*

PERSONS TO WHOM THE SCHEME APPLIES.

1. The following Scheme of pensions, grants and allowances in the nature thereof shall apply as from the 1st day of May 1918, to all officers and men of Fleet Auxiliaries and other vessels (other than ranks and ratings in receipt of Naval pay) employed afloat in the service and pay of the Admiralty under the agreements to serve under the provisions of Section 90 of the Naval Discipline Act for the period of the Great War who may be injured or disabled whilst employed afloat in connection with war-like operations in which His Majesty is engaged and who would be eligible in the like circumstances for a pension, grant, or other allowance in the nature thereof under the respective Regulations hereinafter specified if they were officers or men in the Naval Service of His Majesty; and in the case of such officers and men who are killed or who die, to such of their widows and other dependants as would be eligible in the like circumstances for a pension, grant, or other allowance in the nature thereof under the respective Regulations hereinafter specified if they were the widows or other dependants of officers or men in the Naval Service of His Majesty. Provided that the Scheme shall only apply to injuries sustained and disablements arising and deaths resulting from injuries sustained or disablements arising during the continuance or in consequence of the Great War, and not due to serious negligence or misconduct, and shall not apply to such officers and men of the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Fleet Reserve, or Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, or to such Naval Pensioners as may be serving in the Fleet in receipt of naval rates of pay during such service, or to any officers or seamen of the Royal Navy or officers or soldiers of any of His Majesty's Land, Marine, or Air Forces.

GRADING OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

2. The officers and men of the Fleet Auxiliaries and other vessels above specified shall be graded in such appropriate ranks and ratings corresponding with the ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, GRANTS, AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT IN THE CASE OF OFFICERS CORRESPONDING TO COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

The Regulations annexed to the Order in Council dated the 29th day of September 1917, relating to the pensions of Commissioned Naval Officers and of the families and dependants of such officers deceased in consequence of the Great War, shall apply to officers of corresponding rank of the Fleet Auxiliaries and other vessels above specified, and to their families and dependants: provided that—

(1) "Retires" shall mean ceases to be in the pay and service of the Admiralty as aforesaid.

(2) Any case in which the said Regulations do not exactly apply may be dealt with by the Minister of Pensions with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in accordance with the intention of the Regulations and this Scheme.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, GRANTS, AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT IN THE CASE OF OFFICERS CORRESPONDING TO COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

4. The Regulations annexed to the Order in Council dated the 29th day of September 1917, relating to the pensions of Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers and the families and dependants of such officers deceased in consequence of the Great War, shall apply to officers of corresponding rank of the Fleet Auxiliaries and other vessels above specified, and to their families and dependants: provided that—

(1) "Discharge" shall mean ceasing to be in the service and pay of the Admiralty as aforesaid.

(2) Any case in which the said Regulations do not exactly apply may be dealt with by the Minister of Pensions with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury in accordance with the intention of the Regulations and this Scheme.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, GRANTS, AND OTHER ALLOWANCES AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT IN THE CASE OF MEN.

5. The Regulations annexed to the Order in Council dated the 14th day of January 1919, relating to the pensions of Seamen and Marines disabled and of the families and dependants of Seamen and Marines deceased in consequence of the Great War, shall apply to men of the corresponding ratings of the Fleet Auxiliaries and other vessels above specified, and to their families and dependants: provided that—

(1) Article 1 (4) of the said Regulations shall not apply, but men shall receive such an addition to their pension for each grade of rating as the Minister of Pensions with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury may fix; but so that the disablement pension for the highest degree of disablement of the highest rating shall not exceed under the said Order in Council of the 14th day of January 1919, 42s. 6d. a week.

(2) The widow's pension under Article 11