

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 18th day of *June*, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 15th day of June, 1914, in the words following, viz. :—

"Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by His late Majesty's Order in Council, dated the 2nd November, 1907, the privilege of counting service in West Africa as double time for pension purposes was granted to Seamen and Marines under the conditions applying to men of the Army:

"And whereas, under Article 1140 of Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-effective Pay of Your Army, double time has since been allowed so far as the Army is concerned for service in certain districts under the Egyptian Government:

"And whereas the intention of the Order in Council of the 2nd November, 1907, was to place the Army and Navy on the same footing in the matter of double time:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to allow the additional concession as regards service in Egypt to Seamen and Marines, as from the date upon which it was granted to the Army, and also to apply any such privileges which may in future be granted to men of the Army to Seamen and Marines under the same conditions.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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"And whereas His late Majesty's Order in Council dated the 10th January, 1910, extended to Musicians the privilege of counting service after five years on the recognised Establishment of a Marine Divisional or Depôt Band for Non-Commissioned Officers' Allowance for pension purposes:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that this privilege should also be granted to Privates and Buglers who form part of the recognised Establishment:

"And whereas we are of opinion that Privates, Buglers and Musicians who qualify for Non-Commissioned Officers' pension should be classed as Corporals for gratuity as well as for pension purposes:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorize us to allow Privates and Buglers of the Royal Marines to be classed as Corporals for pension purposes after 5 years' service on the recognised Establishment of a Divisional or Depôt Band, and also to extend to those Privates, Buglers and Musicians who qualify for Non-Commissioned Officers' pension the privilege of earning the Long Service and Good Conduct gratuity to the same extent and under the same conditions as Corporals:

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