

tions as the Minister of Pensions may determine;

(c) if disabled in the highest degree, an allowance not exceeding 52*l.* a year in any case where the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

27. A nurse in receipt of pension under these Regulations may be granted in addition to that pension—

(a) the difference, if any, between that pension and pension at the rate for the highest degree of disablement for any period during which she is prevented from earning her living by undergoing training in a technical institution or otherwise which in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions would benefit her;

(b) an allowance to cover fees in respect of training up to such amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

28. In any case where the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent., or where it is considered by the Minister of Pensions more in the interests of the nurse, a gratuity or temporary allowance may be granted in place of any pension under these Regulations. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and its amount will not exceed 300*l.* and will depend on the nature of the disablement and the other circumstances of the case.

29. A nurse who retires on account of medical unfitness certified to be neither attributable to nor aggravated by naval or military service may be granted a gratuity or temporary allowance. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine. In exceptional circumstances it may amount to a sum not exceeding 200*l.* and generally it will depend on the extent to which the nurse is incapacitated and on the other circumstances of the case.

PART IV.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

30. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(1) "Officer" means a commissioned or subordinate officer on the permanent or temporary or supplementary lists of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, or the Reserves, who has served and been in receipt of Naval pay as such during some period of the present war.

(2) "Widow" means the widow of an officer whose marriage took place before the receipt of the wound or injury which caused his death, or before his removal from duty on account of the contraction or aggravation of the disease which caused his death; provided that the widow of a permanent regular officer married after such date shall not forfeit pension or gratuity if he survives his marriage by at least one year or it can be shown that he was manifestly in good health at the date of his marriage.

(3) "Child" means the legitimate child of an officer born before or within nine months after his retirement, relinquishment of his

commission, or reversion to the Reserve or Emergency List, and may include a step-child regularly maintained by him; but shall not include a child whose mother is excluded by (2) above.

(4) "Parent" includes a grandparent or other person who has been in the place of a parent to an officer, and has wholly or mainly supported him for not less than one year at some time before the commencement of the war.

(5) "Pre-war earnings" means the average earnings of an officer during the twelve months preceding the commencement of the war, or such lesser period as he was employed, and shall be computed generally in such manner as is best calculated to give the rate at which he was being remunerated, and, so far as may be applicable, in the same manner as for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906. In the case of a man in trade, business or profession, the average profits of the last three years preceding the commencement of the war shall be taken, or of such lesser period as he engaged therein.

(6) "Pre-war dependence" means the amount representing the annual value of the support afforded to, or of benefits conferred upon, a relative by an officer for a reasonable period immediately preceding the commencement of the war or of his service, if later, exclusive, however, of any increase thereof due to circumstances arising out of the war, in the case of entry into service or commission subsequent to the commencement of the war, and shall include the following:—

(a) Amount regularly contributed by the officer, if he received no material benefits in return therefor.

(b) Amount regularly contributed by the officer in excess of expenditure incurred on his account.

(c) Money value of any benefit conferred upon the relative by the officer.

(7) "Certified" means, in respect of any medical certification, certified by a medical officer or Board of Medical Officers appointed for the purpose by the Admiralty or by the Minister of Pensions.

31.—(1) The rate of retired pay or pension or gratuity granted under Parts I. or II. of these Regulations may be determined according to the temporary or acting rank held by the officer at the time he was killed, wounded, injured or removed from duty in consequence of disablement.

(2) Any existing regulations as to the relative rank which should govern the rate of retired pay for a disabled officer or pension for the widow or other relative of a deceased officer shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.

32. Except as modified by these Regulations, any general conditions governing the grant, issue, and administration of retired pay to officers and of pensions to their families and to nurses laid down in Orders in Council and King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions and other Regulations issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.