

any widow, child, or dependant of a commissioned warrant officer promoted or of a warrant officer appointed or promoted to that rank during the war shall not be less favourably treated than if he had served or continued to serve in some lower rank or rating of his class.

The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.

REGULATIONS.

PART I.

OFFICERS OF WARRANT RANK DISABLED.

1.—(1) An officer of warrant rank who is discharged, relinquishes his commission or warrant, or reverts to the Reserve List on account of medical unfitness, certified as either attributable to or aggravated by naval or military service in consequence of the present war, and not being due to his serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted the disability pension shown in the First Schedule to these Regulations, which corresponds to the degree of his disablement as certified.

(2) If the officer of warrant rank holds a permanent commission or warrant, he may be allowed to retain or receive either (a) the service pension or gratuity which has been awarded to him, or for which he is eligible, in respect of his service, with an addition for his disability as in the last two columns of the first schedule to these Regulations; or (b) the disability pension which would have been awarded under that schedule to an officer of warrant rank holding only a temporary commission or warrant according to the degree of his disablement, whichever is more favourable.

(3) If a disabled officer of warrant rank be in receipt of wounds gratuity or pension, he shall only be eligible for a pension at a rate equal to his pension for service (if eligible therefor), unless that pension and the wounds gratuity or pension together amount to less than the disability pension to which he would be entitled under these Regulations. In that case an amount equal to the deficiency may be awarded.

(4) A commissioned warrant officer who has lost the sight of both eyes as the result of wounds received in action shall be granted not less than £225 a year in wounds pension and disability or service pension taken together, and a warrant officer in the same circumstances not less than £175.

(5) Subject to subsection (3) of this article, if a disabled officer of warrant rank is already in receipt of pension as a seaman, marine, or officer of warrant rank, it shall be suspended so long as he is receiving a higher rate under these Regulations.

(6) If an officer of warrant rank on or after general demobilisation or after discharge, or relinquishing his commission or warrant, or transfer to or reversion to the Reserve List, otherwise than for misconduct or at his own request, is certified to be disabled by wounds, injuries, or disease attributable to or aggravated by naval or military service in the present war, such disablement not having been caused or aggravated by his serious negligence or misconduct, he may be granted a disability pension as if he had retired as medically unfit for fur-

ther service upon the date from which his claim is established.

2.—(1) A disabled officer of warrant rank granted a disability pension under Article 1 of these Regulations may be granted during the continuance of such pension for each of his children under the age of 16 a children's allowance at the yearly rate set forth in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The allowance may (subject to the continuance of the pension) be granted or continued beyond the age of 16 in the case of apprentices receiving not more than nominal wages or of children being educated at secondary schools, technical institutes or universities, and may be granted or continued between the ages of 16 and 21 in the case of a child incapable through mental or physical infirmity of earning a living, provided the infirmity existed before the child attained the age of 16.

(3) In any case in which, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of whom an allowance is payable, the allowance instead of being paid to the parent may be administered under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

3. An officer of warrant rank who makes application and shows that the disability pension and any children's allowances which he has been granted under the preceding articles of these Regulations, together with any wound gratuity or pension of which he is in receipt and the average earnings (if any) of which he remains capable, are less than his pre-war earnings, may be granted, temporarily or permanently, in lieu of such disability pension and children's allowances, a pension which, together with wound gratuity or pension and the average earnings (if any) of which he is judged capable, shall not exceed his pre-war earnings up to a maximum of 200% a year, plus half any pre-war earnings between 200% and 400% a year.

4.—(1) If the disability of an officer of warrant rank is not permanent, the grant of disability pension and allowances under the foregoing articles shall be temporary, and shall not be made permanent unless the permanency of the disablement is established.

(2) When the disability pension of an officer of warrant rank has been made permanent it shall not be altered on account of any change in his earning capacity, whether resulting from training or other cause, neither shall it be subject to review except (a) when an officer of warrant rank whose disability pension is assessed under Article 1 of these Regulations claims that there has been a substantial increase in the extent of the disablement due to the original cause; (b) when an officer of warrant rank whose disability pension is assessed under Articles 1 and 2 shows that it would be more advantageous to him if it were assessed under Article 3.

5. Half the disability pension and children's allowances (if any) awarded under the preceding articles may be subject to the condition that the disabled officer of warrant rank shall undergo medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home, or otherwise, for any period during which it is certified that such treatment is necessary in his interests.

6. An officer of warrant rank in receipt of a