

disability 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 he is certified to require special medical treatment in a sanatorium, hospital, convalescent home, or other institution, a deduction of such an amount and under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine being made from the disability pension on account of the cost of his maintenance in the institution;

(b) Actual necessary medical and other expenses incidental to treatment for the disability on account of which he was discharged up to such amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine;

(c) If disabled in the highest degree, an allowance not exceeding 65*l.* a year in any case where the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

7. An officer of warrant rank in receipt of a disability 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 he is prevented from earning his living by undergoing training in a technical institution or otherwise which in the opinion of the Minister would benefit him.

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

8. 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 officer of warrant rank, a gratuity or temporary allowance may be granted in place of any disability pension and children's allowances under these Regulations. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and its amount will not exceed 400*l.* and will depend on the nature of the disability and the other circumstances of the case.

9. An officer of warrant rank discharged as medically unfit for service, such unfitness being neither attributable to nor aggravated by naval or military service, and not being due to his serious negligence or misconduct, 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 250*l.*, and generally it will depend on the extent to which the officer of warrant rank is incapacitated, on the length and character of his service, and on the other circumstances of the case.

PART II.

WIDOWS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS DECEASED.

10. Pensions and gratuities to the widows, children and relatives of deceased officers of warrant rank, for which provision is made in the following articles, shall not be claimed as a right, but shall be given as a reward of the

officer's services, and no pension or gratuity shall be granted or continued to a widow or relative, who, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, is unworthy of the public bounty, and it shall be in the power of the Minister of Pensions to terminate or suspend any pension that may have been granted to such persons or to provide for its administration under such conditions as he may determine, and his decision shall in any case be final.

11.—(1) A pension of 80*l.* a year may be granted to the widow of a Chief Officer of a Coastguard Cruiser, a pension of 75*l.* to the widow of a commissioned Warrant Officer or Divisional Chief Officer of Coastguard, and a pension of 62*l.* 10*s.* a year to the widow of a Warrant Officer or officer of relative rank in the Coastguard, who (a) is killed in the performance of naval or military duty, or dies of wounds or injuries received in the performance of such duty within seven years of receiving such wounds or injuries, or (b) dies of disease certified as contracted or commencing while on duty or having been aggravated by such duty within seven years after being first removed from duty on account of such disease, or from injuries attributable to service other than under (a) within seven years of receiving such injuries, provided death was not caused by the officer's serious negligence or misconduct.

(2) A gratuity in addition to pension may be granted to the widow of an officer of warrant rank who is killed in action, whether afloat or ashore, or suffers violent death due directly and wholly to war service, or is drowned while on duty, or whose death results from destruction of ship, or who dies within seven years from wounds or injuries so received, at the following rates:—(a) To the widow of a commissioned warrant officer, 140*l.*; (b) to the widow of a warrant officer, 100*l.*; provided that, where it would be more favourable to her, the amount of the gratuity shall be equal to a year's full pay of the rank which the officer of warrant rank held on the 31st March, 1917, and in the calculation of this gratuity any full-pay allowances shall be included.

12.—(1) The widow of an officer of warrant rank awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) of these Regulations may be granted a further allowance for each child maintained by her at the following annual rates:—15*l.* for the first child, 12*l.* 10*s.* for the second child, 10*l.* for the third child, and 7*l.* 10*s.* for the fourth and each subsequent child.

These allowances may be granted or continued up to the age of 18 in the case of sons and up to the age of 21 in the case of daughters, unless the child is otherwise provided for or married, and may be granted or further continued after the age of 18 in the case of sons if the conditions of Article 2 (2) are fulfilled.

(2) The provisions of Article 2 (3) as to the administration of children's allowances to secure the proper maintenance of the child shall be applicable to the children referred to in this Article.

(3) A gratuity of one-third of the amount laid down in Article 11 (2) may be granted in addition to children's allowance for each child of an officer of warrant rank who dies in the circumstances referred to in that sub-section.

13. A widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations who makes application and shows that she was married to the officer of warrant rank before