

the commencement of the war or of his naval service, whichever was the later, and that her pension together with children's allowances (if any) which she has been granted under the two preceding Articles is less than one-half the alternative pension that might have been awarded to the deceased officer of warrant rank under Article 3 had he survived and been incapable of supplementing his pension by earnings, may be granted in lieu of such pension and children's allowances a pension which shall not exceed one-half of such officer's alternative pension.

14. The widow of an officer of warrant rank not eligible for pension under Article 11 may be granted a gratuity of not less than one and not more than three years' pay of the appointment held by the officer of warrant rank, provided that—

(a) the officer dies while on full pay or during the war after removal from full pay from the injury or disease for which he was removed from full pay or some closely connected disease, and there is a continuous medical history of sickness; and

(b) the widow is disqualified only through the insufficiency of the officer's service for an ordinary pension under the terms of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

The amount of the gratuity, within the above limits, shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions, and may be paid in a lump sum or in instalments, as he may determine. If the officer of warrant rank leaves motherless children, a similar grant may be made to them under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

15. Any pension granted to the widow of an officer of warrant rank under these Regulations shall cease on her re-marriage; but, in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored if she is otherwise qualified, and if in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions her pecuniary circumstances are such as to justify the restoration. Allowances for children under Article 12 may be paid after re-marriage.

16. The widow of an officer of warrant rank who was at the time of his death in receipt of a disability pension in consequence of disablement of not less than 50% a year, but whose death does not render her eligible for a pension under Article 11 may, provided she was living with the officer of warrant rank at the time of his death, receive a pension of not more than one-half the deceased officer's disability pension on account of his disablement, and in no case at a higher rate than provided for under that article, this grant to be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and to cease on re-marriage.

17.—(1) The child of an officer of warrant rank who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 may be awarded a pension of 25% a year where the child is or becomes motherless, or is not or ceases to be under the control of its mother. In the event of two or more children being maintained by one person the amount will be reduced to 20% for each of the children after the first.

(2) The grant, continuance, and administration of the pension shall be subject to the same conditions as those set forth for children's allowances in Article 12—(1) and (2).

(3) A child granted a pension under subsection (1) of this Article shall be eligible for a gratuity under the conditions of Article 12 (3).

18. The following conditions shall apply to the grant or continuance of a pension to the relatives, other than widows and children, of a deceased officer of warrant rank under Articles 19 and 21 below:—

(1) It shall be granted only if the officer of warrant rank dies in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 (1).

(2) It shall be granted or continued only if the pecuniary or other circumstances of the relative are such as in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions to justify the award.

(3) It shall not, together with any other pension or similar provision from public funds, exceed the pension which has been or would have been awarded to the widow under Article 11.

(4) It shall not be transferable, except that where it is granted jointly to parents, or to two or more sisters or brothers, it may be continued, wholly or in part, to the survivors.

(5) It shall cease on marriage or re-marriage.

19.—(1) A pension may be granted to the parent or parents of an officer of warrant rank of such an amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine, including the conditions of Article 18, regard being had to the value (if any) of the support afforded by the officer of warrant rank before the war or the commencement of his service, if later, and to the age or infirmity of the parent or parents.

(2) A pension may be granted under this Article in respect of each son who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 18 (3).

20. A gratuity not exceeding the value of one year's widow's pension may be granted to the parent or parents jointly of an officer of warrant rank at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions in special cases where the conditions for pension laid down in the two preceding articles are not fulfilled.

21. A pension may be granted to the sister or brother (or sisters or brothers) of an officer of warrant rank, provided that they were wholly or partially dependent upon him for support. The pension shall be of such an amount and subject to such conditions (including the conditions of Article 18) as the Minister of Pensions may determine, and shall not be granted or continued to a brother after the age of 18 nor to a sister after the age of 21, unless he (or she) is unfitted by age or infirmity to earn his (or her) living.

22. A gratuity not exceeding one half the value of one year's widow's pension may at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions be granted to the sisters or brothers jointly in special cases where the conditions for pension laid down in Articles 18 and 21 are not fulfilled.

PART III.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

23. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

(1) "Officer of warrant rank" means a commissioned warrant officer or warrant officer on the permanent or temporary or supplementary lists of the Royal Navy or the Reserves, or