

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the said proposals into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof and to sanction the grant of pensions to the aforesaid persons on the scales and subject to the conditions set forth in the Regulations annexed hereto, in substitution for those laid down in His Order in Council of 14th January, 1919, with effect from the 3rd day of September, 1919, and further, to empower the Minister to make or revise grants under previous Orders in respect of any claims which may have arisen between the outbreak of war and the aforesaid 3rd day of September, 1919. Provided always, that if more favourable to the seaman or marine, the pension, allowance or gratuity payable under existing Regulations shall be granted, and no grant to a seaman or marine, or to the family or dependants of a seaman or marine, shall be reassessed to his or their disadvantage.

Almeric FitzRoy.

REGULATIONS FOR PENSIONS OF BRITISH SEAMEN AND MARINES, THEIR WIDOWS, RELATIVES AND DEPENDANTS.

PART I.—SEAMEN AND MARINES.

1.—(1) A seaman or marine discharged as medically unfit for further service or while suffering impairment, such unfitness or impairment being certified as either attributable to or aggravated by naval or military service during the war and not being due to the serious negligence or misconduct of the discharged man, may, if he is disabled in any of the manners set forth in the First Schedule to these Regulations, be granted a pension at the weekly rates therein shown as corresponding to the degree of his disablement. In the case of injuries not shown therein, and in the case of disease, the pension may be assessed at the degree in the Schedule which is held most closely to represent the disablement corresponding to the injury or disease.

(2) Except in those cases where the disablement has reached its final condition, a disablement pension shall be temporary, at the rate appropriate to the temporary disablement, and the grant shall be reviewed from time to time until a permanent assessment can be made or the grant ceases. Where a temporary disablement pension, including renewals, does not run beyond one year a supplementary gratuity of £5 may be granted at the termination of such pension.

(3) In any case where the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent.; or where it is considered more in the interests of the seaman or marine, a gratuity or final weekly allowance may be granted in place of any pension. The grant will be subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine, and its total amount will not exceed £200, and will depend on the extent of the disablement and on the other circumstances of the case.

(4) Men in possession of good conduct badges or medals shall receive the same addition to their pension in respect thereof as under existing Regulations. Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Leading Rates of the Royal Navy shall also receive the same additions in respect of petty time as under existing Regulations. Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines shall receive the additions laid down

in the existing Regulations for long-service pensions in respect of service above the rank of private.

A further addition will be made to the pension in respect of service at the following rates:

	Weekly.	
	s.	d.
Men of 6 years' service and under 12 years	1	0
Men of 12 years' service and under 18 years	2	0
Men of 18 years' service and under 21 years	3	0
Men of 21 years' service and under 25 years	4	0
Men of 25 years' service and over	5	0

(4a) Subject to prescribed Instructions a seaman or marine entitled to a service pension may receive a pension at the rates shown in the Schedule to the 1919 Regulations (together with an addition of 20 per cent. thereof) in addition to his service pension.

(5) The disablement pension granted to a seaman or marine who held paid acting rank at the time he was wounded, injured, or removed from duty in consequence of disablement, may be at the rate appropriate to that rank.

1A.—(1) A disabled man pensioned under Article 1 of these Regulations may be granted during the continuance of his pension a weekly allowance in respect of his wife at such proportion of 10s. as corresponds to the degree of disablement at which he is assessed for pension.

(2) In this Article "wife" shall not include a wife whose marriage to the man took place—

(a) after the man's discharge;

(b) after the end of the war; or

(c) if during the service of the man, after the receipt of the wound or injury, or after his removal from duty on account of the contraction or aggravation of the disease, for which he receives pension;

nor, subject to the succeeding subsection, a wife who is separated from her husband.

(3) Where a wife is separated from her husband the Minister may, in his discretion, grant to such wife the weekly allowance specified in subsection (1) of this Article.

(4) An allowance as in subsection (1) of this Article, but with 7s. 6d. substituted for 10s., may be granted in respect of a woman living as his wife with the disabled man if she has drawn in respect of him separation allowance as for a wife.

2.—(1) A disabled man pensioned under Article 1 of these Regulations may be granted during the continuance of the pension an allowance for each child under the age of 16 at such proportion of the following weekly rates as corresponds to the degree of disablement at which the man is assessed for pension:—

Column 1.	Column 2. Where an Allowance is granted under the preceding Article.	Column 3. Where no Allowance is granted under the preceding Article.
	s. d.	s. d.
-		
For a first child	7 6	10 0
For a second child	6 0	7 6
For each child after the second	6 0	6 0