

(a) Officers and men of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces.

(b) The widows of such Officers and men.

(c) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Nursing Service Reserve.

(d) Riggers and Yardcraft men pensionable under Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 2nd day of June, 1915, and previous Orders.

(e) Teachers in the Girls' and Infants' Schools of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces who are pensionable under Orders in Council dated the 18th day of May, 1897, and the 10th day of February, 1905,

who are in receipt of retired pay or pension granted before the 4th day of August, 1914, as well as certain of them who have been or may hereafter be granted retired pay or pension subsequently, but with effect from a date not later than the 13th day of August, 1920, should receive increases of retired pay or pension:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to empower us to grant at our discretion increases of retired pay or pension to Officers and men of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces, to their widows, to members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service or Nursing Service Reserve, to Riggers and Yardcraft men and to Teachers at the Royal Marine Schools under the conditions specified in the Schedule annexed hereto, provided that no such increase shall be granted until such time as the aforesaid Pensions (Increase) Bill, 1920, shall have received the Royal Assent.

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

"Regulations regarding the increase of pensions.

"Definitions.

(1) For the purpose of these Regulations:—

(a) The term "pension" includes the retired pay of an Officer and the term "pensioner" includes an Officer in receipt of retired pay.

(b) The expression "married person" includes a widower or widow with one or more children under 16 years of age dependent on him or her and the expression "unmarried person" includes a widower or widow having no such child.

(c) The terms "child" and "children" include a step-child or step-children of the pensioner, but do not include any person over the age of 16 years.

"Pensions to which these Regulations apply.

(2) The pensions which may be increased under these Regulations are pensions which have been granted, or which may hereafter be granted with effect from a date not later than the 13th day of August, 1920, to

(a) Officers and men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Naval Reserve Forces.

(b) Widows of Officers and men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Naval Reserve Forces.

(c) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Nursing Service Reserve.

(d) Riggers and Yardcraft men of Your Majesty's Dockyards.

(e) Teachers in the Girls' and Infants' Schools of Your Majesty's Royal Marine Forces.

"Conditions of eligibility.

(3) The conditions for the increase of pensions under these Regulations are:—

(a) The pensioner must reside in the British Islands.

(b) Except as provided at (c) hereunder the pensioner must have attained the age of 60 years or have been retired or discharged on account of physical or mental infirmity.

(c) The pensioner, if the widow of an Officer or man, and in receipt of a pension as such, must have attained the age of 40 years.

(d) The pensioner must satisfy the Admiralty that his or her means, including his or her pension and any increase thereof granted under these Regulations, do not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds a year if he or she be an unmarried person or two hundred pounds a year if he or she be a married person.

"Limitations on the amount of Increase of Pensions.

(4) The following limitations shall apply to all increases of pension granted under these Regulations:—

(a) When the existing pension does not exceed £50 a year it may be increased by 50 per cent.

When the existing pension exceeds £50 a year, but does not exceed £100 a year in the case of an unmarried person, or £130 a year in the case of a married person, it may be increased by 40 per cent.

When the existing pension exceeds £100 a year, but is less than £150 a year in the case of an unmarried person, or exceeds £130 a year, but is less than £200 a year in the case of a married person, it may be increased by 30 per cent.

Provided that

(i) If the amount to which a pension may be increased under the above scale is less than the amount to which a smaller pension might be increased, it may be increased to the latter amount.

(ii) no pension shall be increased by an amount greater than is sufficient to bring the total means of the pensioner, including the increased pension, up to £150 a year in the case of an unmarried person, or £200 a year in the case of a married person.

(b) When a Naval Pensioner is also in receipt of another or other pensions in respect of which increases may be granted, the Admiralty may, at its discretion, treat all the pensions as one pension of an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the said pensions for the purpose of determining the percentage increase to be granted under the above scale in respect of the Naval Pension.

(5) The following further limitations shall apply to pensions granted or re-assessed since the 4th day of August, 1914:—

(a) No pension which is larger than a pre-war pension by reason of a re-assessment or revision of regulations made since the 3rd day of August, 1914, shall be increased under these regulations by an amount greater than is sufficient to make the increased pension equal to the amount to which the pre-war pension might have been increased under Rule (4).