

Service Element and for a gratuity on the ground of Disablement, or *vice versa*, to have their pensions assessed on the appropriate Service or Disablement scales, plus the Rank Element, and to receive payment in full, in addition to the Disablement or Service gratuity appropriate to their case.

“Men eligible for gratuities only in respect of both the Service and the Disablement Elements to receive payment in full.

“SCHEDULE II.

“SCALE OF PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES ALLOWABLE WHEN THE CAUSE OF INVALIDING IS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SERVICE.

“Compensation to be based on length of service and, when a pension is admissible, to include the usual allowances for rank, good conduct badges and medal.

“(a) Pensions—

Over 10 years' service, 1s. a day for life.

Over 14 years' service, 1s. 6d. a day for life.

Over 16 years' service, 1s. 9d. a day for life.

Over 18 years' service, 2s. a day for life.

Over 20 years' service, 2s. 6d. a day for life.

“If qualified for the award of a Long Service Pension, 1½d. a day for each complete year of pensionable service.

“The usual additions to be made for good conduct badges and medal as allowed under the Long Service Scale and for petty time as laid down in Articles 1938, Clause 1, and 1932, Clause 4, of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

“The 'over 10 years' rate to be restricted to Continuous Service ratings who entered the Royal Navy under Regulations which conferred a claim to a life pension, if invalided, after that period of service on the Continuous Service system. All men and boys entering the Naval Service on or after the first day of October, 1921, to be required to render a minimum period of 14 years' pensionable service in order to qualify for a life pension.

“(b) *Gratuities*.—Men discharged with less than the qualifying period of service required for the award of a gratuity of £2, plus an additional 10s. for each ten degrees of disability in excess of 20 per cent. in respect of each completed year of service.

“SCHEDULE III.

“MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

“(1) The foregoing scales to be applicable to the persons referred to in Articles 1196 and 1931, Clause 1, of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, with the exception of those excluded, as regards non-attributable disabilities, by Article 356; always provided that the wound or injury or disability is not due to negligence or misconduct on the part of the man, or to his want of proper care. In the latter cases, pension or gratuity may be withheld at Admiralty discretion, or awarded at such reduced rate as may be thought fit.

“(2) These scales to be subject to reduction at the discretion of the Admiralty in the event of the cost of living falling considerably below its present level. Such reduction, if made, will apply to all pensions which are being drawn at the date of reduction, as well as to future grants.

“(3) If any person, on being invalided from

the Service, is suffering from two separate and distinct disabilities, and is eligible in respect of one of them for a grant under Ministry of Pensions Regulations, and in respect of the other for a grant under these Regulations, only one grant will be made in respect of both.

“This grant will be assessed partly under Ministry of Pensions Regulations and partly under these Regulations, according to the proportion which the percentage of each disability, respectively, bears to the sum of the two percentages added together; the assessment under these Regulations being so regulated, however, as to ensure that the total grant made shall not be more than the person would receive if the two disabilities were dealt with as one combined disability under Ministry of Pensions Regulations, nor less than he would receive if they were so dealt with under these Regulations.

“(4) No compensation in respect of disability shall be payable under these Regulations to any person discharged after the 30th September, 1921, except in respect of the sickness, wound or injury for which he is invalided, unless suffering from a wound or injury due to the Service, which is recorded on any Hurt Certificate that may have been granted. In the latter case, and provided that discharge was not due to the man's own request, and that the wound or injury was not occasioned by the late war or former wars, compensation may on discharge, but not later, be granted at the disablement element rate that would have been appropriate had he been invalided for such disability on date of discharge, but only in respect of the degree of disability persisting at that date.

“(5) Where a seaman or marine is injured in such circumstances that a pension, allowance, or grant is payable to or in respect of him under these Regulations, and where he receives compensation from or on behalf of the person alleged to be responsible for the act or omission which caused the injury, any such compensation may be taken into consideration in assessing any pension, allowance, or grant which might be awarded to or in respect of the man; and where the compensation is received after assessment, it may be taken into consideration and the assessment may be amended or cancelled accordingly.

“(6) The applicability of the foregoing scales to members of the Royal Fleet Reserve (Class (B)), the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve to be reserved pending further consideration, notwithstanding any provision in existing Regulations to the contrary.”

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of February, 1922.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 43 of the Explosives Act, 1875, it is provided that His Majesty from time to time, by Order in