

in respect of services in His Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman or marine, or to the widow of a deceased officer, seaman or marine, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Ministry of Pensions Act, 1916, as amended by Section 1 of the War Pensions Act, 1920, it is enacted that there shall be transferred to the Minister of Pensions (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") certain powers and duties of the Admiralty with respect to pensions and grants to persons who have served as officers or men and to their widows:

And whereas it has been represented to His Majesty by the Minister that it is desirable to increase in certain cases the retired pay or pension of persons of small means:

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals:

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 hereby sanctions the Regulations hereto annexed.

#### REGULATIONS REGARDING INCREASE OF CERTAIN PENSIONS.

1. A person who on the 16th day of August, 1920, was in receipt of a pension which commenced before the 4th day of August, 1914, and

(a) who has attained the age of 60 years (or in the case of a widow in receipt of a pension in respect of her husband, 40 years) or who was retired or discharged on account of physical or mental infirmity; and

(b) whose means, including pension, are shown to the satisfaction of the Minister to be less than £150 a year if unmarried, or £200 a year if married;

may, on making application in the manner prescribed by the Minister and subject to the succeeding Regulations, be granted as from the 1st April, 1920, or from such later date as eligibility may be established, an increase of pension in accordance with Scale I or Scale II in the Schedule hereto, whichever may be applicable and more advantageous.

2. If the amount to which a pension may be increased under these Regulations is less than the amount to which a smaller pension might be increased, the pension may be increased to the latter amount.

3. No pension under these Regulations shall be increased by an amount which is greater than is sufficient to bring the total means of the pensioner up to £150 a year if an unmarried person, or £200 a year if a married person.

4. Where a person is in receipt of a pension to which these Regulations apply as well as any other pension to which any Royal Warrant or any Order in Council providing for the grant of corresponding benefits applies, or a pension to which Section 1 of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, applies, the percentage of increase of pension under these Regulations shall be at the rate appropriate to the aggregate amount of such pensions.

5. Where a pension has, since the 3rd August, 1914, been increased by reason of an improvement in the pension scale, the increase authorised by these Regulations shall be calculated on the amount of the pension as at that date, and the amount by which it may be increased under these Regulations shall be reduced by the amount of the increase already granted.

6.—(1) A pension granted with effect from a date later than the 3rd August, 1914, but not later than the 16th August, 1920, and in force on such latter date, may be increased under these Regulations provided that:—

(a) the increased pension shall not exceed the amount to which the corresponding pre-war pension might have been increased under the provisions of these Regulations; and

(b) the increased pension shall not exceed the pension payable under any Regulation taking effect not later than the 1st October, 1921.

(2) A pension granted after but with effect not later than the 16th August, 1920, shall be deemed to be in force on that date.

7.—(1) These Regulations shall not apply to any pension or part of a pension which has been commuted.

(2) A pensioner shall not by reason of commutation of any part of his pension be eligible for a greater increase of pension than if he had not commuted part of his pension.

(3) Where part of a pension has been commuted, any increase under these Regulations shall be calculated on the remaining part at the percentage which would have been payable had there been no commutation.

8. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(1) The expression "pension" means the pension or retired pay of an officer, nurse or man, or the widow of an officer or man, administered by the Minister.

(2) The expression "married person" includes a widower or widow with one or more children (including step-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.

(3) The expression "means" in the case of a married person includes the means of both husband and wife, and in the case of a widow includes any such child's allowance.

9. The Minister shall be the sole administrator and interpreter of these Regulations, and may issue such detailed instructions in reference thereto as he may from time to time deem necessary.

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#### SCHEDULE.

Scale I.—Applicable as from the 1st April, 1920, to the 6th August, 1924, to a pensioner, otherwise eligible, whilst resident in the British Islands, and from the 7th August, 1924, to a pensioner, otherwise eligible, wheresoever resident.

Where the existing pension does not exceed £50 a year

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