

the 22nd January, 1920, Schedule V, Section VI, and Order in Council of the 28th June, 1920, which debars Surgeon Commanders who are appointed solely for specialist duties from receiving specialist allowance.

“(2) *Charge Pay.*

Medical Officers in charge of hospitals and sick quarters to be granted charge pay at the discretion of the Admiralty on the following scale:—

Surgeon Rear - Admirals and Surgeon Captains—10s. a day.  
Surgeon Commanders—5s. a day.

“(3) *Increase in Establishment of Surgeon Captains.*

The number of Surgeon Captains to be increased from 16 to 20.

“(4) *Counting of previous hospital service.*

An Officer who enters the Service on or after the 1st July, 1926, and who has held, for a period of not less than one year before the date of his entry into the Service, a resident appointment as Medical or Surgical Officer in a Civil hospital after becoming a qualified medical practitioner, to be eligible, at the discretion of the Admiralty, to have his seniority ante-dated by not more than one year, provided that the appointment is one recognised by the Admiralty for this purpose, but this concession not ordinarily to be granted where the interval between the termination of the hospital appointment and the date of entry into the Service exceeds six months. The period of not less than one year in a ‘resident’ appointment may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, include a period of not more than six months spent in a ‘non-resident’ appointment recognised by the Admiralty.

The increase of seniority allowed under the above conditions not to render an Officer eligible to receive pay before the date of his actual entry into the Naval Service, but the time concerned to reckon for increase of full, unemployed and half pay while on the active list and retired pay or gratuity on retirement or withdrawal.

In the event of a temporary Officer or an Officer entered for short service, being transferred to the permanent list on or after the 1st July, 1926, he may be granted the above concession, at Admiralty discretion, under similar conditions to those applicable to candidates who may enter the permanent service direct, except that the time shall not count for gratuity on retirement or withdrawal.

The above concession may also be extended, at Admiralty discretion, to include Officers entered for short service, who have held a recognised civil hospital appointment, but were transferred to the permanent list before the 1st July, 1926. For such Officers, however, the concession shall be limited to such an ante-date of seniority as will preserve their position on the seniority list in relation to Officers transferred on or after that date. Any increased seniority thus granted shall count for purposes of increments of full, half and unemployed pay, and for promotion, but not for retired pay or gratuity, and no arrears of full pay shall be paid in respect of any period prior to the 1st July, 1926.

“ II. DENTAL OFFICERS, R.N.

The rank of Surgeon Captain (D) to be introduced and the establishment of Dental Officers to be as follows:—

- 1 Surgeon Captain (D).  
3 Surgeon Commanders (D).  
60 { Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders (D).  
Surgeon Lieutenants (D).

“(2) *Surgeon Captain (D)—Pay and conditions of service.*

The rates of pay and conditions of service, etc. applicable to the rank of Surgeon Captain (D) to be as follows:—

Rates of Pay.	Standard Rate of Full Pay per Diem.
	£ s. d.
On promotion ... ..	3 2 6
After 3 years ... ..	3 7 6
After 6 years ... ..	3 12 6
After 9 years ... ..	3 17 6

The above standard rates of pay to be comparable with the standard rates authorised by Order in Council of the 22nd January, 1920, and the rates to be subject to alteration on the same dates and in like manner to the rates specified in that Order in Council.

Unemployed pay, half pay, retired pay, widows' pensions and allowance to dependants to be at the same rates and subject to the same conditions as for Captains, R.N.

*Retirement.*

To be retired at the age of 55, and to be retired at any age, at the discretion of the Admiralty, if found physically unfit to serve; optional retirement at 40 to be allowed at Admiralty discretion.

To be retired at any age so soon as two years have elapsed since last service in the rank of Surgeon Captain (D), but not less than three years from date of promotion to that rank.

“(3) *Promotion to Surgeon Commander (D) and Surgeon Captain (D).*

To be strictly by selection, and to be confined to Officers who have proved themselves to be fitted for promotion both professionally and as administrators.

“(4) *Counting of previous Hospital Service.*

A Dental Officer who enters the Service on or after 1st July, 1926, and who has held, for a period of not less than six months before the date of his entry into the Service, a whole-time appointment as Dental Officer in a recognised civil dental hospital, or in the dental department of a recognised civil general hospital, after becoming a qualified dental practitioner, to be eligible, at the discretion of the Admiralty, to have his seniority ante-dated according to the period (not exceeding six months) during which such appointment has been held, provided that the appointment is one recognised by the Admiralty for this purpose, but this concession not ordinarily to be granted where the interval between the