

" And whereas Orders in Council of the 17th May, 1920, and the 26th June, 1930, sanctioned certain changes in the non-substantive Diving ratings held by Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, whereby men are at present employed and paid in the non-substantive ratings of Diver, First and Second Class, Artificer Diver, First and Second Class, Seaman Deep Diver, and Artificer Deep Diver:

" And whereas we consider it desirable to re-organise the Diving non-substantive ratings so that eventually they shall consist of the grades of Deep Diver, Diver, First Class, and Diver, Second Class, with remuneration at the rate of 9d., 6d., and 3d., a day respectively, together with extra pay for diving work at the rates authorised for the rating of Diver by Order in Council of the 26th June, 1930:

" And whereas we propose that men holding the existing ratings of Seaman Deep Diver, Diver, First Class, and Diver, Second Class, shall be assimilated to the new grades as we direct, and that men now holding, or undergoing qualifying courses for, the ratings of Artificer Deep Diver, Artificer Diver, First Class, and Artificer Diver, Second Class, shall continue to hold those ratings and to receive the present rates of 1s. 2d., 9d., and 6d., a day respectively, with extra pay for diving work at the rates authorised for Artificer Diver by Order in Council of the 26th June, 1930, so long as they remain efficient in the non-substantive rating, Artificer Divers, Second Class, to continue to be eligible for the rating of Artificer Diver, First Class:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the foregoing.

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

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.

Rupert B. Howorth.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *June*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 15th day of May, 1939 (P.M. 1568/39), in the words following, viz.:—

" Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein 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 Order in Council bearing date the 29th of July, 1937, sanction was given *inter alia*, that all men whose First Continuous Service engagement having expired, re-entered or re-engaged for Non-continuous Service under certain emergency and expansion schemes should, provided they are otherwise eligible, count the time as Continuous Service time for Naval Pension and Good Conduct Medal Gratuity as if they had re-engaged in the General Service to complete time for pension:

" And whereas we are of opinion that this condition should apply also to Royal Fleet Reservists who volunteered during the manning emergency for service under the aforesaid schemes or analogous service, which involves discharge from the Reserve (though with the reservation of certain Reserve privileges) and re-entry on an Active Service basis, and that if such men are invalided during the currency of their Active Service engagements, they should be eligible for invaliding gratuity or pension on the Naval scale if more beneficial than proportionate Royal Fleet Reserve Gratuity:

" And whereas we are of opinion that Royal Naval Reservists who volunteered under similar conditions for service under the aforesaid schemes or for analogous service should be eligible for invaliding gratuity or pension on the Naval scale if more beneficial than proportionate Naval Reserve gratuity:

" We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the proposals set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" 1. Royal Fleet Reservists who volunteered for service under the emergency and expansion schemes or for analogous service, and who are otherwise eligible, to be permitted to count time served under their emergency Non-Continuous Service engagements as Continuous Service time for the purposes of the award of Naval pension and the R.N. Long Service and Good Conduct medal and gratuity.

" 2. Royal Fleet and Royal Naval Reservists serving under the schemes referred to in paragraph 1, if invalided during the currency of their Active Service engagements, to be awarded pension and gratuity on the Naval scale, if more beneficial than proportionate Reserve gratuity.

" 3. The same time not to be allowed to reckon for both Reserve gratuity and Naval Pension, or for both Reserve and Active Service medal: Royal Fleet Reservists, however, not to be debarred from counting the same time for both Reserve gratuity and Active Service medal and gratuity."

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.

Rupert B. Howorth.