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TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1943

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *September*, 1943.

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 13th day of September, 1943 (N.28394/42), 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 we deem it expedient to make special provision for the grant of discharge gratuities to certain Naval ratings on regular engagements:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to sanction the following arrangements:—

"A gratuity of £1 for each completed year of a man's service on a Continuous Service engagement or on the active service portion of a Special Service engagement (counting any final uncompleted year as a full year) shall be paid at our discretion to men, or to their estates, who

"I. Die whilst so serving, provided it be certified that death is not due to their own negligence or default.

"II. Are invalided whilst so serving otherwise than by their own negligence or default, as an alternative to any gratuity payable under Order in Council of 6th February, 1922, Schedule I (Service Element) (b) and Schedule II (b), where more favourable.

"III. Are discharged on completion of their Continuous Service engagement (or active service portion of Special Service engagement) if not re-engaged and not discharged to pensions provided that they enrol in the Royal Fleet Reserve, or have applied to re-engage, or to enrol in the Royal Fleet Reserve, but have been refused on medical grounds, or through lack of vacancies.

The gratuity will not be payable to:—

"A. Men discharged to pension, or in receipt of pension.

"B. Men discharged by purchase or free at own request, even if they enrol in the Royal Fleet Reserve.

"C. Men discharged unsuitable, Services No Longer Required as fraudulent entries, or otherwise on disciplinary grounds.

"D. Men refused re-engagement, or enrolment in the Royal Fleet Reserve, on account of unsatisfactory conduct or adverse recommendation.

"E. Men declining re-engagement, or enrolment in the Royal Fleet Reserve.

"F. Men discharged from their engagements for the purpose of being granted Warrants or Commissions.

"General.

"(a) Service allowed to count for gratuity shall be assessed by the same rules as service allowed to count for pension by King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

"(b) Where men who, after refusing to enrol in the Royal Fleet Reserve, on termination of active service engagement are subsequently accepted for enrolment within one year of discharge, gratuity in respect of Naval or Royal Marine Service will be payable.

"(c) Men, who, after being awarded a gratuity, re-enter on an engagement to complete time for pension will be required to refund the gratuity as a condition of re-entry; but if during their second engagement they are discharged in circumstances which qualify them for a gratuity, time served under both engagements will count.

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

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.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

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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 18th day of September, 1943 (C.W. 24996/43), 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: