

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *October*, 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 17th day of *October*, 1943 (P.M. 1915/43), 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:

"And whereas by Orders in Council dated 26th May, 1925, 19th April, 1933, and 28th May, 1936, conditions of service were prescribed for the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service:

"And whereas we consider it expedient that provision should be made for the raising of the age limits for service in the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service, and for the award of further additions to the discharge gratuities for which certain members of this Force are at present eligible:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the regulations contained in the annexed Schedule, to have effect from 6th *October*, 1937.

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

"SCHEDULE.

"1. Officers and Men of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service to be allowed to serve, until the age of 60 provided that their services are so long required.

"2. The maximum period of service allowed to count for discharge gratuities to be twenty years.

"3. Discharge gratuities payable to Officers who as ratings of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service entered before 1st April, 1933, to be as follows:—

(a) Up to age 55, subject to the conditions and provisions laid down in Order in Council dated 19th April, 1933.

(b) For each complete calendar month's service after reaching age 55, an addition of a further £2 if discharged as Chief Officer, or £2 10s. od. if discharged as Senior Chief Officer.

"4. Officers who as ratings of the Royal Naval Shore Signal Service entered before 1st April, 1933, who are permitted to retire voluntarily on or after attaining age 55 to be eligible for gratuities assessed on the basis laid down in paragraph 3 of this Schedule, provided they have served for at least five years as an Officer."

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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WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, dated the 30th September, 1943, in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted that all pay, wages, pensions and bounty money, grants and 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, or to the widow or any relative 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 Your Majesty's Order in Council of the 10th February, 1943, provision was made concerning retired pay, pensions, allowances

and gratuities for members of the naval forces and of the nursing and auxiliary services thereof disabled, and for the widows, children and dependants of such members deceased, in consequence of the present war:

"And whereas I am of opinion that it is desirable that the Regulations annexed to Your Majesty's said Order in Council should be amended in manner set forth in the Schedule hereto:

"I beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to provide that the Regulations annexed to Your Majesty's said Order in Council of the 10th February, 1943, shall be amended as set forth in the Schedule hereto, and as so amended shall have effect as from the 16th August, 1943, in relation to any member of the naval forces or of the nursing and auxiliary services thereof whose disablement or death is due to war service after the 2nd September, 1939.

"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 Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

SCHEDULE.

1. The following Article shall be inserted after Article 2:—

"2A Entitlement.—(1) The disablement or death of a member of the naval forces shall be accepted as due to war service for the purpose of these Regulations provided it is certified that—

(a) the disablement is due to a wound, injury or disease which—

(i) is attributable to war service, or

(ii) existed before or arose during war service and has been and remains aggravated thereby; or

(b) the death was due to or hastened by—

(i) a wound, injury or disease which was attributable to war service; or

(ii) the aggravation by war service of a wound, injury or disease which existed before or arose during war service.

(2) In no case shall there be an onus on any claimant under these Regulations to prove the fulfilment of the conditions set out in paragraph (1) of this Article and the benefit of any reasonable doubt shall be given to the claimant.

(3) Where an injury or disease which has led to a member's discharge or death during war service was not noted in a medical report made on that member on the commencement of his war service, a certificate under paragraph (1) of this Article shall be given unless the evidence shows that the conditions set out in that paragraph are not fulfilled.

(4) Where there is no note in contemporary official records of a material fact on which the claim is based, other reliable corroborative evidence of that fact may be accepted."

2. In Article 4 for the words "who is then or later certified to be disabled in consequence of a disability attributable to naval service during the war" there shall be substituted the words "whose disablement is due to war service."

3. Article 5 shall be omitted.

4. For the subparagraphs numbered (1) and (2) in Articles 39, 53 and 67, there shall be substituted the words "is due to war service."

5. Any requirement that a disability shall be attributable to service during the war, or that death shall have taken place in any circumstances specified in Articles 39, 53 or 67, shall be treated as a requirement that the disablement or death, as the case may be, shall be due to war service

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WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 7th day of *October*, 1943, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and