

fifteen feet high and displayed outstanding courage in going into the water alone, as he was fully aware of the treacherous nature of the surf. However, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he went over the reef into the open sea in an attempt to assist the visitors. Although he was unable to carry out normal life saving drill on account of the huge seas prevailing, he was able to offer advice which greatly contributed to four of the servicemen being saved from drowning.

Government House, Canberra, 31st October, 1952.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following Royal Australian Air Force personnel who have been commended posthumously in connection with the above-mentioned incident:—

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT (POSTHUMOUS).

A.23217 Leading Aircraftman Michael Paul ROWAN, (Deceased), Royal Australian Air Force.

A.23687 Leading Aircraftman Peter James ECCLESTON (Deceased), Royal Australian Air Force.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

29th October, 1952.

MEMBER ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT.

Cleveland Constituency.

Arthur Montague Frank Palmer, Esquire, in the place of Octavius George Willey, Esquire, C.B.E., deceased.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

30th October, 1952.

MEMBER ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT.

North Antrim Constituency.

Phelim Robert Hugh O'Neill, Esquire, in the place of The Right Honourable Sir Robert William Hugh O'Neill, Baronet, who since his election for the said Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in Her Majesty's County of Buckingham.

Commonwealth Relations Office.

31st October, 1952.

ROYAL WARRANT.

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas We deem it expedient to make provision for the increase of pensions and other awards of certain officers and warrant and non-commissioned officers of our late Indian Armed Forces and of their dependants to correspond as near as may be with the benefits provided in the case of certain civil pensions by the Pensions (Increase) Act 1952.

Our Will and Pleasure is that the provisions which are set out in the Schedules to this Our Warrant shall have effect from the 1st October 1952.

Given at Our Court of St. James on the Fourteenth day of October, 1952 in the first Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Salisbury.

SCHEDULE.

1. This Schedule, except as stated in paragraph 2, relates to the following pensions:—

(a) Officers' service pension and the service portion of disability pension, if assessed under Regulations in force before the 1st September 1950.

(b) The service pension and the service portion of disability pension of members of the former Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.

(c) Soldiers' service pensions (including additions for rank and age) if assessed under Regulations in force before the 1st September 1950.

(d) Widows' "ordinary" pensions and children's "ordinary" compassionate allowances.

(e) (i) Victoria Cross annuities of £10 (with £5 for each bar) and pensions for distinguished conduct.

(ii) Rewards to Officers, meritorious service annuities, and the pay provided by Indian Regulations as a reward for distinguished military service, provided that, in the case of awards made after the 31st March, 1947, the recipient is also in receipt of another award increasable under the provisions of this Schedule.

2. This Schedule does not relate to:—

(a) Pensions payable to persons resident in—

(i) territories which were, before the 15th day of August 1947, included in India, as defined by sub-section (1) of Section 311 of the Government of India Act, 1935, or

(ii) the French and Portuguese Settlements in India.

(b) To pensions payable to any person resident in any place outside the United Kingdom, if the pension is expressed in rupees in Indian Pension Regulations.

3. A pension to which this Schedule relates may be increased provided the following conditions are fulfilled:—

(a) The income of the pensioner does not exceed, in the case of a pensioner who is married or has at least one dependant, £550, a year, or in any other case, £425 a year, including any pension in either case, but disregarding, in assessing income for this purpose, the first £104 a year of income other than the increasable pension or pensions, and

(b) either:—

(i) the pensioner has attained the age of 60 years (or, where the pension is a widow's pension, 40 years) or has not attained the age of 16 years, or

(ii) the pensioner was invalided from the Army, or

(iii) the pensioner is a woman who has at least one dependant, or

(iv) the pensioner is permanently incapacitated by physical or mental infirmity from engaging in any regular full-time employment.

4. The increase admissible shall be as follows:—

(a) If the pensioner is married, or has at least one dependant, £26 a year, or in the case of pensions assessed at weekly or daily rates, 10s. a week.

(b) In other cases, £20 a year, or in the case of pensions assessed at weekly or daily rates, 7s. 8d. a week

but shall in no case exceed either one-third of the rate of pension (including any increase granted under orders issued by the Government of India applying to the Indian Armed Forces the provisions of Royal Warrants dated 16th August, 1920 (A.O. 347 of 1920), 7th August, 1924 (A.O. 288 of 1924), 31st May, 1944 (A.O. 89 of 1944), 18th January, 1946 (A.O. 7 of 1946) and 13th May, 1947 (A.O. 58 of 1947)) or the amount required to bring the income of the pensioner up to the appropriate income limit in paragraph 3 (a) above, whichever is less.

5. Any portion of a pension which has been commuted shall not be regarded as part of the pension for the purposes of this Schedule.

6. The income of a married pensioner shall be deemed to include the income of the husband or wife of that pensioner, but the income of a pensioner shall not be otherwise deemed to include the income of any other person.

7. A pensioner shall be regarded as unmarried unless the husband or wife of the pensioner is alive, and where a husband and wife are living apart, they may be treated as unmarried persons at the discretion of our Secretary of State.

8. To be regarded as dependent on the pensioner for the purposes of this Schedule a person must be in fact wholly or mainly supported by the pensioner, and must not have an income from other sources (apart from income from any scholarship or educational endowment) in excess of £104 a year, and must be either:—

(i) the parent, brother, sister, child, uncle or aunt of the pensioner, or of the pensioner's husband or wife, or deceased husband or wife, or the child of such a relative ("child" including legitimate and illegitimate children, step-children,