

"SECTION II"

"Pensions for Widows and Children of Temporary Branch Officers, etc."

"5. The provisions in this Section relate to the widows and children of Regular seamen and marines who held temporary Branch or other commissioned status and gave full pay service on or after 31st August, 1950.

"(i) The families of officers of this category who at the time of death were either in receipt of or would have been eligible for service retired pay under special regulations may be awarded pensions as follows:—

"Widows"

"Where the officer has completed 20 years' reckonable service (or 10 years if he is invalided or dies while serving) the pension will be £70 a year. Where he has less than that service, but 15 years' total service or more, the pension will be £60 a year.

"Children"

"Children's pensions will be as for the children of permanent regular officers.

"(ii) The families of officers of this category who at the time of death were in receipt of or would have been eligible for service pensions on the ratings' scale only, will be allowed pensions as follows:—

"Widow	£60 a year
Children, each	£20 a year
or, if motherless, each	£40 a year

"The minimum period of service required will be as for service pension, viz. normally 22 years' reckonable service, or 12 years if the officer is invalided

(or dies while serving). At least two years' service as Temporary Branch Officer during the last five years of service will be necessary.

"SECTION III"

"Pensions for Widows and Children of Regular Long Service Ratings and Royal Marine Other Ranks"

"6. The provisions in this Section relate to the widow and children of Naval Ratings and Royal Marines who gave full pay service on normal regular engagements on or after 31st August, 1950.

"(i) Regimental Sergeant Major, R.M.

"Pensions at the rates set out below may be granted to the widow and children of a Regimental Sergeant Major, R.M., who dies whilst serving or after discharge to pension, provided that:—

"(a) he was granted or was eligible for service pension or, in the case of death whilst serving, would have been eligible by length of service had he been invalided, and

"(b) he served for two years in the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major, R.M., or above during the last five years of his service.

"Widow's pension	£60 a year
Children, each	£20 a year
or, if motherless, each	£40 a year

"(ii) All other ranks and ratings.

"Pensions at the rates set out below may be granted to the widow and children of a rating or marine who dies whilst serving or after discharge to pension, provided the rating or marine had reckonable service for pension of the length stipulated.

		"Minimum period of reckonable service to qualify, and pension rate"			
		22 years weekly	27 years weekly	32 years weekly	37 years weekly
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
"Widows"					
"Rating or Rank of husband:—					
Quartermaster Sergeant, R.M. ... ..	... ..	12 6	15 0	17 6	20 0
Chief Petty Officer ... ..	... ..	10 0	12 6	15 0	17 6
Petty Officer	} or equivalent Royal Marine Rank	—	10 0	12 6	15 0
Leading Rate		—	—	10 0	12 6
Able Seaman		—	—	10 0	12 6
"Children"					
"Each child ... ..	... ..		3s. 6d. a week		
or, if motherless, each ... ..	... ..		5s. 0d. a week		

"Rating or rank for the purpose of determining both entitlement to and the rate of pension will be the highest paid rating or rank held for two years or more during the last five years of service.

"SECTION IV"

"Conditions Governing the Award of Widows' and Children's Pensions"

Widows' Pensions

"7. To be eligible for pension a widow must have been married to the officer or seaman or marine before his retirement or discharge to pension, or, if he subsequently gave further service in circumstances rendering him eligible to be considered for a re-assessment of retired pay or service pension, before the termination of such further service.

"8. If the death of the officer or seaman or marine occurred within a year of his marriage it shall be for the Admiralty to determine whether the circumstances of the case warrant the withholding or restriction of the award which would normally be admissible.

"9. A widow's pension shall cease on her re-marriage, but if she again becomes a widow her pension may be restored in whole, or in part, provided her pecuniary circumstances are, in the opinion of the Admiralty, such as to justify the restoration.

Children's Pensions

"10. Children's pensions may be granted, subject to the conditions stated, to:—

"(a) Legitimate children of the officer or seaman or marine where the mother is, or would have been, eligible for a widow's pension.

"(b) Step-children of the officer or seaman or marine where the mother is, or would have been, eligible for a widow's pension, and who were mainly dependent on him at the time of death.

"(c) Children adopted by the officer or seaman or marine, or by his wife, before his retirement or discharge to pension (or, if he subsequently gave further service in circumstances rendering him eligible to be considered for a re-assessment of retired pay or service pension, before the termination of such further service), who were mainly dependent on him at the time of his death.

"(d) Illegitimate children of the officer or seaman or marine, or of his wife, born before his retirement or discharge to pension (or, if he subsequently gave further service in circumstances rendering him eligible to be considered for a re-assessment of retired pay or service pension, before the termination of such further service), who were mainly dependent on him at the time of his death.

"11. Children's pensions will normally cease when the child attains the age of 18 years in the case of officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors, R.M., or the age of 16 years in the case of lower ranks, but may be granted or continued after those ages:—

"(a) if the child continues in receipt of full-time education, or is an apprentice receiving not more than nominal wages, or

"(b) if the child was, before attaining the normal age limit as above laid down, and still is, afflicted with some mental or bodily infirmity, and thereby rendered incapable of earning his or her own living, provided the pecuniary circumstances of the child and family are considered by the Admiralty to justify the award.