

" 12. Children's pensions shall be issuable to the widow or mother of the child, or other person responsible for the child's maintenance, or to the child direct, as may be decided by the Admiralty.

" Pensions of children of officers and of Regimental Sergeant Majors, R.M., may be issued annually in advance, with effect from the 1st April in each year.

" *Conditions—General.*

" 13. A widow's or child's pension cannot be claimed as a right.

" 14. A widow's or child's pension shall not be given if the service of the officer or seaman or marine was, in the opinion of the Admiralty, unsatisfactory.

" 15. If the death of an officer or rating or marine, or the wound, injury or disease which resulted in his death, was due wholly or in part to his own negligence or misconduct or to any cause within his control, any grant which might otherwise have been made to his widow or children may be withheld or reduced in amount at the discretion of the Admiralty.

" 16. If an officer retired, dismissed the Service, or called upon to retire for misconduct or inefficiency, or a rating or marine discharged for misconduct or inefficiency, was not granted any retired pay or pension in respect of his service, no award shall be made to the family. If reduced retired pay or pension was allowed, the award to the widow shall be reduced by one-half the percentage of such reduction.

" 17. A pension shall not be granted or continued where the applicant is unworthy nor, subject to any exception which the Admiralty may approve, shall it be granted to a widow who was separated from her husband at the time of his death. Should an exception be approved, the grant shall be at such rate, within the scales laid down, and subject to such conditions, as the Admiralty may determine.

" 18. If the applicant is granted any other pension or allowance from the public on account of the services of the deceased, whether in the Royal Navy or in the Royal Marines or in any other capacity, the amount of such other grant may be taken into consideration, and the award permissible under this Schedule may be withheld or reduced at the discretion of the Admiralty.

" 19. No award under Sections I, II or III shall be payable to a widow or child who is in receipt of a pension or allowance on the ground that the death of the officer or seaman or marine concerned was due to his service in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines.

" 20. In exceptional circumstances, the Admiralty may at their discretion suspend or withhold the whole or any part of a pension granted under this Schedule, and they may divert the whole or any part for the benefit of persons dependent on the pensioner.

" 21. The date of commencement of pension shall be determined according to the circumstances of the case and shall normally, if application is not unduly delayed, be the date following death, or the date following the termination of allowances issuable after death.

" *Commutation of Retired Pay under the Pensions Commutation Acts.*

" 22. The wife and children of an officer who commutes his retired pay wholly or partially, under the Pensions Commutation Acts of 1871 to 1882, shall not thereby be deprived of any entitlement to pension under this Schedule, but the award to the widow of an officer whose marriage took place after commutation, to a legitimate or illegitimate child born after commutation, to a step-child eligible by virtue of a marriage after commutation, or to a child adopted after commutation, shall be reduced by an amount corresponding to the proportion of retired pay commuted.

" SECTION V.

" *Revision of 'Ordinary' Pension Scheme.*

" 23. The following changes shall be made in the provision for the grant of 'Ordinary' pensions and compassionate allowances to the widows and children of officers and Sergeant Majors, R.M., made in earlier Orders in Council, and all such Orders in Council shall be construed, as from 1st December, 1952, as amended accordingly:—

" (a) The pecuniary circumstances of the applicant or pensioner shall be ignored, except insofar

as they relate to the restoration of widows' pensions on second widowhood, or to the grant or continuance of a compassionate allowance on account of infirmity to children over the normal age limits for such awards.

" (b) Differences in age between husband and wife, and the husband's age on marriage, shall not be taken into account.

" (c) Pension may be granted notwithstanding that the husband did not survive his marriage by at least a year, if the circumstances are considered to justify the award.

" (d) Marriage before retirement or before discharge to pension shall not be a condition where the officer or Sergeant Major, R.M., gave further service qualifying for a re-assessment of retired pay or pension, and married before the termination of such further service.

" (e) Re-employed service after 2nd September, 1939, may be reckoned, if the officer or Sergeant Major, R.M., received (or if he died during such service, would have been eligible to receive) retired pay or pension, or a re-assessed award, in respect of such service; higher rank held during the re-employment may be taken into account to the same extent as for retired pay purposes.

" (f) The rates of 'Ordinary' pensions and compassionate allowances shall be as follows:—

" Rank	<i>Ordinary Pension to Widow</i>
	£
" Admiral of the Fleet ...	500 a year
Admiral, General, R.M. ...	425 a year
Vice-Admiral, Lieutenant-General, R.M. ...	350 a year
Rear Admiral, Major-General, R.M. ...	300 a year
* Captain, R.N., Colonel, R.M., and Lieutenant-Colonel, R.M. ...	220 a year
Commander, R.N., Major, R.M. ...	180 a year
Lieutenant - Commander, R.N., Captain, R.M. ...	140 a year
Lieutenant, R.N., and R.M. Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List) ...	110 a year
Commissioned Officer (Branch List) ...	80 a year
Chaplain of the Fleet ...	300 a year
<i>" Chaplains</i>	
Where existing entitlement is £50 a year, rate to be increased to £110 a year.	
Where existing entitlement is £70 a year, rate to be increased to £140 a year.	
Where existing entitlement is £90 a year, rate to be increased to £180 a year.	
Where existing entitlement is £100 a year, rate to be increased to £220 a year.	

" Where under earlier Orders in Council the rate of widow's pension was governed by an officer's seniority or by a rank which is now obsolete, the appropriate rate on the above scale shall be determined by the relative rank groupings in the Schedule to Order in Council of the 25th June, 1925.

" *Children*

" Officers (all ranks, including Senior Commissioned Officers, Branch List)	
" Each child ...	£32 a year
If motherless, each ...	£50 a year
" Commissioned Officer (Branch List)	
" Each child ...	£26 a year
If motherless, each ...	£45 a year
" Sergeant-Major, R.M.	
" Each child ...	£20 a year
If motherless, each ...	£40 a year

" (g) If an officer held after 2nd September, 1939, paid acting or temporary or substantive rank higher than that on which the widow's pension would otherwise be assessed, such higher rank may be taken into account to the same extent as for retired pay purposes.

* The widow of a Captain who was eligible for the 'over six year' scale of retired pay under the Order in Council of 28th July, 1949, to receive the rate of £250 a year.