

For each year of reckonable service as Senior Commissioned Officer (B.L.) R.N. or R.M. or Lieutenant (S.D. List) R.N. or R.M. or above

£135

"An officer with sufficient service to qualify for an award of retired pay, or for an award of pension on the ratings' scale (with special rank increments for service as officer), will not be eligible for an alternative award of gratuity on the foregoing scale.

"Voluntary retirements with a gratuity on the scale laid down above will be allowable at the discretion of the Admiralty in exceptional circumstances only.

"22. If retired for misconduct, or on termination of commission for any of the reasons set out in Clause 13 (b), with at least twelve years' actual service from age 18, a gratuity or a compassionate gratuity may be allowed at the discretion of the Admiralty, but not in any event exceeding 90 per cent. of the award which would have been admissible under Clause 21 had the officer retired at his own request.

"(Note: Any officer who has served on a rating's engagement carrying a title to rating's gratuity on completing at least ten years' service after age 18, will have a reserved right to an award under Clauses 21 and 22 on completion of ten years' such service instead of twelve years.)

"23. If invalided with less than 10 years' qualifying service and with insufficient service to qualify for a pension on the ratings' scale, a gratuity at the rate of £115 a year for each complete year of qualifying service may be granted.

"SECTION V.

"Rank for Retired Pay Purposes.

"24. Subject to the following Clauses, the rank for retired pay purposes shall be the substantive rank held by the officer on his retirement, provided that, unless the officer is invalided, the rank had been held on the Active List for the following minimum period:—

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| "(i) Admiral; General, Royal Marines | 1 year |
| "(ii) All other officers (except as in (iii)) | 2 years |
| "(iii) Commanders and Lieutenant-Commanders from the Branch List, and equivalent Royal Marine Officers: Majors (Special Duties) R.M. | 1 year |

"If the substantive rank has been held for less than the period specified, the rank for retired pay purposes shall be the highest substantive rank which (with periods spent in higher substantive rank) satisfies the condition.

"25. Service as Acting Captain, Royal Navy, up to 31st October, 1957, inclusive, may be reckoned towards the requirement of six years' service as Captain irrespective of the date of substantive promotion.

"Additions to Retired Pay for Service in Paid Acting Rank.

"26. Where an officer has for a year or more held paid acting rank above his rank for retired pay purposes, he may be granted an addition to the retired pay for which he is otherwise eligible, calculated as follows:—

"(a) For each year (subject to a maximum of three) for which the paid acting rank was held, there may be added one-third of the difference between the retired pay for which the officer is eligible and the retired pay for which he would have been eligible had his rank for retired pay purposes been one rank above his substantive rank.

"(b) Where substantive rank is not otherwise reckonable for retired pay, it may be reckoned as if it were paid acting rank for the purpose of an addition under (a) above.

"The provisions of this Clause shall cease to have effect in respect of retirements after the 31st October, 1957. An officer retiring subsequently, will, however, be eligible to receive, as a reserved right, the retired pay which he might have been given had he retired on the 31st October, 1957, for the same cause, based on his rank and service up to that date. For the purpose of this reserved right the substantive rank held on the 31st October, 1957, may be regarded as the rank for retired pay purposes, even if it had not then been held for the period specified in Clause 24 above as a necessary qualification for the retired pay of that rank, provided the appropriate period in the substantive rank is in fact subsequently completed.

"Qualifying Service for Service Retired Pay and Gratuities.

"27. The following periods may be included in assessing qualifying service for the purpose of the foregoing Clauses, subject to the conditions set out:—

"(a) Subject to Clause 31, full pay commissioned service (including mobilised or embodied service or for the purpose of training) as an officer of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army or the Royal Air Force or of the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces, and of the former Armed Forces of India or Burma, or of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth or a Colony, provided that such service would be reckonable as qualifying service under Army or Royal Air Force regulations; except broken periods each of less than six months' duration.

"(b) While a permanent regular officer, periods in appointments not remunerated from Naval Funds, in respect of which the conditions of Clause 29 are satisfied.

"(c) Periods before 1st August, 1938, on unemployed pay, or on half-pay not following the sentence of a Court Martial or the expiration of full pay sick leave, will reckon as service in full up to a maximum of six months in any one period or two years in all. Any such service not reckoning in full under the above rule will reckon as a third, subject to a maximum of six years such service reckoning as two years.

"(d) Loss of seniority or time forfeited by sentence of Court Martial or Disciplinary Court will not involve loss of service for retired pay or gratuity.

"(e) (i) *In full*: Service as Branch Officer; or Acting Sub-Lieutenant; or Second Lieutenant, Royal Marines (not below the age of 20); and in higher ranks.

(ii) *In half*: Service (not below the age of 18) as Midshipman or Cadet; or as Second Lieutenant, Royal Marines under the age of 20.

"(f) Service below commissioned rank which would be admissible as service for pension under clauses 8 to 12 of Schedule III, to the following extent:—

"(i) *In full*: Service which would earn rank element of pension in the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major, Royal Marines, or of Warrant Officer, Class I, in the Army or the Royal Air Force.

"(ii) *In half*: other service.

"28. Service preceding a five year interval in service shall not be included unless specially allowed by the Admiralty, and eligibility to reckon such previous service will normally be determined at the time of resumption of service. Where, during a break in service the officer has been a member of the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, or other reserve of any of the Forces, undertaking or liable for periodical training, the period of such membership will not be considered an interval in service for the purpose of deciding whether the previous service is admissible.

"29. The appointments not remunerated from Naval Funds, referred to in Clause 27 (b) above, which may be allowed as qualifying service are those which it may be decided by the Admiralty can reasonably be regarded as part of an officer's career as such. They shall be appointments to which the officer brings his naval knowledge, and from which he acquires additional experience, and which have been officially offered to him as part of his Naval service.

"Reckonable Service for Retired Pay.

"30. The reckonable service for retired pay shall be so much of an officer's qualifying service as was given after attaining age 21 years provided that if he served on the lower deck or in the ranks of the Royal Marines before he was commissioned, his qualifying service as a rating or an other rank, given before age 21, may be included, subject to the total service so reckoned being not greater than would have been reckonable had he been commissioned at age 21.

"Counting of Previous Service for which a non-effective Award has been Received.

"31. (a) In the case of previous service in respect of which the officer received a service gratuity, or in any case of previous service other than in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army, or the Royal Air Force, it may be stipulated as a condition for allowing such service to reckon for retired pay,