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TUESDAY, 2 APRIL, 1957

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace* the 15th day of *March*, 1957.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 13th day of March, 1957, (N.P. 1351/56) 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 Forces 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 Order in Council dated the 30th day of January, 1952, a new pay code and increased rates of pay were introduced from 1st September, 1950:

"And whereas it was found desirable to increase certain of these rates of pay from 1st April, 1954:

"And whereas we deem it expedient to adopt a revised pay code providing a higher Scale of pay for ratings who enter for, or transfer to, longer periods of service, and increasing rates of pay and certain allowances:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the proposals set out in the accompanying Schedules, with effect from the 1st day of April, 1956, except where otherwise provided:

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

" SCHEDULE I—GENERAL

"1. The rates of pay and allowances in the following Schedules are to apply with effect from 1st April, 1956, unless otherwise provided, to ratings and other ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines other than National Servicemen and ratings recruited abroad for local service.

"2. The new basic rates of pay for ratings serving on a 9 year engagement (or for those serving on a 12 years' continuous service engagement) are defined as 'the standard rate'. Service beyond 9 years is to be recognised by the addition to basic pay of Length of Service Pay at appropriate points. Those ratings who choose to remain on engagements of less than 9 years are to receive lower rates of pay, which are defined in the following Schedules as 'the 7 year rate'.

"3. The rates of Marriage Allowance are to remain unaltered.

" SCHEDULE II—SEAMAN BRANCH

" Pay Classification and rates

Pay Classification

" Ordinary Rating	... On entry	... ..	(B)
	... After 26 weeks' total service (i.e. including time as Junior)	... ..	(A)
" Able Rating	... No S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	(B)
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	}
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification passed for Leading	... ..
	... 2nd Class S.Q. whether or not passed for Leading	... ..	(A)
" Leading Rating	... No S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	}
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification passed for P.O.	... ..	}
	... 2nd Class S.Q. not passed for P.O.	... ..
	... 2nd Class S.Q. passed for P.O.	... ..	}
	... 1st Class S.Q. whether or not passed for P.O.	... ..
" Petty Officer	... No S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	(C)
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	}
	... 2nd Class S.Q.	... ..
	... 1st Class S.Q.	... ..	(A)
" Chief Petty Officer	... No S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..	}
	... 3rd Class S.Q. or Star Qualification	... ..
	... 2nd Class S.Q.	... ..	}
	... 1st Class S.Q.	... ..