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W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

This Order amends the Order of the 29th September 1949, as amended by subsequent Orders, to introduce grants, at the age of 70 years or over, for pensioned widows and women who lived as wives, of £26 a year where the deceased member of the forces was a commissioned officer or warrant officer and 10s. a week in other cases.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of May 1959.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865 (28 & 29 Vict. c. 73.), it is enacted that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Her Majesty's naval or marine force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman or marine, or to the widow of any relative of a deceased officer, seaman or marine, 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 Her Majesty deems it expedient to amend the Order concerning retired pay, pensions and other grants in cases where the disablement or death of members of the naval forces is due to service after the 2nd September 1939:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her as aforesaid and of all other powers whatsoever Her thereunto enabling, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

The Order in Council dated the 29th September 1949, relating to members of the naval forces as therein defined, as amended by the Orders in Council of the 28th October 1949, of the 31st May 1951, of the 29th April 1952, of the 18th July 1952, of the 28th May 1953, of the 5th January 1955, of the 29th June 1956, of the 24th January 1957, and of the 27th November 1957, shall be further amended in the respects set out in the following Articles of this Order which shall be construed as one with the said Order of the 29th September 1949.

1. After Article 30 there shall be inserted the following Article:

"30A. Grants to elderly widows and unmarried dependants living as wives.—Where the widow of a member of the naval forces is in receipt of a pension awarded under Article 26 or 28, or an unmarried dependant living as a wife of a member of the naval forces is in receipt of a pension by virtue of the provisions of Article 67 (2), and the widow or unmarried dependant has attained the age of 70 years, she may be awarded a grant at the rate of £26 a year where the member was an officer or at the rate of 10s. a week in any other case."

2. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st June 1959, so, however, that, in relation to any case in which the grant is payable weekly and the 1st June 1959, is not the normal weekly pay day, this Order shall come into operation on the first normal weekly pay day after that date.

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Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 21st day of April 1959 (N.P. 1460/59), 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 service 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 in Order in Council of 20th February 1959, rates and conditions for the award of pensions, terminal grants and gratuities have been laid down for Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval Forces locally entered at Hong Kong:

"And whereas a surplus of Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men exists in certain Branches, Categories and Seniorities of Your Majesty's Naval Forces locally entered at Hong Kong and special provision is necessary to reduce the numbers to the establishments estimated to be necessary:

"And whereas we are of opinion that revised regulations should be introduced for the payment of service gratuities to Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men in order to provide compensation for those whose careers are prematurely terminated:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the award of special gratuities at the rates and subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule annexed hereto.

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

" SCHEDULE

"1. The provisions of this Schedule relate to Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Men of the Royal Navy locally entered at Hong Kong who are borne in Branches or Categories in which the numbers exceed requirements and who in consequence are prematurely discharged on or after 19th January 1959, within such limited periods as the Admiralty may decide.

"2. Subject to the following provisions a rating who has one or more years reckonable service preceding his discharge may be awarded a special gratuity assessed as follows:—

Number of Complete Years of Service	Amount of Gratuity
	£ s. d.
1	1 10 0
2	3 0 0
3	4 5 0
4	6 0 0
5	8 0 0
6	10 0 0
7	11 15 0
8	13 15 0
9	31 10 0
10	35 0 0
11	52 10 0
12	70 0 0
13	87 10 0
14	105 0 0
15	131 4 0
16	157 8 0
17	183 12 0
18	213 2 0
19	242 12 0
20	272 2 0
21	301 12 0

These special gratuities are inclusive of and in lieu of any gratuity for which the rating might otherwise be eligible under the provisions of Order in Council of 20th February 1959, or any previous Order in Council.

"3. Where a rating has rendered 22 or more years of reckonable service he may be awarded a special gratuity of £20 in addition to any pension and terminal grant which may be awarded under the provisions of Order in Council of 20th February 1959.