

RETIRING PENSIONS TO CHIEF GUNNERS, CHIEF BOATSWAINS, CHIEF CARPENTERS, AND WARRANT OFFICERS.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGULATIONS.

They shall be pensioned at 55 years of age, and at any age, if found unfit for service at sea; and they may, by the permission of the Admiralty, be pensioned at their own request, at 50 years of age.

The following shall be the scale of pensions:—

	For each year's Service, above the Rank of Petty Officer.	Addition for each year's Service as Seamen or Petty Officer, but the additional time allowed for Service as Seaman-Gunner not to count.	Maximum for Service only.	Minimum for Service only.
Chief Gunner . . .	} £ s. 5 0	} £ s. 1 10	15	No fixed Minimum.
„ Boatswain . . .				
„ Carpenter . . .				
Warrant Officers:— Under 10 years . . .	3 10	1 10	120	} Under 5 years service as warrant-officer, 40l. With 5 years' do. and under 10, 50l. With 10 years' do. and under 15, 75l. With 15 years' service as warrant-officer, 95l.
With 10 years . . .	4 0	1 10	120	

Chief and other Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters, holding appointments in Her Majesty's Yards, if not entitled to civil superannuation, shall be allowed to count such service as time towards pension, on the above scale.

In the event of the above-mentioned officers having sustained injuries on duty not nearly equivalent to the loss of a limb, or being disabled by sickness contracted in the service, and not from want of proper care on their own part, an increase of not more than 10l. a year may be made to whatever Retiring Allowance may be awarded to them under the foregoing scale, provided they have not already received compensation for the same.

For ruptures and minor injuries received on duty gratuities shall be granted under Article 1976 of the Regulations, at the discretion of the Admiralty, instead of the above increase.

Whenever an application for a pension on account of age, long service, or disability is made by a Chief or other Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter who has received a wound or injury in the service, the Captain will direct the Medical Officer to make a report, which he will forward with the application, for the information of the Admiralty, stating clearly the extent to which the injury affects the applicant, and the degree in which it incapacitates him from contributing towards his own support; if the injury was received before the 30th of August 1870, and no hurt certificate is produced,

the applicant's statement should be supported by any documentary evidence that can be produced.

Special Pensions, or gratuities in excess of the foregoing scale for service may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be awarded when special services have been rendered requiring special reward; and such lower rates of pension as the Admiralty may think proper may be granted to officers who have been guilty of misconduct.

Time during which an officer shall not have maintained a good character in the ships in which he has served shall not be allowed to reckon as service for Pension.

Chief and other Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters may, in such cases as it may be for their advantage, be pensioned on the scale for seamen, their service in the above ranks being allowed to reckon as superior petty time.

Chief Gunners, Chief Boatswains, Chief Carpenters and Warrant Officers who have been dismissed from Her Majesty's service for what may be considered venial offences in the case of seamen, may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be allowed Naval Pensions on the seamen's scale, provided they have twenty-one years' service, or are from age or other causes unfit for service as seamen in the Navy.

In such cases the time served as Warrant Officers may be allowed to reckon as superior single petty time under Article 2141.