

2366 PENSIONS TO WIDOWS AND COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCES TO CHILDREN OF OFFICERS.

CASES ARISING OUT OF THE PRESENT WAR.

REGULATIONS UNDER ORDER IN COUNCIL OF 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1916.

1. The following revised regulations apply to all cases arising out of the present war. The revised rates of pensions and compassionate allowance referred to in paragraphs 3, 6, 7, and 10 have effect, however, from the 1st March, 1916, only, unless otherwise indicated.

The general conditions of award previously laid down remain unchanged except where a contrary intention is definitely expressed.

2. In cases arising out of the present war, including those of Marine Officers employed on board H.M. Ships, the classification governing the award of the different Scales of Pensions and Allowances is as follows, in substitution for that shown on page 893:—

CLASS A.—Officers killed in action, or dying from wounds received in action, whether afloat or ashore, or whose deaths result from destruction of ship, or who suffer death by drowning or other violent death due directly and wholly to War Service.

CLASS B.—Officers who die of disease due to exposure or exertion on service, or from injuries received in and by service, so far as not covered by Class A.

CLASS C.—Officers who die of disease, injury, or accident, not coming under Classes A or B.

2A. In the case of Marine Officers on shore strength the classification is as for the Army, i.e., as follows:—

CLASS A.—Officers killed in action, or dying from wounds received in action, or from other violent death due directly and wholly to War Service.

CLASS B.—Officers who die of disease due to active operations in the field, or otherwise directly attributable to military service, or from injuries received in and by service so far as not covered by Class A.

CLASS C.—Officers who die of disease, injury or accident not coming under Classes A or B.

3. The rates of Pension for Widows of Lieutenants and Sub-Lieutenants in the Royal Navy, and other Officers of corresponding rank in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines are raised to the following amounts:—

Class A	..	..	£100 a year
Class B	..	..	£75 a year
Class C	..	..	£50 a year

4. The additional Gratuity payable in Class A cases will continue to be paid at the existing rates.

5. In the cases of Officers coming under Class C, who die during the present war without completing the minimum period of service necessary to qualify their Widows for the award of Pensions, Gratuities of not less than one year's, and not more than three years', pay will be awarded at the discretion of the Admiralty, and will be paid in each case, either in a lump sum, or in instalments, as the Admiralty may consider desirable.

6. The rates of Compassionate Allowances for the Children of Commissioned Officers of all Ranks up to and including that of Captain in the Royal Navy, or similar relative rank, are as follows:—

Class A	..	..	£24 a year
Class B	..	..	£20 a year
Class C	..	..	£16 a year

7. The rates for the Children of Flag Officers and Officers of similar relative rank are as follows:—

Class A	..	..	£30 a year
Class B	..	..	£25 a year
Class C	..	..	£20 a year

8. In cases of pecuniary need, Educational Allowances of £35 a year for boys, and £25 a year for girls, will be awarded, at the discretion of the Admiralty, to the Children of Commissioned Officers

who die during the war, or are disabled through War Service, these allowances to be payable ordinarily between the ages of 13 and 18, but to be extended, if thought desirable, until the age of 21, on the recommendation of a competent Education Authority, where the education is being continued at Secondary Schools, Technical Schools, or the Universities.

9. In view of the revision in the rates of Compassionate Allowances and the institution of Educational Allowances, the existing provision for the grant of double Compassionate Allowances to motherless children is abolished, subject to the proviso that the Guardian of any child, who considers the provisions of existing Regulations more beneficial to such child, may, at the time the award is made, elect that the child should receive the benefit of existing Regulations, and that such option once exercised shall be final.

10. The following revised Regulations, provided they be more beneficial than existing Regulations, apply in cases arising out of the present war for the award of Pensions and Allowances to the Widows and Children of Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers:—

(a) Killed in the performance of naval or military duty.

(b) Dying of wounds or injuries received in the performance of such duty, within 7 years after the receipt of the wound or injury.

(c) Dying of disease medically certified to have been contracted, or to have developed, while on active service, within 7 years of their removal from duty on account of such disease.

Widow's Pension to be £50 a year in the case of Commissioned Warrant Officers, and £45 a year in the case of Warrant Officers.

Compassionate Allowances on a scale of £8 to £14 to be awarded to the children of Commissioned Warrant Officers and Warrant Officers, and the Admiralty to have discretion to continue the allowance beyond the age of 18 in the case of boys on production of satisfactory evidence that the continuance of the allowance is needed for the purpose of enabling the boy to complete his education.

In cases where separation allowance is being paid, the above Pensions and Compassionate Allowances are payable only from the date of cessation of such separation allowance.

10a. The Widows, children and other dependants of Officers of H.M. Coast Guard are eligible for awards on the same scale and under the same conditions as apply to the dependants of Officers of corresponding rank in the Royal Navy. Coast Guard Officers, promoted on retirement to the rank of Honorary Lieutenant and called up for service in the present war, will for this purpose rank as Commissioned Warrant Officers.

11. The present provision that the aggregate amount of the allowances to the family of any Officer shall not exceed:—

(a) In ordinary cases, the amount of the half-pay of his rank and seniority at the time of his death, and,

(b) In cases where the Officer's death is attributable to the Service, the sum of £100 more than the amount of the half-pay of his rank and seniority at the time of his death,

to be waived, as also the provision that persons who are in receipt of £30 a year from other sources, or whose mothers have been refused Pensions on account of private income, shall be considered ineligible for Compassionate Allowances in ordinary circumstances.

12.—(1) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) or (2) of these Regulations may be granted a further allowance as in the fifth column of the Second Schedule to these Regulations, and a widow awarded a pension under Article 11 (3) a further allowance as in the sixth column of that schedule for each child maintained by her.

These allowances may be granted or continued up to the age of 18 in the case of sons and up to the age of 21 in the case of daughters, unless the child is otherwise provided for or married, and may be granted or further continued after the age of 18 in the case of a son who is an apprentice receiving not more than nominal wages, or is being educated at a secondary school, technical institute, or university.

(2) The above allowances may also be granted or continued after the specified ages in very special cases in which it is shown that (a) the children became afflicted during the officer's lifetime with some mental or bodily infirmity rendering them dependent upon him, and incapable of making adequate exertion for their own support; (b) that such incapacity dates from a period before the children reached the limit of age; and (c) that they are in distressed circumstances. The allowances may be granted or continued for such term as the Minister of Pensions may decide.

(3) A gratuity of one-third of the amount laid down in Article 11 (4) may be granted in addition to children's allowance for each child if the officer dies in the circumstances referred to in Article 11 (1) (a) or (2) (a).

(4) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 may, if in pecuniary need, be granted at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions an education allowance not exceeding £35 a year for each child above the age of 9. The continuance of the allowance shall depend on the Minister being satisfied as to the education the child is receiving. It shall not be granted to a widow receiving an alternative pension under Article 13.

(5) In any case in which, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of whom allowances are payable, the allowances, instead of being paid to the widow, may be administered under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

13. A widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations, who makes application and shows that she was married to the officer before the commencement of the war or of his service, whichever was the later, and that her pension together with children's allowances (if any) which she has been granted under the two preceding articles is less than one-half the alternative retired pay that might have been awarded to the deceased officer under Article 3 had he survived and been incapable of supplementing that retired pay by earnings, may be granted, in lieu of such pension and children's allowances, a pension which shall not exceed one-half of such officer's alternative retired pay.

14. The widow of an officer not eligible for pension under Article 11 may be granted a gratuity of not less than one and not more than three years' pay of the appointment held by the officer provided that:—

(a) the officer dies while on full pay, or during the war after removal from full pay from the injury or disease for which he was removed from full pay or some closely connected disease, and there is a continuous medical history of sickness; and

(b) the widow is disqualified only through the insufficiency of the officer's service for an ordinary pension under the terms of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions

The amount of the gratuity within the above limits shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions and may be paid in a lump sum or in

instalments as he may determine. In the event of the officer leaving motherless children, a similar grant may be made to them under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

15. Any pension granted to the widow of an officer under these Regulations shall cease on her re-marriage; but in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored, if she is otherwise qualified, and if in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions her pecuniary circumstances are such as to justify the restoration. Allowances for children under Article 12 may be paid after re-marriage.

16. The widow of an officer who was at the time of his death in receipt of retired pay in consequence of disablement of not less than £70 a year, but whose death does not render her eligible for a pension under Article 11 of these Regulations may, provided she was living with the officer at the time of his death, receive a pension of not more than one-half the deceased officer's retired pay on account of his disablement, and in no case at a higher rate than provided for under sub-section (3) of that article, this grant to be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and to cease on re-marriage.

17.—(1) The child of an officer who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations may be awarded a pension of £40 a year where the child is or becomes motherless, or is not or ceases to be under the control of its mother. In the event of two or more children being maintained by one person, the amount will be reduced to £35 for each of the children after the first.

(2) The grant, continuance, and administration of the pension, shall be subject to the same conditions as those set forth for children's allowances in Article 12 (1), (2), and (5).

(3) A child granted a pension under sub-section (1) of this Article shall be eligible for a gratuity under the conditions of Article 12 (3), and for an education allowance under the conditions laid down in Article 12 (4).

(4) If the officer met his death in the circumstances of Article 11 (1) (a) or (2) (a) and did not leave a widow, but daughter or daughters only, an annual allowance equal to the ordinary rate of widow's pension as laid down in the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, may be granted to the daughter or daughters collectively instead of the pension under sub-section (1) above. This allowance may be continued until the daughter, or the last surviving daughter, becomes disqualified by marriage.

18. The following conditions shall apply to the grant or continuance of pensions to the relatives, other than widows and children, of deceased officers under Articles 19 and 21 below:—

(1) It shall be granted only if the officer dies in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 (1), (2) or (3) of these Regulations.

(2) It shall be granted or continued only if the pecuniary or other circumstances of the relatives are such as in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions to justify the award.

(3) It shall not, together with any other pension or similar provision from public funds, exceed the pension which has been or would have been awarded to the officer's widow under Article 11 (1), (2) or (3) and the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) It shall not be transferable, except that where it is granted jointly to parents, or to two or more sisters or brothers, it may be continued, wholly or in part, to the survivors.

(5) It shall cease on marriage or re-marriage.

19. (1) A pension may be granted to the parent or parents of an officer of such an amount as the Minister of Pensions may decide, subject to the conditions of Article 18 and such other conditions as he may determine, regard being had to pre-war dependence, if any, and to the age or infirmity of the parent or parents.

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(2) A pension, under the same conditions, may be granted in respect of each son who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 13 (3).

20. A gratuity not exceeding the value of one year's widow's pension may be granted to the parent or parents jointly of an officer, at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions in special cases where the conditions for pensions laid down in the two preceding articles are not fulfilled.

21. (1) A pension may be granted to the sister or brother (or sisters or brothers) of an officer, provided they were wholly or partially dependent on him for support. The pension shall be of such an amount as the Minister of Pensions may decide, subject to the conditions of Article 18 and such other conditions as he may determine, and shall not be granted or continued to a brother after the age of 18, or to a sister after the age of 21, unless he or she is unfitted by age or infirmity to earn his or her living.

(2) A pension under the same conditions may be granted in respect of each brother who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 13 (3).

22. A gratuity not exceeding one-half the value of one year's widow's pension may, at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions, be granted to the sisters or brothers jointly in special cases where the conditions for pensions laid down in Articles 18 and 21 are not fulfilled.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

30. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

(1) "Officer" means a commissioned or subordinate officer on the permanent or temporary or supplementary lists of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, or the Reserves, who has served and been in receipt of Naval pay as such during some period of the present war.

(2) "Widow" means the widow of an officer whose marriage took place before the receipt of the wound or injury which caused his death, or before his removal from duty on account of the contraction or aggravation of the disease which caused his death; provided that the widow of a permanent regular officer married after such date shall not forfeit pension or gratuity if he survives his marriage by at least one year or it can be shown that he was manifestly in good health at the date of his marriage.

(3) "Child" means the legitimate child of an officer born before or within nine months after his retirement, relinquishment of his commission, or reversion to the Reserve or Emergency List, and may include a step-child regularly maintained by him; but shall not include a child whose mother is excluded by (2) above.

(4) "Parent" includes a grandparent or other person who has been in the place of a parent to an officer, and has wholly or mainly supported him for not less than one year at some time before the commencement of the war.

(5) "Pre-war earnings" means the average earnings of an officer during the twelve months preceding the commencement of the war, or such lesser period as he was employed, and shall be computed generally in such manner as is best calculated to give the rate at which he was being remunerated, and, so far as may be applicable, in the same manner as for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906. In the case of a man in trade, business or profession, the average profits of the last three years preceding the commencement of the war shall be taken, or of such lesser period as he engaged therein.

(5) "Pre-war dependence" means the amount representing the annual value of the support afforded to, or of benefits conferred upon, a relative by an officer for a reasonable period

immediately preceding the commencement of the war or of his service, if later, exclusive, however, of any increase thereof due to circumstances arising out of the war, in the case of entry into service or commission subsequent to the commencement of the war, and shall include the following:—

(a) Amount regularly contributed by the officer if he received no material benefits in return therefor.

(b) Amount regularly contributed by the officer in excess of expenditure incurred on his account.

(c) Money value of any benefit conferred upon the relative by the officer.

(7) "Certified" means, in respect of any medical certification, certified by a medical officer or Board of Medical Officers appointed for the purpose by the Admiralty or by the Minister of Pensions.

31.—(1) The rate of retired pay or pension or gratuity granted under Parts I, or II, of these Regulations may be determined according to the temporary or acting rank held by the officer at the time he was killed, wounded, injured or removed from duty in consequence of disablement.

(2) Any existing regulations as to the relative rank which should govern the rate of retired pay for a disabled officer or pension for the widow or other relative of a deceased officer shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.

32. Except as modified by these Regulations, any general conditions governing the grant, issue, and administration of retired pay to officers and of pensions to their families and to nurses laid down in Orders in Council and King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions and other Regulations issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.

### Second Schedule.

#### PENSIONS GRATUITIES, AND ALLOWANCES TO OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

*Rank.	Widows' Pensions.		Widows' Gratuities.	Children's Allowances	
	Art. 11 (1) or (2).	Art. 11 (3).	Art. 11 (4).	Art. 12 (1).	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Admiral of the Fleet	£ 800	£ 600	£ 3,500	£ 30	£ 25
Admiral .. .. .	800	450	3,000	30	25
Vice-Admiral .. .. .	500	375	2,000	30	25
Rear-Admiral .. .. .	400	300	1,100	30	25
Commodore .. .. .	300	225	900	30	25
Captain, R.N. .. .. .	200	150	{ 600 }	24	20
Colonel, R.M. .. .. .			{ 450 }		
Commander, R.N. ...	140	105	{ 300 }	24	20
Lt.-Col. R.M. .. .. .			{ 250 }		
Lieut.-Commander, R.N. ...	100	75	{ 250 }	24	20
Major, R.M. .. .. .			{ 140 }		
Lieutenant, R.N. ...	100	75	{ 140 }	24	20
Sub-Lieutenant, R.N. ...			{ 140 }		
Lieutenant, R.M. ...			{ 140 }		
Quartermaster, R.M.			{ + }		

\* The ranks given in this schedule are to be read as including corresponding ranks of other arms of the Service, subject to the provisions of Art. 31 of these Regulations

† If holding a permanent commission, according to rank. If on the temporary list, £140.

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### WIDOWS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS DECEASED.

10. Pensions and gratuities to the widows, children and relatives of deceased officers of warrant rank, for which provision is made in the following articles, shall not be claimed as a right, but shall be given as a reward of the officers' services, and no pension or gratuity shall be granted or continued to a widow or relative, who, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, is unworthy of the public bounty, and it shall be in the power of the Minister of Pensions to terminate or suspend any pension that may have been granted to such persons or to provide for its administration under such conditions as he may determine, and his decision shall in any case be final.

11.—(1) A pension of £80 a year may be granted to the widow of a Chief Officer of a Coastguard Cruiser, a pension of £75 to the widow of a commissioned Warrant Officer or Divisional Chief Officer of Coastguard, and a pension of £62 10s. a year to the widow of a Warrant Officer or officer of relative rank in the Coastguard, who (a) is killed in the performance of naval or military duty or dies of wounds or injuries received in the performance of such duty within seven years of receiving such wounds or injuries, or (b) dies of disease certified as contracted or commencing while on duty or having been aggravated by such duty within seven years after being first removed from duty on account of such disease, or from injuries attributable to service other than under (a) within seven years of receiving such injuries, provided death was not caused by the officer's serious negligence or misconduct.

(2) A gratuity in addition to pension may be granted to the widow of an officer of warrant rank who is killed in action, whether afloat or ashore, or suffers violent death due directly and wholly to war service, or is drowned while on duty, or whose death results from destruction of ship, or who dies within seven years from wounds or injuries so received, at the following rates:—(a) To the widow of a commissioned warrant officer, £140; (b) to the widow of a warrant officer, £100; provided that, where it would be more favourable to her, the amount of the gratuity shall be equal to a year's full pay of the rank which the officer of warrant rank held on the 31st March, 1917, and in the calculation of this gratuity any full-pay allowances shall be included.

12.—(1) The widow of an officer of warrant rank awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) of these Regulations may be granted a further allowance for each child maintained by her at the following annual rates:—£15 for the first child, £12 10s. for the second child, £10 for the third child, and £7 10s. for the fourth and each subsequent child.

These allowances may be granted or continued up to the age of 18 in the case of sons and up to the age of 21 in the case of daughters, unless the child is otherwise provided for or marries, and may be granted or further continued after the age of 18 in the case of sons if the conditions of Article 2 (2) are fulfilled.

(2) The provisions of Article 2 (3) as to the administration of children's allowances to secure the proper maintenance of the child shall be applicable to the children referred to in this Article.

(3) A gratuity of one-third of the amount laid down in Article 11 (2) may be granted in addition to children's allowance for each child of an officer of warrant rank who dies in the circumstances referred to in that sub-section.

13. A widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations who makes application and shows that she was married to the officer of warrant rank before the commencement of the war or of his naval service, whichever was the later, and that her pension together with children's allowances (if any) which she has been granted under the two preceding Articles is less than one-half the alternative pension that might have been awarded to the deceased officer of warrant rank under Article 3 had he survived and been incapable of supplementing his pension by earnings, may be granted in lieu

of such pension and children's allowances a pension which shall not exceed one-half of such officer's alternative pension.

14. The widow of an officer of warrant rank not eligible for pension under Article 11 may be granted a gratuity of not less than one and not more than three years' pay of the appointment held by the officer of warrant rank, provided that—

- (a) the officer dies while on full pay or during the war after removal from full pay from the injury or disease for which he was removed from full pay or some closely connected disease, and there is a continuous medical history of sickness; and
- (b) the widow is disqualified only through the insufficiency of the officer's service for an ordinary pension under the terms of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

The amount of the gratuity, within the above limits, shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions, and may be paid in a lump sum or in instalments, as he may determine. If the officer of warrant rank leaves motherless children, a similar grant may be made to them under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

15. Any pension granted to the widow of an officer of warrant rank under these Regulations shall cease on her re-marriage; but, in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored if she is otherwise qualified, and if in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions her pecuniary circumstances are such as to justify the restoration. Allowances for children under Article 12 may be paid after re-marriage.

16. The widow of an officer of warrant rank who was at the time of his death in receipt of a disability pension in consequence of disablement of not less than £50 a year, but whose death does not render her eligible for a pension under Article 11 may, provided she was living with the officer of warrant rank at the time of his death, receive a pension of not more than one-half of the deceased officer's disability pension on account of his disablement, and in no case at a higher rate than provided for under that Article, this grant to be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and to cease on re-marriage.

17.—(1) The child of an officer of warrant rank who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 may be awarded a pension of £25 a year where the child is or becomes motherless, or is not or ceases to be under the control of its mother. In the event of two or more children being maintained by one person the amount will be reduced to £20 for each of the children after the first.

(2) The grant, continuance, and administration of the pension shall be subject to the same conditions as those set forth for children's allowances in Article 12 (1) and (2).

(3) A child granted a pension under sub-section (1) of this Article shall be eligible for a gratuity under the conditions of Article 12 (3.)

18. The following conditions shall apply to the grant or continuance of a pension to the relatives, other than widows and children of a deceased officer of warrant rank under Articles 19 and 21 below:—

- (1) It shall be granted only if the officer of warrant rank dies in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 (1).
- (2) It shall be granted or continued only if the pecuniary or other circumstances of the relative are such as in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions to justify the award.
- (3) It shall not, together with any other pension or similar provision from public funds exceed the pension which has been or would have been awarded to the widow under Article 11.
- (4) It shall not be transferable, except that where it is granted jointly to parents, or to two or more sisters or brothers, it may be continued wholly or in part to the survivors.
- (5) It shall cease on marriage or re-marriage.

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19.—(1) A pension may be granted to the parent or parents of an officer of warrant rank of such an amount and subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine, including the conditions of Article 18, regard being had to the value (if any) of the support afforded by the officer of warrant rank before the war or the commencement of his service, if later, and to the age or infirmity of the parent or parents.

(2) A pension may be granted under this Article in respect of each son who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11, subject to the limit laid down in Article 18 (3).

20. A gratuity not exceeding the value of one year's widow's pension may be granted to the parent or parents jointly of an officer of warrant rank at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions in special cases where the conditions for pension laid down in the two preceding Articles are not fulfilled.

21. A pension may be granted to the sister or brother (or sisters or brothers) of an officer of warrant rank, provided that they were wholly or partially dependent upon him for support. The pension shall be of such an amount and subject to such conditions (including the conditions of Article 18) as the Minister of Pensions may determine, and shall not be granted or continued to a brother after the age of 18 nor to a sister after the age of 21, unless he (or she) is unfitted by age or infirmity to earn his (or her) living.

22. A gratuity not exceeding one half the value of one year's widow's pension may at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions be granted to the sisters or brothers jointly in special cases where the conditions for pension laid down in Articles 18 and 21 are not fulfilled.

### Part III.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

23 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (1) "Officer of warrant rank" means a commissioned warrant officer or warrant officer on the permanent or temporary or supplementary lists of the Royal Navy or the Reserves, or corresponding ranks of the Coast-guard, or a Royal Marine Gunner, who has served and been in receipt of naval pay as such during some period of the present war, but does not include a warrant officer Class I. or II. of the Royal Marines.
- (2) "Widow" means the widow of an officer of warrant rank as defined above, whose marriage took place before the receipt of the wound or injury which caused his death, or before his removal from duty on account of the contraction or aggravation of the disease which caused his death; provided that the widow of a permanent regular officer of warrant rank married after such date shall not forfeit pension or gratuity if he survives his marriage by at least one year, or it can be shown that he was manifestly in good health at the date of his marriage.
- (3) "Child" means the legitimate child of an officer of warrant rank born before or within nine months after his retirement, and may include a step-child regularly maintained by him; but shall not include a child whose mother is excluded by (2) above.
- (4) "Parent" includes a grandparent or other person who has been in the place of a parent to an officer of warrant rank, and has wholly or mainly supported him for not less than one year at some time before the commencement of the war.
- (5) "Pre-war Earnings" means the average earnings of an officer of warrant rank during the 12 months preceding the commencement of the war or such lesser period as he was employed and shall be computed

generally in such manner as is best calculated to give the rate at which he was being remunerated and so far as may be applicable, in the same manner as for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906. In the case of a man in trade, business or profession, the average profits of the last three years preceding the commencement of the war shall be taken, or of such lesser period as he engaged therein.

- (6) "Pre-war Dependence" means the amount representing the annual value of the support afforded to, or of benefit conferred upon, a relative by an officer of warrant rank for a reasonable period immediately preceding the commencement of the war or of his service, whichever be later, exclusive, however, of any increase thereof due to circumstances arising out of the war, in the case of entry into service subsequent to the commencement of the war, and shall include the following:—

(a) Amount regularly contributed by the officer if he received no material benefits in return therefor.

(b) Amount regularly contributed by the officer in excess of expenditure incurred on his account.

(c) Money value of any benefit conferred upon the relative by the officer.

- (7) "Certified" means, in respect of any medical certification, certified by a medical officer or Board of Medical Officers appointed for the purpose by the Admiralty or by the Minister of Pensions.

24.—(1) The rate of pension or gratuity granted under Parts I. or II. of these Regulations may be determined according to the temporary or acting rank held by the officer of warrant rank at the time he was killed, wounded, injured or removed from duty in consequence of disablement.

(2) Any existing Regulations as to the relative or corresponding rank which should govern the rate of a pension to the widow or other relative of a deceased officer of warrant rank shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.

25. Except as modified by these Regulations any general conditions governing the grant, issue and administration of pensions to officers of warrant rank and of pensions to their families laid down in Orders in Council in the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, and other Regulations issued by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty shall remain in force and be applicable to grants made under these Regulations.

#### Second Schedule.

#### ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED OR DECREASED OFFICERS OF WARRANT RANK.

Degree of Disablement.	Percentage Degree of Disablement.	Children's Allowances.			
		First Child.	Second Child.	Third Child.	Fourth and each subsequent Child.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	Per cent.	£ s.	£ s.	£	£ s.
1	100	15 0	12 10	10	7 10
2	80	12 0	10 0	8	6 0
3	70	10 10	8 15	7	5 5
4	60	9 0	7 10	6	4 10
5	50	7 10	6 5	5	3 15
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