

PENSIONS TO SEAMEN AND MARINES.

The following information, extracted from the Regulations as to Pensions, is published for information, but it must be understood that all pensions, &c., are given at the discretion of the Admiralty, or, in the case of Disablement or Injury Pensions, of the Minister of Pensions, and that no man has any right to pension on account of apparent eligibility under the rules herein published.

NAVAL PENSIONS.

Long Service Pensions are granted to Continuous Service Men and Officer's Stewards and Cooks after 22 years' service from the age of 18; to Royal Marines after 21 years' service from the age of 18; to other Men after 22 years' service from the age of 20.

The following scale is adopted in awarding the ordinary Amount of Long Service Pensions to Petty Officers and Seamen of the Fleet and to Royal Marines:—

	s. d.
1. Men to whom only the Ordinary Pension is awarded	0 1½ a day for each year of service.
2. For each good conduct badge (up to a maximum of 3d.)	0 1 a day In addition.
3. Men whose character for the whole period of their service is recorded as "very good"	0 1 " In addition.
4. Men to whom the Good Conduct Medal is awarded	0 2 " In addition.
5. For each year of pensionable service after completing time for Pension	0 1½ a day.
Petty Officers, in addition to the Rates of Pension awarded them as seamen, are allowed for each year's service in the capacity of superior Petty Officer	15 2 a year.*
Inferior ditto ("Second Class Petty Officer" or a rating ranking as Leading Seaman.)	7 7 a year.*
Chief Petty Officers are granted in addition, for each year served in that capacity subsequent to the completion of the first period of Continuous Engagement	15 2 a year.

The system on which Naval and Marine Pensions are based is the same. Colour-Sergeants and equivalent ranks count time as Chief Petty Officers; Sergeants as Petty Officers; Corporals and also Gunners, Privates, Musicians and Buglers, after five years' service on the recognized establishment of a divisional or depot band, as Leading Seamen; other Marines as Able Seamen.

Where a man has received an injury on duty not incapacitating him for service, a small addition can be made to his long-service pension, or a gratuity may be awarded.

The time during which a man may have borne an indifferent or bad character is forfeited.

Men discharged the service on account of injuries and wounds (except rupture) attributable to the service receive pensions either for life or for a limited period, at the discretion of the Admiralty, according to the following scale:—

Having lost 2 limbs, or being otherwise severely wounded or hurt, so as to require the care and attendance of another person	s. d. s. d. From 1 6 to 2 0 a day.
Having lost 1 limb, or being otherwise severely wounded or hurt, but not requiring the care of another person	From 1 0 to 1 6 a day.

* These rates are doubled for Petty Time with very good character in the case of continuous service Petty Officers, provided they shall have served for one continuous period of not less than TEN YEARS, and shall be discharged to pension from continuous service with the rating of Petty Officers, or with a rating ranking as Leading Seaman.

For less injury than the foregoing, and able to contribute in a small degree to his own livelihood

If able to contribute materially to his livelihood though unfit for further service

If totally blind from unavoidable causes, clearly attributable to the service, 3d. a day in addition.

The usual allowance for Petty Time is given in addition to the above rates, and is doubled for such time when served with very good character in the case of Continuous Service men holding Petty Officers ratings, irrespective of the length of their continuous service.

The allowances for Badges and Medal are also given as in the case of Long Service Pensions.

Men discharged for rupture attributable to the Service are pensioned on the following scale:—

Under 10 years' service for single rupture	6d. a day at the rate of three months' Pension for each year of service, or £5 gratuity in lieu if the amount of Pension is less than that sum.
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Above ditto do. 6d. a day for Life.
For double rupture 6d. a day for Life irrespective of length of service.

The usual allowances for Petty Time, Badges and Medal are given as in injury cases.

A Seaman discharged as medically unfit, such unfitness being either attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, and not being due to his serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted a minimum pension at the rates shown in the Schedule on next page, or, in the case of injury not shown therein, or of disease, at the rate which is estimated to represent the extent of his disablement.

The allowances for Badges, Medal and Petty Time are given as in the case of Long Service Pensions, and an additional allowance is given for service as follows:—

	s. d.
Men of 6 years' service and under 12 years	1 0 a week.
Men of 12 years' service and under 18 years	2 0 "
Men of 18 years' service and under 21 years	3 0 "
Men of 21 years' service and under 25 years	4 0 "
Men of 25 years' service and over	5 0 "

Additions are made for children under the age of 16 at such proportion of the following weekly rates as corresponds to the degree of disablement at which the man is assessed for pension:—

	s. d.
For a first child	6 8 a week.
" second child	5 0 "
For each child after the second	4 2 "

In cases in which a man's earnings, together with his pension and children's allowances, if any, can be shown to amount to less than his pre-war earnings, a special pension may be granted within certain limits.

Special allowances may be given in cases in which treatment in a Sanatorium or other Institution, or training in a Technical Institution or otherwise, is deemed advisable, or in which the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

Gratuities may be given where a man's disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent.

Pensions that may be granted for Specific Injuries.

Degree of Disablement.	Specific Injury.	Proportion corresponding to Degree of Disablement.	Disablement Pension.
		Per cent.	s. d.
1	Loss of two or more limbs .. Loss of an arm and an eye. Loss of a leg and an eye. Loss of both hands or of all fingers and thumbs. Loss of both feet. Loss of a hand and a foot. Total loss of sight. Total paralysis. Lunacy. Wounds, injuries or disease resulting in disabled man being permanently bedridden Wounds of or injuries to internal, thoracic or abdominal organs, involving total permanent disabling effects. Wounds of or injuries to head or brain involving total permanent disabling effects, or Jacksonian epilepsy. Very severe facial disfigurement. Advanced cases of incurable disease.	100	27 6
2	Amputation of right arm at shoulder joint	90	24 9
3	Amputation of leg at hip or left arm at shoulder joint .. Severe facial disfigurement. Total loss of speech.	80	22 0
4	Short thigh amputation of leg, or of right arm above or through elbow Total deafness.	70	19 3
5	Amputation of leg above knee (other than 4), and through knee or of left arm above or through elbow, or of right arm below elbow	60	16 6
6	Amputation of leg below knee (including Symes' and Chopart's amputation), or of left arm below elbow	50	13 9
7	Loss of vision of one eye. Loss of thumb or of four fingers of right hand	40	11 0
8	Loss of thumb or of four fingers of left hand, or of three fingers of right hand	30	8 3
9	Loss of two fingers of either hand	20	5 6

NOTE.—In the case of left-handed men, certified to be such, the compensation in respect of the left arm, hand, &c., will be as for a right arm, hand, &c., and vice versa.

Men discharged the service for disability contracted in the Service, and not from want of proper care on their own part:—

Under 14 years' service } Gratuities according to
vice } circumstances.

Continuous Service }
men, with 10 years' } 6d. a day for Life.
continuous service. }

Continuous Service }
men with 15 years' } 8d. a day for Life.
service }

After 14 years' Service }
6d. to 9d. a day for Life, or }
gratuities, at the discretion }
of the Minister of Pensions.

The allowance for Petty Time is given, in addition to the above rates, and is doubled in the case of Continuous Service men, after 15 years' service under the conditions applicable in the case of Long Service Pensions.

The allowances for Badges and Medal are also given, as in the case of Long Service Pensions.

General Rules as to Pensions.

All Pensions are granted during good behaviour, and may be forfeited by misconduct on the part of the pensioner, to be judged of by the Admiralty, or, in the case of Disablement or Injury Pensions, by the Minister of Pensions.

All Pensioners (not discharged as wholly incapable) under 55 years of age may be called on to serve in time of war or emergency.

Men are not allowed their Pensions for any period during which they serve under a Foreign Flag or reside out of His Majesty's dominions, except with the special permission of the Admiralty.

Men discharged the service for Misconduct forfeit all claims to pension, and men whose general character has not been good can be awarded reduced pensions.

Commutation of Pensions may be allowed in special cases, subject to the condition that under no circumstances shall the amount of pension uncommuted be less than 2s. a day

In all cases of injuries gratuities may be given in lieu of Disablement Pensions, or in addition to Service Pensions, at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions.