

PENSIONS TO SEAMEN.

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, 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 after 22 years' service from the age of 18; to Non-Continuous Service 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:—

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1. Men to whom only the Ordinary Pension is awarded	0 10 a day.
2. Men with 1 good-conduct badge	0 10½ ..
3. Men with 2 good-conduct badges	0 11 ..
4. Men with 3 good-conduct badges	1 0 ..
5. Men whose character for the whole period of their service is recorded as "very good," and who have 3 good-conduct badges.	1 1 ..
6. Men whose character for the whole period of their service is recorded as "very good," but who are not eligible for good-conduct badges	0 11 ..
7. Men to whom the Good Conduct Medal is awarded	0 1 .. In addition.
8. For each completed term of three years' service after completing time for Pension	0 1 a day. But the Maximum Pension for Service, Badges, Character, and Medal, not to exceed 1s. 2d. 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 with over 3 years' service as such)	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.

* These rates are doubled for Petty Time with very good character in the case of continuous service Petty Officers pensioned after 15 years' service, 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 with over 3 years' service as such.

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

From 0 9	to 1 0 a day.
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If able to contribute materially to his livelihood though unfit for further service

From 0 6	to 0 9 a day.
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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.

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, if not able to contribute materially to their livelihood } 6d. a day at the rate of 3 months' Pension for each year of service.

If able to contribute materially } Gratuities at the rate of 1l. for each year of service.

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

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

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

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.

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 is not allowed.

In all cases of injuries gratuities may be given in lieu of Injury Pensions, or in addition to service or Disability Pensions, at the discretion of the Admiralty.