

REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF PENSIONS TO WIDOWS, AND ALLOWANCES TO CHILDREN, AND OF GRATUITIES TO PARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF SEAMEN, MARINES, AND OTHER SEAFARING PERSONS.

1. Under the 2nd section of Act 46 and 47 Vict., Cap. 32, pensions and allowances are granted by the Admiralty out of the funds of Greenwich Hospital to widows and children of:—

(a) Non-commissioned officers and petty officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines killed or drowned in the service of the Crown, or on lifeboat service; and of

(b) Men of the Royal Naval Reserve Forces killed or drowned in the service of the Crown.

2. These pensions and allowances are granted also to Widows and children of non-commissioned officers, petty officers or men as aforesaid who die from the effects of any injury or disease when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Admiralty:—

(a) That the injury or disease was caused by accident on duty in the service of the Crown, and that the man died therefrom within two years; or

(b) That the injury or disease was caused by extraordinary exposure or exertion on duty in the service of the Crown, and that it terminated fatally within two years of being first certified.

3. Pension or Allowance will not be granted when death has been due to a man's own culpable action or negligence, or when the widow was not legally married to the man before the receipt of the injury or before the disease was contracted.

4. The Pensions are supplemented from Naval Funds and awards are made according to the following scale:—

Scale of Pension and Allowances

Rating.	Widow's Pension per Week.			Allowance for each Child dependent on the Mother, per week.
	From the Funds of Greenwich Hospital	Supplementary Pension from Naval Funds.	Total.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
(1.) Able Seamen and other persons in the same category, including Leading rates not mentioned under (2), Marines and Marine Artillery	3 6	1 6	5 0	1 6
(2.) Second Class Petty Officer (O.S.) ratings ranking as "Leading Seamen passed for Petty Officer with over 3 years' service in the Leading rate," Corporals of Marines and Marine Artillery.	4 0	2 0	6 0	1 6
(3.) First Class Petty Officers (O.S.), Petty Officers (N.S.), Sergeants of Marines and Marine Artillery.	4 6	3 0	7 6	2 0
(4.) Chief Petty Officers, Colour and Staff Sergeants of Marines and Marine Artillery.	5 0	4 0	9 0	2 0

Rates in excess of the foregoing scale may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be awarded in cases needing special relief.

5. If a widow re-marry, her pension will cease, and she will be eligible to receive a Gratuity equal to one year's pension in full discharge of all claims upon the public bounty. Allowances to children may be continued.

6. Pensions and allowances are tenable subject to good behaviour, and are granted at the discretion of the Admiralty. They cannot be claimed as a right. Any assignment, sale, or contract relating to a pension or allowance is void.

7. If a mother die, or children be removed from a mother's control on account of her misconduct (see paragraph 6) the allowances in respect of the children may be paid at twice the normal rates (see paragraph 4); or provision may be made for the maintenance of the children in a benevolent institution.

8. If a widow be in receipt of parish relief, in respect either of herself or her family, the payment of the pension and allowance may be suspended. In no case will the pension or allowance be paid to the parish authorities.

9. Widows will be required to make a declaration quarterly or whenever it may be considered necessary before a duly authorised person as to their continued widowhood, and of any particulars required in reference to their families. (*Forms for this purpose will be supplied.*)

10. Boys above 14 and girls above 16 will, as a rule, be ineligible for allowances.

11. If the claim of a widow to a pension be not established before her death, the amount of the pension to which she would have been entitled to living will not be allowed to her representatives.

12. These regulations apply only from the 1st July, 1903.

13. In the event of men specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 not leaving widows or children, but leaving parents or other relatives dependent upon them, gratuities not exceeding one year's full wages may be given at the discretion of the Admiralty to such parents or relatives, provided the total expenditure in such gratuities shall not exceed in any one year the sum of five hundred pounds.

Note.—Widows of Coast Guard Men entitled to Civil Pensions are excepted from these Regulations.

By command of their Lordships,
EVAN MACGREGOR.

Admiralty,
Greenwich Hospital Department,
9th October 1903.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF PENSIONS TO WIDOWS AND ALLOWANCES TO CHILDREN OF SEAMEN AND MARINES.

1. Pensions and allowances may be granted by the Admiralty to widows and children of non-commissioned Officers and Petty Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Marines, and of the Reserve Forces who are killed or drowned, or who die from wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, during warlike operations.

2. These pensions and allowances will be granted only in cases where men have, during warlike operations,—

(a) been killed or drowned; or
(b) received wounds or injuries, and have died therefrom within 2 years; or

GREENWICH HOSPITAL—PENSIONS, ETC.

(c) contracted or developed disease which terminated fatally within 2 years of removal from duty on account of such disease.

The pensions and allowances will not be granted to the widows or children of men who were killed or drowned, or who died before the 11th October 1899.

3. Pension or allowance will not be granted when death has been due to a man's own culpable action or negligence, or when the widow was not legally married to the man before the receipt of the wound or injury, or before the disease was contracted.

4. Scale of Pensions and Allowances:—

Rank of Husband in Royal Navy, Marines, or Reserve Forces.	Widow's Pension per Week.	Allowance for each Child dependent on the Mother, per Week.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
(1.) All Naval Ratings below that of 2nd Class Petty Officer and Marines and Marine Artillery below Corporals.	5 0	1 6
(2.) Second Class Petty Officers (O.S.), ratings ranking as "Leading Seamen passed for Petty Officer with over 3 years' service in the Leading rate," Corporals of Marines and Marine Artillery.	6 0	1 6
(3.) First Class Petty Officers, (O.S.) Petty Officers (N.S.), Sergeants of Marines and Marine Artillery.	7 6	2 0
(4.) Chief Petty Officers, Colour and Staff Sergeants of Marines and Marine Artillery.	9 0	2 0

5. If a widow remarries, her pension will cease, and she will be eligible to receive a gratuity equal to one year's pension in full discharge of all claims upon the public bounty. The allowances to the children may be continued.

6. Pensions and allowances are tenable subject to good behaviour, and are granted at the discretion of the Admiralty. They cannot be claimed as a right. Any assignment, sale, or contract relating to a pension or allowance is void.

7. If the mother dies, or the children are removed from the mother's control on account of her misconduct (see paragraph 6), the allowances in respect of the children may be paid at twice the normal rates (see paragraph 4); or provision may be made for the maintenance of the children in a benevolent institution subject to the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

8. If parish relief is afforded in respect either of the widow or her children, the pension and allowance may, under such conditions as shall from time to time be laid down, be applied in whole or in part towards satisfying the claims of the parish authorities.

9. The widow will be required to make a declaration quarterly or whenever it may be considered necessary, before a duly authorized person, as to her continued widowhood, and of any particulars required in reference to her family. (Forms for this purpose will be supplied.)

10. Boys above 14 and girls above 16 will in ordinary circumstances be ineligible for allowances. If, however, it is shown to the satisfaction of the Admiralty that, owing to mental or physical infirmity, the boy or girl is unable to maintain himself or herself, the allowance may be granted up to an age not exceeding 21.

11. If the claim of a widow to a pension be not established before her death, through her own neglect or omission, the amount of the pension to which she would have been entitled if living will not be allowed to her representatives.

12. These regulations apply only from the 1st July, 1901.