

reason of service in His Majesty's Forces in the present War:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order shall apply only to persons whose health has been impaired by reason of service in His Majesty's Forces during the present War.

2. Subject to the conditions as to age, character, and knowledge and ability, prescribed by Clause 3 of the Principal Order being satisfied, the Civil Service Commissioners may issue Certificates of qualification in favour of persons to whom this Order applies if the Commissioners are satisfied that they are at the moment fit to discharge the duties of the situation or employment which they seek or to which they are proposed for appointment, and that they are likely to render effective service for 15 years, or, in the case of persons already serving in unestablished positions which lead in the normal course to establishment, for 10 years.

The certificate issued under this Clause shall be known as a "Modified (War) Certificate," but shall, subject to the provisions of this Order as to sick leave, for all purposes have the same force and effect as a certificate issued under Clause 3 of the Principal Order.

3. In the application to the case of Officers holding Modified (War) Certificates of the sick leave rules laid down in Clause 19 of the Principal Order the following modification shall be made, that for the first five years of service after the date of the certificate any civil pay allowed during sick leave in excess of 36 week days in the aggregate in any year shall be reduced to such amount as, with any pension or retired pay and allowances payable by the Ministry of Pensions in respect of the period of sick leave, will not exceed the full civil pay of the office in respect of that period.

Provided that in the case of an officer who, if he had retired on the ground of ill-health at the commencement of the period of sick leave, would have been qualified for a pension, if the amount of the reduced civil pay during sick leave is less than the pension which, if he had so retired, would have been payable to him in respect of the period of sick leave, it may, with the consent of the Treasury, be increased to an amount not exceeding the amount of such pension.

4. Where the Civil Service Commissioners are unable to decide whether a person is or is not likely to render effective service for 15 or 10 years, as the case may be, they may, if they think fit, issue in such person's favour a "Special Recommendation" under which he may be employed for such period to be specified in the recommendation as the Commissioners may, subject to any regulations made by them, think fit, but the issue of such a recommendation will not entitle a person to be regarded as a "Civil Servant" within the meaning of Section 12 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

At the end of the period fixed by the recommendation the Commissioners will reconsider the case, and, if they are satisfied that the conditions enabling them to grant a Modified (War) Certificate are fulfilled, they shall grant such a certificate, and if not so satisfied they may either extend the period of the special recommendation or terminate it, in which case the Officer will cease to be employed in an office to which Part I. of the Principal Order applies.

In determining whether a Modified (War) Certificate can be granted in favour of an Officer in whose favour a special recommendation has been issued the periods of 15 and 10 years' effective service respectively mentioned in Clause 2 of this Order shall be reckoned as from the beginning of service under the special recommendation.

5. Clauses 2 to 4 of this Order shall not apply to persons whose health has been impaired by reason of service in His Majesty's Forces during the present War and who, being already in possession of a Civil Service Certificate in respect of a pensionable office, are appointed to an office not in the ordinary course of promotion in the same Department. In such a case the Civil Service Commissioners may issue a certificate (which shall be required as heretofore) notwithstanding that the condition as to freedom from physical defect or disease specified in Clause 3 of the Principal Order is not satisfied, if the Officer is certified by the Head of his Department to be fit for the duties of his existing office.

Provided that, if the office to which he is to be appointed is one which appears to the Head of the Department concerned and to the Commissioners to be such as to require special physical qualifications, the Officer must satisfy the Commissioners that he possesses those qualifications.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *March*, 1918.

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that:—

1. From and after the 22nd day of April next, the County Court of Berkshire held at Windsor and Maidenhead shall cease to be held at Maidenhead.

2. From and after the 22nd day of April next, the Parishes of Binstead, Bracknell, East-hampstead, and Warfield shall be transferred from the District of the County Court of Berkshire now held at Windsor and Maidenhead to the District of the County Court of Berkshire held at Reading.

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