

5. This Order is supplemental to the Orders in Council of the 11th day of March 1915, and the 10th day of January 1917, for restricting the commerce of the enemy.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of February 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 14th day of February 1917, in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

“And whereas Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 12th August 1915, was pleased to sanction special Regulations for the award of Pensions to Seamen and Marines discharged from further Service on account of injury received or disease contracted directly on account of Service during the present War:

“And whereas we are of opinion that these Regulations require extension in certain respects in definition, or within the spirit, of the privileges granted under Your Majesty's said Order in Council:

“And whereas the grant of Pensions to men discharged during the present War is shortly to be transferred to Your Majesty's Ministry of Pensions:

“We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to sanction the following additional Regulations, to apply to grants which may have been made, or may be made until the issue of other Regulations by Your Majesty's Ministry of Pensions :—

“The Pensions provided under Order in Council of 12th August 1915 shall be granted to any Seaman or Marine discharged from further Service on account of disability arising from disease where the disability is attributable to the Service, being due to extraordinary exertion or exposure on Service, though the disease from which it arose is not attributable to the Service provided that the ‘Disability arising from disease’ shall not include cases where the disability is due to the ordinary history of the disease, and not to special aggravation due to War Service.

“Allowances may be granted for children over the age of 16 on the recommendation of the Local Education Authority in the case of apprentices receiving not more than nominal wages, or of children being educated at Secondary Schools, Technical Schools, or Universities, provided that such conditions have obtained continuously from a period prior to the age of 16 whether any allowance has been previously granted or not.

“Additions shall be made to the Pensions

awarded under Order in Council of 12th August 1915, at the rates specified therein, in respect of each child born within six months of discharge.

“Allowances for children who are incapacitated from earning their own living owing to physical or mental infirmity may be continued above the age of 16 up to the age of 21, and grants may be made in any such case where the child was already over 16 but under 21 at the time of the father's disability provided that the infirmity has existed since the age of 16. The grants are, however, to be discontinued in the event of the child being provided for in a Public or Charitable Institution free of cost.

“Men who have completed the necessary period of Service for Long Service Pension shall receive the addition granted in this respect in the award of Long Service Pensions for ‘Very Good’ character in excess of the Disability Pension on either the old or new scales.

“Men who have lost a limb shall be granted permanent Pensions of not less than the amounts shown in the following scale :—

1. *Leg Amputations.*

	WEEKLY PENSION.	
	s.	d.
(a) At hip ... ..	16	0
(b) Short thigh with pelvic band ...	14	0
(c) Above knee (other than (b)) and through knee ... ..	12	6
(d) Below knee, including Symes Amputation and Chopart Amputation	10	6

2. *Arm Amputations.*

	Right.		Left.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
(a) At shoulder joint ... ..	16	0	15	0
(b) Above or through elbow ... ..	14	0	13	0
(c) Below elbow ... ..	11	6	10	6

“Men who have lost the *use* of a limb shall be granted Pensions of not less than 10s. 6d. a week, *v.e.*, the minimum rate allowable for loss of limb.

“Men who have been granted permanent Pensions in respect of the loss of a limb or eye, or the loss of the use of a limb, who re-enter for further Service in His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces shall receive payment of such Pension during the period of such further Service, but shall not receive payment of any additions thereto in respect of Good Conduct Badges, Medal, ‘V.G.’ character, or Service as Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer, or Leading Rates of the Royal Navy, or Non-commissioned Officer of the Royal Marines, or any pension and allowances in respect of children.

“The provisions in this Order shall apply to all grants made until the powers and duties of the Admiralty with respect to Disability Pensions and grants to Seamen and Marines are transferred to, and exercised by, His Majesty's Minister of Pensions.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in these proposals.”

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.