

Order in Council to sanction the grant of pensions, allowances, and gratuities to the persons on the scales and subject to the conditions prescribed in the Regulations annexed hereto, with effect from the first weekly pay day after the 1st day of April 1917, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything which may have been done by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty under Your Majesty's previous Orders in Council relating to grants to such persons, and, further, to empower me to make or revise grants under the said previous Orders in respect of any claims which may have arisen between the outbreak of the war and the above date. Provided always, that if more favourable to the seaman or marine, the pension, allowance, or gratuity payable under existing regulations shall be granted, and no grant to a sailor or marine or to the family or dependants of a sailor or marine shall be reassessed to their disadvantage.

"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 George Nicoll Barnes, Minister of Pensions, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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REGULATIONS FOR PENSIONS OF BRITISH SEAMEN AND MARINES, THEIR WIDOWS RELATIVES, AND DEPENDANTS.

PART I.—SEAMEN AND MARINES.

1.—(1) A seaman or marine discharged as medically unfit for further service, such unfitness being certified as either attributable to or aggravated by naval or military service in consequence of the present war and not being due to the serious negligence or misconduct of the discharged man, may, if he is disabled in any of the manners set forth in the First Schedule to these Regulations be granted a minimum pension at the weekly rates therein shown as corresponding to the degree of his disablement. In the case of injuries not shown therein, and in the case of disease, the pension may be assessed at the degree in the schedule which is held most closely to represent the disablement corresponding to the injury or disease.

Men in possession of good conduct badges or medal, and men who have completed time for long-service pension with very good characters throughout their service, shall receive the same addition to their pension in respect thereof as under existing Regulations. Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Leading Rates of the Royal Navy shall also receive the same additions in respect of petty time as under existing Regulations. Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Marines shall receive the additions laid down in the existing regulations for long service pensions in respect of service above the rank of private.

A further addition will be made to the pension in respect of service at the following rates:—

	Weekly. s. d.
Men of 6 years' service and under 12 years'	1 0
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

The pension granted to a seaman or marine who held paid acting rank at the time he was wounded, injured or removed from duty in consequence of disablement may be at the rate appropriate to that rank.

2.—(1) A disabled man pensioned under Article I. of these Regulations may be granted during the continuance of the pension a further allowance for each child 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	5 0
For a second child	4 2
For a third child	3 4
For each child after the third	2 6

(2) The allowance may (subject to the continuance of the pension) be granted or continued beyond the age of 16 in the case of apprentices receiving not more than nominal wages, or of children being educated at secondary schools, technical institutes or universities, and may be granted or continued between the ages of 16 and 21 in the case of a child incapable through mental or physical infirmity of earning a living, provided the infirmity existed before the child attained the age of 16.

(3) In any case in which, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of which an allowance is payable, the allowance instead of being paid to the parent may be administered under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

(4) In the event of a parent being wholly or partially relieved of the charge of any child by its maintenance in the Army or Navy, or in any institution wholly or mainly supported from public funds, the allowance granted on account of that child may be reduced by the extent of that relief.

3.—(1) Any disabled man pensioned under Article 1 of these Regulations who makes application and shows that the minimum pension with children's allowances (if any) which he has been granted, together with the average earnings (if any) of which he remains capable, are less than his pre-war earnings, may be granted temporarily or permanently in lieu of the minimum pension and children's allowances, a pension which together with the average earnings (if any) of which he is judged capable, shall not exceed his pre-war earnings up to a maximum of 50s. a week, plus half of any pre-war earnings between 50s. and 100s. per week.

4.—Half the pension and allowances (if any) awarded under the preceding articles may be subject to the condition that the disabled man shall undergo medical treatment in or