

ance under either of the aforesaid Orders, except in so far as it may be otherwise provided in the annexed Schedule.

"And whereas it is provided in the annexed Schedule that the scale of pensions for Widows and Children specified therein shall have effect from the 1st March 1915 only :

"And whereas certain pensions in excess of the scale sanctioned by His late Majesty, by His Order in Council of the 26th September 1901, have been granted to Widows and Children between the outbreak of the War, and the 28th February 1915 :

"We beg leave humbly to recommend also that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the grant of such pensions within the scale and subject to the conditions specified in the annexed Schedule.

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

Schedule.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF PENSIONS, ALLOWANCES, AND GRANTS IN THE NATURE THEREOF, TO WIDOWS, CHILDREN, AND OTHER DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED SEAMEN AND MARINES IN CASES ARISING OUT OF THE PRESENT WAR.

"1. Pensions, Allowances, and Gratuities may be granted by the Admiralty to the Widows, Children and other Dependants of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy

and Marines, and the Reserve Forces, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions :—

(a) That the man be killed or drowned while on duty during the War.

(b) That the death be due to wounds or injuries sustained on duty, whether it occurs before or after the cessation of duty, provided it occur within 7 years of removal from duty.

(c) That the death be due to disease medically certified to have been contracted or to have developed on duty, whether it occur before or after the cessation of duty, provided it occur within 7 years of removal from duty.

"2. A Pension, Allowance, or Gratuity will not be granted in any case in which the death of a man was due to his own culpable action or negligence, or in the case of a Widow who was not married to the man before he sustained the injury or before he was discharged from the Service on account of the disease which caused his death.

"3. In any case in which the provision made by way of Separation Allowance and Allotment, or Allotment only, during the life-time of a Seaman or Marine continues to be paid after his death to a person who is eligible for a pension, allowance, or gratuity under these Regulations, such pension, allowance, or gratuity shall not be payable until the cessation of such provision.

"4. Scale of pensions for Widows and Children as from the 1st March 1915 :—

Rating of Husband in Royal Navy, Marines, or Reserve Forces.	Widow's Pension per Week.		
	Below 35 years of age without Children.	Below 35 years of age with 1 Child.	Below 35 years of age with 2 Children.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
(1). All Naval Ratings below those described in (2), and Marines below Corporal.	10 0	15 0	18 6
(2). Second Class Petty Officers, Ratings ranking as "Leading Seaman passed for Petty Officer with over three years' service in the Leading Rate"; Corporals of the Marines.	10 6	15 6	19 0
(3). First Class Petty Officers (O.S.), Petty Officers (N.S.), Sergeants of Marines.	11 0	16 0	19 6
(4). Chief Petty Officer, Colour and Staff Sergeants of Marines.	11 6	16 6	20 0
(5). Marine Warrant Officers other than Royal Marine Gunners.	12 0	17 0	20 6

Additions for each Child in excess of two :—2*s.* a week for all Classes. Additions when the Widow attains the age of 35 :—2*s.* 6*d.* a week for all Classes. Further addition when the Widow attains the age of 45 :—2*s.* 6*d.* a week for all Classes. If the Children be Motherless, or if through misconduct their Mother either has not been awarded a pension, or has forfeited her pension after award, and the Children are removed from her control, a pension of 5*s.* a week may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be granted in respect of each Child.

"5. If a Widow remarries, her pension will cease, and she may be granted a gratuity equal to twice the annual value of the pension in course of payment at the time of such remarriage, or if, at the time of remarriage, there shall be no pension in course of payment by reason of