

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport).

1. This Order amends the Order of the 29th September 1949, as amended by subsequent Orders.

2. The normal maximum rate of an allowance payable for constant attendance is increased from £104 a year to £130 a year in the case of officers and from 40s. a week to 50s. a week in the case of ratings, and the maximum rate for exceptional cases of very severe disablement is increased from £208 a year to £260 a year in the case of officers and from 80s. a week to 100s. a week in the case of ratings. (Article 1).

3. The allowance for unemployable pensioners is increased from £164 a year to £193 a year in the case of officers and from 63s. a week to 74s. a week in the case of ratings. (Article 2).

4.—(1) The total additional allowance payable in respect of the wife or adult dependant of an unemployable pensioner and of a pensioner receiving approved treatment is increased from £91 a year to £108 a year in the case of officers and from 35s. a week to 41s. 6d. a week in the case of ratings. (Articles 2 and 4).

(2) The allowances payable in respect of children of unemployable pensioners or of pensioners receiving approved treatment are increased in respect of the first or only child from £45 10s. a year to £52 a year in the case of officers and from 17s. 6d. a week to 20s. a week in the case of ratings and in respect of other children from £30 a year to £31 6s. a year in the case of officers and from 9s. 6d. a week to 12s. a week in the case of ratings. (Articles 2 and 4).

5. The maximum allowance for lowered standard of occupation is increased from 39s. a week to 46s. a week. (Article 3).

6. The maximum of the additional personal treatment allowance payable to a pensioner who is not entitled to full sickness benefit under National Insurance provisions is increased from 57s. 6d. a week to 67s. 6d. a week. (Article 4).

7. The pensions payable to unmarried dependants living as wives of deceased members of the naval forces are increased from £203 a year to £240 a year in the case of officers and from 68s. 6d. a week to 82s. 6d. a week in the case of ratings. (Article 5).

8. The maximum rent allowance payable to certain widows is increased from 29s. a week to 34s. a week. (Article 6).

9. The pensions payable to certain widowers are increased from £203 a year to £240 a year in the case of officers and from 76s. a week to 90s. a week in the case of ratings. (Article 7).

10. The allowances payable to widows in respect of children are increased from £83 10s. a year to £96 10s. a year in the case of officers, from £77 10s. a year to £90 10s. a year in the case of Commissioned Officers (Branch List) and Warrant Officers and from 29s. a week to 34s. a week in the case of ratings. (Article 8 (a)).

11. The rates of pensions and allowances payable to or in respect of the children of deceased members of the naval forces (such children having become motherless or having ceased to be under the control of their mother) are increased from £128 10s. a year to £149 10s. a year in the case of children of officers, from £100 or £120 10s. a year to £116 or £141 10s. a year (according to the age of the child) in the case of children of Commissioned Officers (Branch List) and Warrant Officers and from 34s. 6d. or 46s. a week to 40s. 6d. or 54s. a week (according to the age of the child) in the case of children of ratings. (Article 8 (b) and 9).

12. The rates of pensions payable to motherless children who, having attained the age of 18 years, are incapable of self-support by reason of infirmity which arose before they attained the normal age limit for pension purposes, are increased from £149 10s. a year to £175 10s. a year in the case of children of officers and from 57s. 6d. a week to 67s. 6d. a week in the case of children of ratings. (Article 10).

13. The maximum rates of disablement addition on a pension basis payable to certain officers in receipt of service retired pay are increased from £290 a year to £336 a year in the case of male officers and from £265 a year to £311 a year in the case of women officers. (Article 12).

14. Articles 13, 14 and 15 substitute new Tables for those contained in Schedules 2, 3 and 4 to the Order and have the general effect of increasing:

(a) the rates of pensions in respect of 100 per cent. disablement by £46 a year in the case of officers and by 17s. 6d. a week in the case of ratings and the rates of pensions for lower degrees of disablement proportionately;

(b) awards for cases of minor injuries and other cases of less than 20 per cent. disablement;

(c) the rates of pensions for certain widows by £37 a year in the case of officers and by 14s. a week in the case of ratings.

At the Court of Saint James, the 20th day of February 1963.

PRESENT,

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE
QUEEN MOTHER

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS
MARGARET, COUNTESS OF SNOWDON

Lord President

Mr Wood

Mr Hare

Mr Amery

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twenty-second day of January 1963, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent while absent from the United Kingdom:

And whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865 (28 & 29 Vict. c. 73) it is enacted that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Her Majesty's naval or marine force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman or marine, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman or marine, 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 Her Majesty deems it expedient further to amend certain Orders in Council concerning retired pay, pensions and other grants for officers, nurses and ratings disabled, and for the widows and children of officers and ratings deceased, in consequence of service during the 1914 World War:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865, and of all other powers in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

(1) "the 1920 Order" means the Order in Council of the 11th June 1920 (S.R. & O. 1920/1021 (II, p. 295)), relating to seamen and marines, as amended by any subsequent Order in Council;

(2) "the 1921 (Officers) Order" means the Order in Council of the 9th March 1921 (S.R. & O. 1921/360 (p. 770)), relating to commissioned and subordinate officers and nurses, as amended by any subsequent Order in Council;

(3) "the 1921 (Warrant Officers) Order" means the Order in Council of the 9th March 1921 (S.R. & O. 1921/361 (p. 794)), relating to Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank and Warrant Officers, as amended by any subsequent Order in Council;

(4) "the 1949 Order" means the Order in Council of the 29th September 1949, as amended by any subsequent Order in Council.

2. In Article 6a of the 1920 Order as amended (Order of 21st December 1960), (which provides for the award of allowances for constant attendance on disabled ratings) for