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## PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 22nd day of March 1968.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is expedient to increase the scales of pensions and gratuities payable in respect of the death or disablement of locally entered ratings as a result of their naval service:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 11 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Entered Ratings Death and Disablement) Order 1968.

2. Order in Council No. 28/N/NPP dated 28th July 1967 is hereby revoked.

3. The provisions contained in this Order are effective from 1st November 1967, and apply to all locally entered ratings of the Royal Navy except Maltese, and those Ceylonese and Malaysian Chinese ratings for whom separate provision is made.

### *Disablement Pensions and Gratuities Payable to Ratings Invalidated for Attributable Injury or Disease.*

4. Where the degree of disablement is assessed at 20 per cent. or more the rating may be awarded a pension, either temporarily or permanently according to the circumstances of the case, at the rate of 76s. 0d. a week for Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers, 74s. 9d. a week for Leading Ratings and 73s. 6d. a week for lower ratings for total disablement (100 per cent.), and for lower degrees of disablement at proportionally reduced rates.

5. If the degree of disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent, a gratuity may be awarded appropriate to the degree of disability but not exceeding £240 10s.

6. The award of disablement compensation is to be subject to the same conditions as for naval ratings generally.

### *Gratuities for Minor Injuries for which Hurt Certificates are Granted*

7. At the discretion of the Ministry of Defence gratuities may be granted on discharge in respect of slight permanent

injury attributable to naval service for which a Hurt Certificate has been issued, when discharge is totally unconnected with the injury and any other award which may be made is based on length of service only.

### *Compensation in respect of Death Attributable to Service*

8. Provided the conditions regarding relationship, age and dependency are satisfied, a gratuity not exceeding the amount of two years' pay attaching to the substantive rating and any Good Conduct Badges held at the time of his death subject to a maximum of £355 may be granted at the discretion of the Ministry of Defence to dependent relatives of a deceased rating whose death is certified by the competent naval medical authority to have been caused by the conditions of his service.

9. The undermentioned dependent relatives only will be eligible for consideration for the award of a gratuity:

- (a) Widow.
- (b) Children (including step-children and illegitimate children) under 14 years of age.
- (c) Parents who are in pecuniary need or are incapable of self support through age or infirmity, and who were wholly or partly dependent on the deceased rating at the time of his death, and provided that the rating did not leave a widow or eligible child.
- (d) Brothers and sisters who were largely dependent on the deceased rating at the time of his death, provided that they are in pecuniary need and that the rating did not leave a widow or eligible child.

W. G. AGNEW.

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### *Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1955*

NOTICE is hereby given that Her Majesty in Council was pleased on 22nd March 1968 to approve an Order in Council entitled "The Oil in Navigable Waters (Convention Countries) (Nigeria) Order 1968" (S.I. 1968/468).

Copies of the said Order when published, may be purchased directly from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses: 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 49 High Holborn, London W.C.2, or through any bookseller.