

on account of the temporary allowance exceeding the rate of pension will be made from any subsequent issues of pension and no deduction will be made from any gratuity.

9. If a man after discharge from the Navy or Marines is certified to be disabled owing to—

- (a) wounds or injuries received in the performance of naval or military duty in consequence of the present war; or
- (b) disease, certified as contracted or commencing while on active service, or as having been aggravated by active service in consequence of the present war.

such disablement not having been caused or aggravated by the man's serious negligence or misconduct, he may be granted a pension as if he had been discharged as medically unfit for further service upon the date from which his claim is established.

PART II.—WIDOWS AND DEPENDANTS.

10.—(1) Pensions to the widows, children, and dependants of deceased seamen or marines, for which provision is made in the following articles, shall not be claimed as a right, but shall be given as a reward of service, and no pension shall be granted or continued to a widow or dependant who, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, is unworthy of the public bounty, and it shall be in the power of the Minister of Pensions to terminate or suspend any pension that may have been granted to such persons or to provide for its administration under such conditions as he may determine, and his decision in any case shall be final.

(2) It shall be within the power of the Minister of Pensions to deduct from any sum paid by way of pension or allowance under this part of these Regulations the cost of any benefit which it may hereafter be decided to substitute for part of the pension or allowance, provided that no deduction made under this subsection shall be at a greater rate than one penny for each full half-crown of the pension or allowance.

11. The widow of a seaman or marine who in consequence of the present war either (a) is killed while in the performance of naval or military duty, or (b) dies as a result of wounds or injuries received in the performance of such duty within seven years of receiving such wounds or injuries, or (c) dies of disease, certified as contracted or commencing while on duty, or as having been aggravated by such duty, within seven years of his removal therefrom on account of such disease, may, provided the man's death has not been caused by his serious negligence or misconduct, be granted a minimum pension in respect of his death at the following weekly rates:—

	Weekly. s. d.
Marine Warrant Officer, Class I.	21 3
Marine Warrant Officer, Class II.	18 9
Chief Petty Officers, Colour and Staff Sergeants of Marines	17 6
First-class Petty Officers, (O.S.), Petty Officers (N.S.), and Sergeants of Marines	16 3

Weekly.
s. d.

Second-class Petty Officers, Leading Rates and Corporals of Marines ... 15 0

All naval ratings below those described above and Marines below Corporal ... 13 9

The pension granted to the widow of a seaman or marine who held paid acting rank at the time he was killed or was removed from duty owing to wounds, injuries or disease from which he subsequently died, may be at the rate appropriate to that rank.

12. A widow pensioned under Article 11 of these Regulations may be granted a further allowance at the following weekly rates for each child under the age of 16 maintained by her:—

	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

The provisions for the grant or continuation of this allowance beyond the age of 16, for its administration to secure the proper maintenance of the child, and for its reduction to the extent to which the parent is relieved of the charge of the child shall be as set forth in subsections (2), (3), and (4) of Article 2 of these Regulations.

13. Any widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations, who makes application and shows that she was married to the seaman or marine before the commencement of the war or before the date of his enlistment, whichever was the later, and that the minimum pension, with children's allowances (if any) which she has been granted under the two preceding articles, is less than one-half of any alternative pension that might have been awarded to the deceased seaman or marine under Article 3 of these Regulations had he survived, and been incapable of supplementing that pension by earnings, may be granted, in lieu of a minimum pension and children's allowances, a pension which shall not exceed one-half of the alternative pension of the deceased man.

14. In addition to any pension and children's allowances awarded under the foregoing three articles there may be granted, under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine:—

(1) To any widow a gratuity not exceeding £3 to meet expenses consequent on or caused by the death of the seaman or marine.

(2) To any widow pensioned under Article 11 of these Regulations, an addition of 1s. 3d. a week to the pension granted under that Article when she reaches the age of 45.

(3) To any widow an allowance not exceeding 12s. 6d. per week for a period not ordinarily exceeding 13 weeks whilst she is undergoing any course of instruction which, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, will be advantageous to her. Where an allowance is granted under this subsection any fees for training, for which provision is not otherwise made, may be paid subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.