

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *August*, 1918.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 7th day of August, 1918, in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, 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 His late Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Order in Council bearing date the 12th day of March, 1903, to sanction the appointment of Retired Officers of the Royal Marines under the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to a Reserve of Officers:

"And whereas we consider it necessary to extend the Reserve of Officers of the Royal Marines:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to approve of the formation of a Special Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, consisting of Officers who have held Temporary Commissions in the Royal Marines during War, of Warrant Officers, Class I., and Gentlemen specially appointed from civil life, under the conditions prescribed in the attached Schedule.

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

"SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS,
ROYAL MARINES.

(CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS.)

"1. A Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, to be called the Special Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, to be established; and to consist of such numbers as may be determined, from time to time, between the Admiralty and the Treasury.

"2. The following to be eligible for the Special Reserve:—

"(a) Officers who have held Temporary Commissions in the Royal Marines under the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

"(b) Substantive Warrant Officers, Classes 1 and 2, and Non-Commissioned Officers, who have been granted Temporary Commissions during War.

"(c) Warrant Officers, Class 1, who on discharge to pension are recommended by their Commanding Officers as suitable to hold Commissions in case of emergency.

"(d) Gentlemen specially appointed from civil life, who must:—

(1) Have qualified at an Army or Royal Marine Entrance Examination, or have a 'leaving certificate,' or

(2) Have passed Matriculation Examination of a University.

"3. Candidates for appointment to the Special Reserve must pass the Medical Exa-

mination laid down, and those appointed under Paragraph 2 (d) above must be between 18 and 25 years of age on appointment. All must be British-born Subjects.

"4. Temporary Officers appointed will be placed in the Special Reserve in the Rank, and with the Seniority, last held by them during service with the Corps.

"Those appointed from Warrant Officer will be granted Commissions as Lieutenant, Royal Marines, in the Special Reserve, with seniority from date of appointment.

"Gentlemen appointed from civil life will be granted Commissions as Second Lieutenant in the Special Reserve, will be on probation for 6 months, and will be confirmed only on completing the probationary course of training laid down on appointment.

"5. Special Reserve Officers will be entitled to wear the uniform of Officers of the Royal Marines as laid down for Retired Officers, Royal Marines, and as published in the Quarterly Navy List.

"6. Special Reserve Officers will be liable to be called up for immediate and continuous service at home or abroad at a time when a national emergency appears, in the opinion of the Admiralty, to be imminent.

"7. Officers appointed under Paragraph 2 (d) above will be attached during a period of 6 months to a Royal Marine Division for training.

"All Officers of the Special Reserve will be required to undergo 14 days' training annually, unless specially exempted from such training in any year by the Adjutant-General.

"They may also be allowed to come up for voluntary courses not exceeding 42 days in any one year.

"8. Pay during training, or when recalled to service, will be at such rates as may be agreed upon between the Treasury and the Admiralty.

"9. On appointment an outfit allowance of £30 will be granted on condition that the Officer refunds one quarter for each year short of four, if he is removed from the Service within 4 years from whatever cause, subject to waiver in whole or in part in special circumstances at the discretion of the Admiralty.

"On being called up for service Officers will be granted an allowance of £50 to include Camp Kit, but not to include any expense incurred in respect of Tropical Outfit.

"An Officer who was commissioned or called up during War, and received an outfit gratuity, will not receive a further grant of £30 on appointment to the Reserve, but will be granted a special allowance of £10 for provision of Mess Kit, etc., half to be refunded if the Officer does not complete two years in Reserve owing to reasons within his own control.

"A refund of gratuity will not be required in cases where an Officer who has received the £30 grant is called up for service before completion of four years, or where, if he has received the £10 grant, he is called up before completion of two years.

"10. Officers who may receive hurts or wounds on Active Service in the Royal Navy will receive gratuities or pensions on the scale applicable to Officers of corresponding rank on the Active List, and Widows, Children and other Dependent Relatives of Officers who die while on Service with the Corps will be eligible for pensions, gratuities, and compassionate allowances, at the rates, and subject to the conditions, from time to time prescribed for the