

serve of Officers, Royal Marines, when recalled for service, to the next higher rank as supernumerary to the establishment, when the Officer next below them in seniority on the Active List is promoted to higher rank, in the same manner as seconded Officers:

"And whereas the pay, retired pay and conditions of retirement of Officers of the Royal Marines have been brought into line with those applicable to Officers of the Royal Navy as a result of the Regulations which Your Majesty was graciously pleased to approve by Your Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the practice regarding the grant of a step in rank to Officers of the Royal Marines on or after retirement should also be assimilated as far as possible to that followed in the Royal Navy, the Regulations governing which provide that Officers of all ranks shall be eligible for such advancement subject to certain conditions:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the Regulations contained in the accompanying Schedule, with effect from the 1st day of February, 1919, and to approve of the provisions of Order in Council bearing date the 18th day of December, 1918, being allowed to lapse.

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

" SCHEDULE.

"REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF A STEP IN RANK TO OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL MARINES ON OR AFTER RETIREMENT.

"I. (a) *Officers on the Reserved List of Colonels.*

To continue to be eligible under the rules laid down in Orders in Council of the 10th August, 1909, and 11th July, 1919, for the rank of Major-General (Retired) on retirement.

(b) *Colonels Commandant.*

To continue to be eligible under Clause 14 of the Regulations contained in Order in Council of the 29th November, 1881, as modified by Order in Council of the 11th July, 1919, for the rank of Major-General (Retired) on retirement provided they have completed 20 years' service. (Clause 14 of the Regulations contained in Order in Council of the 29th November, 1881, to be regarded as cancelled so far as Officers other than Colonels Commandant are concerned.)

(c) *Colonels, Second Commandant.*

Provided they have not been passed over for the command of a Division, to be promoted to Major-General (Retired) when they would have been promoted to Colonel Commandant had they continued to serve.

(d) *Lieutenant-Colonels.*

To be promoted to Colonel (Retired) on retirement provided they are 45 years of age, or on reaching that age.

(e) *Officers below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, including Officers promoted from the ranks to permanent commissions other than Quartermasters.*

To be granted one step in rank when they would normally have been promoted had they continued to serve, provided they have 12 years' service as Commissioned

Officer and have served for 3 years in the rank held on retirement.

(f) *Quartermasters and Directors of Music (including the Musical Director, Assistant Musical Director and Company Officers, Royal Naval School of Music).*

To be eligible under the provisions of Order in Council of the 7th July, 1897, as modified by Order in Council of the 11th July, 1919, for a step in rank on retirement provided they have completed 20 years' service, with the reservation that the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel may be granted only to Officers who have completed 3 years' service as Major.

(g) *Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank.*

To be granted on retirement the rank or equivalent rank of Lieutenant (Retired) provided they have completed 3 years' service as Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank.

"II. Officers to be advanced under the foregoing rules only when they have rendered satisfactory service and are recommended by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and the grant of all steps in rank under these rules to be subject to the discretion of the Admiralty.

"III. Temporary Officers, Royal Marines, and Officers of the Special Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, not to be eligible for a step in rank under these Regulations.

"IV. Service covered by permanent commission only to be allowed to reckon for the purpose of these Regulations.

"V. Majors promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel under these Regulations while in the Reserve of Officers, Royal Marines, to continue to be borne on the list of Reserve of Officers until they reach the age of 50 notwithstanding the normal limitation of the Reserve of Officers to Officers below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of June, 1921.

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 25th day of May, 1921 (N. 7777), in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas it is provided by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, that all pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval and 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 the approved rates of pay of