

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 by Orders in Council bearing dates the 19th day of May, 1898, and the 4th day of July, 1908, provision is made for the grant to Officers of Your Majesty's Navy, subject to certain conditions and during certain limited periods, of sick leave on full pay:

" And whereas Your Majesty was graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council bearing date the 19th day of July, 1918, to approve, *inter alia*, of Officers of the Royal Navy being eligible at our discretion for full pay sick leave for a period not exceeding twelve months when the disability or sickness is certified to be beyond the Officer's own control, provided that there be a reasonable probability of return to duty, and to provide that this Regulation should have effect at our discretion until a date not exceeding twelve months after the cessation of the Hostilities then in progress:

" And whereas Your Majesty was further graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, bearing date the 7th day of February, 1921, to approve of Officers of Your Majesty's Royal Marines being treated on the same lines as Officers of Your Majesty's Navy for purposes of full pay sick leave:

" And whereas we are of opinion that it is desirable to make certain alterations in the Regulations governing the grant of full pay sick leave to Officers of Your Majesty's Navy and Royal Marines:

" 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 dates stated therein.

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

" SCHEDULE.

" FULL PAY SICK LEAVE.

" 1. The following Regulations to apply to all Officers of the Royal Navy, including Warrant Officers, Officers promoted from Warrant rank, and Officers on the Supplementary List, and to Officers of the Royal Marines.

" 2. Any Officer who, while borne on the books of one of Your Majesty's Ships or Royal Marine Divisions for full pay, becomes unfit for service at home or abroad to be eligible to be awarded full pay sick leave as follows, provided there is a reasonable probability of his ultimate return to duty:—

(i) In ordinary cases—a maximum of 12 months reckoned from the date checked sick, whether at home or abroad.

(ii) In special cases, e.g., disability due to service in an unhealthy climate, or to Active War Service, or to bodily injuries sustained on duty in respect of which a Hurt Certificate has been issued, at Admiralty discretion—a maximum of 18 months, reckoned from the date checked sick, whether at home or abroad.

" 3. Officers found permanently unfit for general service to be placed forthwith on the Retired List, provided that, in the following special cases, a grant or an extension of full pay sick leave from the date of the Medical report certifying that a reasonable probability of ultimate fitness for duty no longer exists may be made at Admiralty discretion, each case being considered on its merits; the period to be limited to a maximum of three months, and by the date on which the Officer would normally have ceased to be entitled to full pay by reason of having:—

(i) reached the limit of full pay sick leave admissible under the ordinary Regulations:

(ii) completed the full period of his Active Service engagement (for an Officer entered for Short Service):

(iii) reached the age limit for compulsory retirement (for a permanent Officer).

Grants or extensions of full pay sick leave under the conditions prescribed in this clause to be limited to:—

(a) Officers whose illness is certified to be attributable to the Service:

(b) Officers suffering from tuberculosis or insanity where the disease, although not "attributable" is certified as being "aggravated" by the Service.

" 4. Disability due to causes within an Officer's own control to be treated, subject to Admiralty discretion, as ordinary sickness for the purpose of clause 2 (i) of these Regulations.

" 5. Article 1352, King's Regulations and Admiralty instructions, providing for the issue of full pay or its equivalent to Officers wounded during such time as they shall be lying under cure, or up to a limit of eighteen calendar months, to be cancelled; such cases to be dealt with under the Regulations contained in this Schedule.

" 6. Article 1353, King's Regulations and Admiralty instructions, providing for the extension of the full pay or its equivalent of Officers injured on duty or suffering from insanity resulting from an act of duty or from extraordinary exposure or exertion on duty, to be cancelled; such cases to be dealt with under the Regulations contained in this Schedule.

" 7. Subject to the exceptions specified in clause 8, the Regulations and provisions contained in this schedule to take effect as follows:—

(i) Extension of the ordinary period of full pay sick leave up to 12 months: from 1st September, 1922.

(ii) All other provisions: from 19th July, 1923.

" 8. The application of the foregoing Regulations to Commissioned Officers from Warrant rank and Warrant Officers to take effect from the date of this Order, and the cancellation of the former Regulation to be without prejudice to any Officer entitled to the receipt of benefits thereunder on the date he fell sick who may have continued on the sick list after the introduction of the new Regulations.

" 9. Officers who contract disabilities whilst on Unemployed Pay, whether at the Full Pay, Intermediate or Half Pay rate, to be ineligible for full pay sick leave."