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TUESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1935

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of *March*, 1935.

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 22nd day of March, 1935 (N. 716/35), 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 Orders in Council bearing dates the 29th day of February, 1908, the 30th day of May, 1919, the 17th day of May, 1920, and the 5th day of November, 1926, sanctioned certain changes in the Non-Substantive Gunnery Ratings held by Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy and by Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, whereby men are at present employed and paid in the Non-Substantive ratings of Gunlayer, First and Second Class, Director Layer, First and Second Class, and Rangetaker, First, Second and Third Class:

“And whereas we are of opinion that only one class of Director Layer and one class of Gunlayer are now required for the efficient performance of the Gunnery duties of Your Majesty's Fleet:

“And whereas we are also of opinion that it is desirable to abolish the rating of Rangetaker, Third Class, and to provide other remuneration for rangetaking duties in Submarines:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the following proposals, with effect from the 1st day of April, 1935:—

(1) The non-substantive ratings of Director Layer and Gunlayer to be established, with pay of 1s. a day and 6d. a day, respectively;

(2) Existing holders of the non-substantive ratings of Director Layer, Second Class, and Gunlayer, Second Class, to be assimilated to the new grades as we may direct; men holding the ratings of Director Layer, First Class, and Gunlayer, First Class, to continue to hold those ratings and receive the present rates of pay of 1s. 3d. a day and 1s. a day, respectively, so long as they remain efficient in the non-substantive rating;

(3) The non-substantive rating of Rangetaker, Third Class, to be abolished; ratings performing rangetaking duties in Submarines to be granted an allowance of 2d. a day, to be designated ‘Rangefinding Allowance in Submarines.’