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TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1938

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *July*, 1938.

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 21st day of July, 1938 (N. 829/38), 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 by Orders in Council bearing dates the 29th day of February, 1908, the 17th day of May, 1920, the 11th day of October, 1923, and the 29th day of March, 1935, certain changes were sanctioned 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:

“And whereas we are of opinion that it is necessary to introduce a further re-organisation of the Gunnery Branch and to sub-divide it into four sections for duties in connection with charge of quarters, fire control, gun and director laying and anti-aircraft gunnery, with three grades in each section, in addition to the existing rates of Gunner's Mate and Gunnery

Instructor, Royal Marines, and that of seamen and Royal Marines qualified in ordnance work :

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction the new ratings as shown in the subjoined table, with effect from a date to be determined by us, with the revised daily rates of non-substantive pay specified :—

	Chief P.O's., P.O's & Non- C.O's., R.M.	Leading Seamen.	A.B's and Marines.
	s. d.	s. d.	d.
3rd class ...	—	0 3	3
2nd class ...	0 6	0 9	9
1st class ...	1 6	1 6	—
Gunner's Mate Gunnery Instructor, Royal Marines	2 0	2 0	—

the four sections being termed control, layer, quarters and anti-aircraft respectively.

“We further propose that men holding the existing rates of Director Layer, Gunlayer, Rangetaker, Captain of Gun, Turret Trainer, Turret Director Trainer, Seaman Gunner, and Royal Marine qualified in Gunnery shall be transferred to the new ratings and grades in such manner as we direct, the old system ratings and allowances aforementioned being abolished in due course.

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