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TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 31st day of *July*, 1940.

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 July, 1940 (N 5062/40), 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 in order to meet the requirements of the Air Arm of Your Majesty's Fleet, it has been found necessary to transfer thereto certain trained personnel of Your Majesty's Air Force and Order in Council dated 6th May, 1938, provides, *inter alia*, that former Royal Air Force service rendered by such transferees shall be allowed to reckon towards the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and Gratuity to the same extent as it would have done under Royal Air Force Regulations, but that all awards shall be made under conditions applicable to ratings of the Royal Navy:

“And whereas the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal may be awarded under Royal Air Force Regulations after 18 years' approved

service and the amount of the associated Gratuity is only £5, while, under Royal Naval Regulations, only 15 years' qualifying service is required and the award of the Medal carries with it an initial Gratuity of £20 and additional Gratuity at the rate of £1 for each year of approved service subsequent to the award:

“And whereas certain Royal Air Force personnel transferred to the Royal Navy in the circumstances described herein had already been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and associated Gratuity of £5 prior to transfer and we desire that such men, while being allowed to retain the Medal so awarded, shall be paid a further Gratuity of £15, representing the difference between the amount of the Gratuity payable under Royal Air Force Regulations and that initially payable under Royal Naval Regulations, and shall be eligible for the additional allowance at the rate of £1 for each year of service subsequent to the date of transfer to the Royal Navy, subject to fulfilment of the authorised conditions for its payment to Naval ratings.

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment accordingly.

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

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.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.