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TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *September*, 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 9th day of September, 1940 (N645/40), 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 by Order in Council bearing date the 6th May, 1938, sanction was given, *inter alia*, to the transfer to the Royal Navy of certain trained ranks of the Royal Air Force:

“ And whereas in order to meet the requirements of the Air Arm of Your Majesty's Fleet, it is now necessary to increase the number of ratings in the Air Artificer branch of the Royal Navy, and to transfer thereto such ratings of the Air Fitter branch (formerly in the Royal Air Force) who are found to be qualified:

“ And whereas we are of opinion that such ratings should be granted conditions of transfer to the Air Artificer branch similar to those authorised by Your Order in Council of the 6th May, 1938.

“ We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty, by Your Order in Council, may be graciously pleased to sanction, with effect from a date to be determined by us, the conditions of transfer and service set out in the accompanying schedule; men transferred who are in receipt of pay on the scale in force immediately prior to the 5th October, 1925, being eligible to continue to receive pay on that scale, subject otherwise to the usual regulations governing pay scales.

“ The Lord Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the above proposals.

“ SCHEDULE.

Air Fitters (formerly R.A.F.)—Transfer to Air Artificer.

Transfer and seniority for further advancement as Air Artificer, to be in accordance with the following table:—

Present Rating.

Petty Officer Air Fitter (Confirmed)—

(a) with less than 3 years' actual service as P.O. Air Fitter and Corporal, R.A.F., combined.

(b) With 3 years or more actual service as P.O. Air Fitter and Corporal, R.A.F., combined.

Position on transfer to Air Artificer Branch.

Air Artificer, 4th Class, with 1 year's seniority at date of transfer.

Air Artificer, 4th Class, with 2 years' seniority at date of transfer.