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FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1944

BY THE KING
A PROCLAMATION

APPOINTING MONDAY THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE, A BANK HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE BANK HOLIDAYS ACT, 1871.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS We consider it desirable, in the circumstances of the present emergency, that Monday the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, shall be kept as a close holiday in all banks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and shall, as regards bills of exchange and promissory notes payable in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, be deemed to be a bank holiday for all the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section four of the said Act, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, appoint the said first day of January to be observed as a bank holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

And We do declare that this Proclamation does not have the effect of making the said day a holiday under, or for the purposes of, the Holidays Extension Act, 1875.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *November*, 1944.

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 30th day of October, 1944 (C.W. 56936/43), 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 it was provided by Section V of Schedule V to Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, that Naval and Marine officers of the rank or relative rank of Lieutenant Commander, whilst serving at the Admiralty, should receive a special allowance of £75 a year:

"And whereas by Part V of Section II of the Schedule to Order in Council bearing date the 9th day of November, 1934, the aforesaid Allowance, hitherto subject to variation with changes in the cost of living, was consolidated at the rate of £68 a year:

"And whereas we consider that this Allowance should now be increased:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the payment to Naval and Marine Officers of the rank or relative rank of Lieutenant Commander, R.N., and Captain, R.M., who are serving at the Admiralty, of a Special Allowance at the rate of £90 10s. od. a year, with effect from 1st July, 1944.

"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.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *November*, 1944.

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 13th day of November, 1944 (C.W.25705/44) 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 section VI of Schedule V to Order in Council bearing date the 22nd day of January, 1920, sanction was given for the payment of Specialist Allowance of 2s. 6d. a day to Lieutenants and Lieutenant-Commanders who have undergone special courses and qualified in certain subjects:

"And whereas we consider that Specialist Allowance of 2s. 6d. a day should be paid to Instructor Lieutenants and Instructor Lieutenant-Commanders who are qualified in Meteorological duties:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order