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A PROCLAMATION

Granting Prize Money and regulating its distribution

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Whereas by the Prize Act, 1948, it is provided that if We are pleased by Proclamation or Order in Council to signify Our intention to make a grant of prize money out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war, there shall be paid into the Royal Naval Prize Fund the sum of, or sums amounting in the aggregate to, four million pounds, and into the Royal Air Force Prize Fund the sum of, or sums amounting in the aggregate to, one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, and further that sums of such respective amounts as We may by the said Proclamation or Order in Council determine shall be distributed out of the Royal Naval Prize Fund, in such manner as We may so determine, to such persons who are or have been members of any of Our naval and marine forces, or of the crews, raised as mentioned in the said Act, of any of Our ships of war, or in the case of their death to their representatives, as We may so determine:

And whereas by the said Act it is provided that persons who during the late war were members of the Royal Artillery and served as such in any ship or vessel for the purpose of defending it against enemy attack shall be deemed to have been members of the said naval forces:

And whereas by the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, it is provided that money distributable among the officers and crews of any of Our ships of war in respect of awards made in the several cases therein mentioned, so far as full provision respecting the distribution thereof is not made by or under any Act of Parliament other than that Act, shall be distributed under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in the shares in that behalf specified in any Royal Proclamation or Order in Council:

We do therefore now make known to all Our loving subjects, and to all others whom it may concern by this Our Proclamation by and with the advice of Our Privy Council that Our Royal Will and Pleasure is and We do hereby order and direct that a grant of prize money shall be made out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war and We do hereby determine that the sum or sums to be paid as aforesaid into the Royal Naval Prize Fund shall be distributed at such time as the Admiralty may direct

(a) to such of the persons referred to in section 2 of the Prize Act, 1948, as are specified in the following regulations or, in the case of their death, to their representatives; and

(b) in such shares and proportions as are mentioned in those regulations:

1.—(a) Participation shall be allowed to each individual officer and man who performed service at sea for a period of not less than 180 days between 3rd September, 1939, and 2nd September, 1945, and

who notifies the Admiralty of his claim to participate not later than 12 months from the date on which applications are invited by the Admiralty.

(b) Irrespective of actual time served at sea, participation shall be allowed in all cases in which officers or men were killed in action at sea, died of wounds received in, or from causes directly attributable to, action at sea, were lost at sea, or died at sea of injury or illness attributable to service afloat, provided that when the death occurred or the wounds, injury or illness were sustained, the officer or man was serving in a sea-going ship of war on or convoy duties or in a merchant ship as a member of the gun's crew or for the purpose of operating or maintaining naval aircraft.

2. For the purposes of these regulations service at sea means service performed by persons

(a) while borne for pay on the books of a sea-going ship of war;

(b) while borne for pay on the books of a non-seagoing ship or Admiralty establishment for service in a sea-going ship of war;

(c) while borne for pay on the books of a non-seagoing ship for service in operational Coastal Force craft;

(d) who went to sea as members of the regular crews of Combined Operations craft while borne for pay on the books of a commissioned non-seagoing depot ship for service in the Combined Operations organisation;

(e) while borne for pay on the books of offensively armed auxiliary vessels or on the books of a non-seagoing ship for service in offensively armed auxiliary vessels;

(f) while borne for pay on the books of a non-seagoing ship under T.124 agreements or variants thereof or under commissioned Admiralty cable-ship agreements for service in a sea-going ship of war;

(g) while borne for pay on the books of a non-seagoing ship for convoy duties;

(h) while serving in a merchant ship as members of the gun's crew or for the purpose of operating or maintaining naval aircraft.

3. Each individual officer and man shall be allotted the number of shares attributed by the scale appended to Regulation 9 to the rank or rating held by him on 2nd September, 1945, or on the date of his release, discharge or death, if earlier. Officers, ratings and other ranks holding higher paid temporary, acting temporary, probationary or acting rank on such date shall be treated as though they had been confirmed in that rank.

4. Members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute canteen staff who were entered in the Naval Canteen Service will be eligible for prize money under these regulations and shall be entitled to reckon service in canteens in Our sea-going ships from 3rd September, 1939, towards the qualifying period. Subject to the regulations governing misconduct, members of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute canteen staff who died, were invalided or otherwise ceased to serve after serving the qualifying period but before transfer to naval ratings in the Naval