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AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 30th day of January, 1952

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 28th day of January, 1952 (N. 10884/50), 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 Your Order in Council dated the 26th day of June, 1946, rates of pay and of Marriage Allowance were approved with effect from 1st July, 1946, for Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy and for non-commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines:

“And whereas by Your Order in Council dated the 29th day of September, 1949, the aforesaid rates of pay and Marriage Allowance were increased as from 24th November, 1948, subject to certain restrictions applicable to men called up for National Service and joining for duty on and after 1st January, 1947:

“And whereas it has been found desirable with effect from 1st September, 1950, still further to increase the rates of pay, but not the rates of Marriage Allowance and to adopt a revised pay code whereby a higher scale of pay may be earned by the attainment of qualifications superior to those required for the rating held, subject to the proviso that National Service ratings shall continue to receive the rates of Marriage Allowance laid down in Schedule V of Your Order in Council dated the 26th day of June, 1946, and shall not be given the benefit of the revised rates of pay and conditions until they have completed 18 months' full time service:

“And whereas it is in the interests of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces that men who are serving on regular engagements should re-engage to complete time for pension, and that a bounty of £100 should be offered to them to do so:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the provisions set out in the accompanying Schedules:

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have concurred in these proposals.

“SCHEDULE I—GENERAL

“The rates of pay and allowances in the following Schedules to apply to ratings and other ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, other than National Service men during their initial 18 months' paid full-time service and men entered locally abroad; and, subject to the regulations for their services, to apply also to members of the several Reserve Forces and pensioners while serving or training in H.M. Ships and Establishments, or while called out for actual service in war or emergency. The pay and allowances of men entered abroad to continue to be determined within the following scales in relation to local economic conditions.

“2. Higher scales of pay for higher qualifications to be instituted as follows, subject to withdrawal in the event of loss of or reduction in qualification:

“(a) For Able and Leading ratings of all branches and equivalent ranks, Royal Marines on passing for advancement to higher rating or higher rank.

“(b) For Seamen Branch ratings and other ranks, Royal Marines on attaining a specialist qualification (hereinafter referred to as S.Q.).

“(c) For Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of non-Seaman Branches (other than Artificers, Mechanicians, Artisans, Motor Mechanics, Ordnance Mechanics and Aircrew) and for Sergeant Buglers and Bugle Majors, Royal Marines on acquiring experience and professional or technical skill above that required for advancement to their rating or rank.

“(d) For Royal Marine Tradesmen according to class.

The award of a higher scale of pay on the attainment of a higher qualification as at (a) or (c) above to be subject to Commanding Officer's approval.

“3. Ratings who are advanced on a local acting basis without the qualifications required for normal advancement to receive 6d. a day less than the rate appropriate to the fully qualified rating.

“4. Incremental pay based on total man's service to be replaced by progressive pay for length of service in each rating above Ordinary rating, irrespective of the branch or branches in which the service has been rendered. Reservists to count only mobilised and/or former active service for this purpose.