

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of *January*, 1957.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'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 11th day of *January*, 1957 (N.P. 5828/56) 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 under various Orders in Council, rates and conditions of award of retired pay, pensions, terminal grants and gratuities have been laid down for Officers, Commissioned Branch Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Royal Navy and Royal Marines; for Officers and Ratings of the Women's Royal Naval Service; and for members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service;

"And whereas we are of opinion that revised service retired pay and pensions regulations should be introduced;

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to authorise us to award retired pay, pensions, terminal grants and gratuities at the rates and subject to the conditions specified in the Schedules annexed hereto.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified Their concurrence in these proposals.

"SCHEDULE I.

"SECTION 1.

"Half Pay and Terminal Grants for Admirals of the Fleet.

"1.—(a) An Admiral of the Fleet will be eligible during periods subsequent to 31st March, 1956, for

"(a) *General List Officers, and Medical, Dental and Instructor Officers.*

which he does not receive full pay, for half pay at the rate of £2,300 a year.

"(b) An Admiral of the Fleet granted half pay on termination of full pay service after 31st December, 1955, may be awarded a terminal grant of £6,900, free of income tax, in addition to his half pay.

"An Admiral of the Fleet who has been awarded a terminal grant under this clause shall not be eligible for any further terminal grant on the conclusion of any subsequent period of full pay service.

"SECTION II.

"Service Retired Pay for Permanent Royal Navy and Royal Marine Officers.

"2. The provisions of this Section relate to officers holding permanent commissions in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, including officers of the Shore Wireless Service and officers transferred to the Royal Navy from the Royal Naval Reserve or the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and officers of the former Air Branch eligible for retired pay, who retire from the Active List on or after 1st January, 1956. They do not apply to officers holding temporary or short service commissions. The rates of retired pay are effective from 1st April, 1956, but all officers retired on or after 1st January, 1956, will receive the new rates of retired pay as from 1st April, 1956.

"3. *Retirement for age or non-employment.* An officer retiring on or after attaining the age limit fixed for service in his rank and Branch, or, it having been decided that further employment is not available for him, retired compulsorily before attaining that age limit, may be granted retired pay, provided that he has completed at least 20 years' qualifying service as defined in Clauses 27 to 29 below.

"4. The rate of retired pay will be based on the officer's rank for retired pay purposes, as defined in Clauses 24 and 25, and on the length of his reckonable service as defined in Clause 30.

"5. If the officer's reckonable service is not less than the standard service period for his rank for retired pay purposes, he will be granted retired pay at the standard rate for that rank as follows:—

" Rank for Retired Pay	Standard Service Periods	Standard Retired Pay Rate
" Lieutenant R.N. and R.M.	20 years	£500 a year
Lieutenant Commander R.N.: Captain R.M.	22 years	£625 a year
Commander R.N.: Major R.M.	24 years	£800 a year
Captain, R.N. with less than 6 years service in the rank Lieutenant Colonel, R.M.	26 years	£1,000 a year
Captain, R.N. after 6 years service in the rank Colonel, R.M.	28 years	£1,150 a year
Rear Admiral: Major General, R.M.	30 years	£1,400 a year
Vice Admiral: Lieutenant General, R.M.	30 years	£1,600 a year
Admiral: General, R.M.	30 years	£1,900 a year
<i>Branch Officers/Special Duties Officers</i>		
Commissioned Officer, R.N. or R.M.: Sub-Lieutenant, R.N. or Second Lieutenant, R.M.	20 years	£400 a year
Senior Commissioned Officer, R.N. or R.M.; Lieutenant (S.D. List), R.N. or R.M.	20 years	£450 a year
Lieutenant (B.L.) R.N. or R.M.: Lieutenant Commander (S.D. List), R.N., or Captain (S.D. List), R.M. with less than nine years in the rank	20 years	£500 a year
Lieutenant-Commander (B.L.), R.N., or Captain (B.L.), R.M.: Lieutenant-Commander (S.D. List), R.N., Captain (S.D. List), R.M. with nine years or more in the rank	22 years	£625 a year
Commander, R.N., Major, R.M.	24 years	£675 a year

"Notes:

(a) Certain Royal Marine officers will retain a reserved right to be awarded, if otherwise eligible, retired pay at the rate of £625 a year even though nine years' service as Lieutenant (B.L.)/Captain (S.D. List) have not been completed,

(b) Officers promoted to the rank of Commander (Special Duties) after 1st January, 1957, will be eligible for retired pay at the rates for General List officers of equivalent rank.