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STATE INTELLIGENCE

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Balmoral, the 11th day of September 1958.

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 31st day of July, 1958 (N.P. 1792/58) in the words following, viz.:

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, and Chapter 32 of the Naval and Marine Reserves Pay Act, 1957, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of service in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Orders in Council dated 6th February, 1922, and 11th October, 1923, we were empowered at our discretion to award additional retired pay or disability retired pay or pensions to Officers, Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval and Marine and Reserve Forces who are invalided out of the Service on account of sickness or injury certified as attributable to service prior to the 3rd September, 1939, on the scales and under the conditions prescribed therein:

"And whereas by Orders in Council dated 2nd February, 1937, 9th May, 1940, 17th September, 1942, 22nd July, 1943, 29th November, 1946, and 8th October, 1957, certain improvements were made in the rates of disability retired pay, pensions and allowances payable to Officers, Petty Officers, Noncommissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Naval, Marine and Reserve Forces:

"And whereas with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, payments have been made to pensioners in receipt of disability pensions and allowances from the Admiralty at the same rates and subject to the same conditions as have been authorised for similar pensioners receiving pensions from the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance:

"We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following further improvements in the conditions and rates of disability retired pay, pensions and allowances with effect from 29th January, 1958, in the case of pensioners paid weekly; from 31st January, 1958, in the case of pensioners paid quarterly and from 1st February, 1958, in the case of officers:

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

"Part I. Awards in Respect of Disablement

"1. Pensions for disablement.

"A member of the Naval or Marine Forces the degree of whose disablement is not less than 20 per cent. may be awarded at Admiralty discretion retired pay or a pension at whichever of the rates set out in the Tables in the Schedule is appropriate to his rank or status and the degree of his disablement.

"2. Gratuities.

"A Naval rating or Royal Marine other rank the degree of whose disablement is less than 20 per cent. may be awarded at Admiralty discretion a gratuity appropriate to the degree of disablement, but not exceeding a maximum of £100.

"3. Allowances for eligible members of the family.

"(A) Where a member of the Naval or Marine forces is awarded retired pay or a pension under Clause 1 allowances in respect of eligible members of the family may be awarded at such proportion of the rates set out in the following table as corresponds to the degree of the disablement on which the retired pay or pension is based:

" TABLE

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Eligible Member of the Family	Rate for 100 per cent disablement	
	Officers (Yearly rate)	Other Ranks (Weekly rate)
(a) Wife (b) Children:	£ 36	s. d. 10 0
(i) if an allowance under (a) is in issue— each child (ii) if no allowance under	30	7 6
(a) is in issue— first child each other child	36 30	10 0 7 6