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State Intelligence

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of January 1966.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the increase of certain pensions granted in respect of service in Her Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces to correspond, as nearly as may be, with the benefits provided, in the case of civil pensions, by the Pensions (Increase) Act 1965:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 1966, and shall have effect from 1st January 1966.

2. The pensions to which this Order relates shall be:

- (a) Officers' service retired pay, compassionate allowances and the service portion of disability retired pay.
- (b) Service retired pay and the service portion of disability retired pay of officers of the Women's Royal Naval Service and of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Nursing Service Reserve and of the Naval Nursing Auxiliary Section.
- (c) Men's and women's service pensions, including elements for rank and age and additions for war service.
- (d) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 23rd May 1952, and previous Orders relating to Riggers and Yardcraft personnel if beginning before the relevant date.
- (e) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 20th November 1959, and previous Orders relating to European and Indian members of the Hong Kong Dockyard Police if beginning before the relevant date.
- (f) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 20th November 1959, and previous Orders relating to European and Indian (or otherwise Asian) members of the Singapore Dockyard Police if beginning before the relevant date.
- (g) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 23rd May 1952, and previous Orders relating to certain Shipwrights if beginning before the relevant date.
- (h) Family pensions.
- (i) Pensions for distinguished conduct. (Additions to pensions in respect of gallantry awards shall for the purposes of this Order be regarded as forming a part of the pension to which they are attached.)

(j) Meritorious service annuities payable to Royal Marines when the recipient is also receiving another pension increasable under this Order.

(k) Retired Officers' Naval pensions and good service pensions.

(l) Any award increased or increasable under Orders in Council of 13th August 1920, or 8th December 1924.

(m) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 27th February 1961, and previous Orders relating to Officers of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service if beginning before the relevant date.

(n) Pensions payable under Order in Council of 27th February 1961, and previous Orders relating to certain ratings of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service if beginning before the relevant date.

(o) Service retired pay of Officers of the former Royal Indian Navy.

3. A pension to which this Order relates may be increased provided either that:

- (a) the pensioner has attained the age of 60 years or, where the pension is a widow's pension, 40 years; or
- (b) the pensioner, if receiving a pension as a child of a deceased officer, rating or other rank, has not attained the age of 16 years or, having attained that age, is receiving full time instruction in an educational establishment or is undergoing training for a trade, profession or vocation in circumstances that require him to devote the whole of his time to that training for a period of not less than two years; or
- (c) the pensioner was invalidated from naval service other than re-employed service; or
- (d) the pensioner is a woman with at least one dependant as defined in paragraph 7 following; or
- (e) the pensioner is permanently incapacitated by physical or mental infirmity from engaging in regular full-time employment.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5, the increase shall comprise the appropriate percentage, as set out in paragraph 6, of the retired pay or pension being paid to the pensioner at the time when the increase becomes payable, including any pension increase awarded or for which he may become eligible under former Pensions Increase Orders in Council.

5.—(a) In implementing the provisions of paragraph 4 a fraction of a pound in an annual rate of pension shall be treated as a whole pound, and a fraction of sixpence in a weekly rate of pension shall be treated as a whole sixpence, for the purpose of the calculation only. The increase shall be added to the actual pension in payment.

(b) Where commutation is effected on or after 1st January 1966, the amount commuted shall be included, as if it were still part of the pension, in assessing the increase permissible.