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State Intelligence

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court of Saint James, the 30th day of March 1977

PRESENT,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 3rd day of February 1977, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required.

And Whereas it is expedient to provide for increased rates of pensions and allowances by the Ministry of Defence to widows, children and parents of Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel of the Malta Port Division who die as a result of peacetime service.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865 (1865 c. 73) and all other powers enabling Her Majesty, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1977.

2. The revised rates (to be converted to Maltese currency) and conditions of award of pensions and allowances to widows and children in respect of the death of Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel of the Malta Port Division, hereinafter referred to as "Maltese Naval Forces", where death is attributable to their service as specified in the Schedule to this Order shall take effect from 17th November 1976.

N. E. Leigh

SCHEDULE

SECTION 1

Pensions and Allowances

NOTE:

Widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces who prior to 1st April 1972 were awarded pensions in respect of death attributable to service at the United Kingdom rate have a reserved right to continue to receive the increases relevant to United Kingdom awards.

1. *Widows*

(a) Pensions shall be payable at the discretion of the Defence Council and in accordance with the following provisions to the widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces whose deaths are attributable to service after 31st March 1972.

(b) Where a pension is awarded to a widow for any past period the total amount of pension so awarded may be abated by the amount by which the amount of benefit paid exceeds what would have been payable for that period had the pension been concurrently payable.

Widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces

| Rank | Weekly Rate of Pension | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | <i>Widow with children or 40 years of age or over, or incapacitated</i> | <i>Any other widow</i> |
| | £ | £ |
| Fleet Chief Petty Officer | 13·23 | 3·19 |
| Chief Petty Officer | 13·17 | 3·13 |
| Petty Officer | 13·13 | 3·10 |
| Leading Rating | 13·10 | 3·06 |
| Able Rating | 13·07 | 3·03 |

2. *Definition of Rank.* For the purpose of assessing pensions of the widows of members of the Maltese Naval Forces, the rank shall be that held by the deceased member prior to the termination of his full pay service.