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State Intelligence

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at
Buckingham Palace the 18th day of February 1981

Present,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Order in Council (41 NPP) of the 13th day of February 1980, new awards in respect of attributable death were introduced for widows and dependants of Hong Kong naval locally engaged ratings expressed in sterling for conversion into Hong Kong dollars, and increased rates for non-attributable death, expressed in Hong Kong dollars, were notified, and it is now expedient that the rates for attributable death should be increased with effect from the 26th day of November 1980 and continue to be expressed in sterling for conversion as aforesaid, and that the rates expressed in Hong Kong dollars for non-attributable death effective from the 1st day of January 1977 specified in Order in Council (63 NPP) of 30th day of March 1977, should be re-enacted without increase:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865 (1865 c. 73), 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 (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) Order 1981.

2. The rates and conditions of award shall be as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

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SCHEDULE

Conditions Governing the Award

A pension cannot be claimed as a right, and will not be granted or continued when the applicant is shown to be living with a man as his wife, nor will it be granted if the service of the rating has not been such as, in the opinion of the Defence Council, to justify the award.

If the death of a rating, or the wound, injury or disease which resulted in his death was due wholly or in part to his own negligence or misconduct or to any cause within his own control, any grant which might otherwise be made to his widow or other dependants may be withheld or reduced as the Defence Council may determine.

Subject to any exception which the Defence Council may approve in a particular case, a pension will not be awarded to a widow who was separated from her husband at the time of his death. Should such an exception be approved the award will be at such a rate, and subject to such conditions, as the Defence Council may determine.

Part I

Where death is attributable to service or where the Hong Kong naval locally engaged rating was receiving any rate of constant attendance allowance when he died (or would have been receiving it but for the fact that he was in a hospital or other institution).

Provided the conditions regarding relationship and age are satisfied, widows and dependants of Hong Kong locally engaged ratings may be awarded weekly pensions and allowances as follows:

1. Weekly Rate of Pension

Rank	Widow with children or 40 years of age or over or incapacitated	Any other widow
	£p	£p
Fleet Chief Petty Officer ...	17.78	4.20
Chief Petty Officer ...	17.73	4.15
Petty Officer ...	17.70	4.13
Leading Rating ...	17.68	4.10
Able Rating ...	17.65	4.08

2. Weekly Allowance to Elderly Widows

A widow who receives a pension under Clause 1 above may be awarded an allowance as follows:

Aged 65 but under 70 years ...	£ p
Aged 70 years or over ...	1.73
	3.45