(*b*) after paragraph 4 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"5. The amount of a child's ordinary allowance determined in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Schedule shall be increased in accordance with the provisions of the Fourth Schedule to this Scheme and for the purposes of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1952, as applied by that Schedule, the allowance shall be deemed to begin before the first day of April, 1948.".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order consolidates, with amendments, the Firemen's Pension Scheme, 1952, set out in the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1952, and the amendments thereto contained in the Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1952, the Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 3) Order, 1952, the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1953, the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1954, the Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1954, and the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1955, which cease to have effect under Article 2 of the present Order save in relation to retirements, deaths and certain other matters occurring before 10th July, 1956, when the new Scheme comes into force.

The main changes in relation to whole-time firemen are as follows:— Article 1 of the new Scheme and Part I of the First Schedule thereto make a fireman's entitlement to an ordinary pension conditional on his having attained the age of fifty years but do not provide for restrictions on the amount of the pension where he retires under the age of fifty-five years; Article 10 and Part I of the Second Schedule provide for increased flat-rate pensions for widows; Article 16 and Part I of the Third Schedule make similar provision in relation to flat-rate children's allowances; pensions and allowances calculated by reference to pay are calculated by reference to average pensionable pay as defined in Article 35. These changes do not apply in relation to a fireman serving on 10th July, 1956, unless he so elects under Article 60. As regards part-time firemen, the pension contribution payable by a male retained fireman is increased from 4s. to 8s. a year by Article 54 and Articles 55, 56 and 57 provide for the payment of awards at increased rates.

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The Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	17*th December*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	21*st December*, 1956
Coming into Operation	22*nd December*, 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section twenty-six of the Fire Services Act, 1947(a), I hereby, with the approval of the Treasury and after consultation with the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council and the Scottish Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, make the following Order:—

1. In paragraph (5) of Article 53 of the Firemen's Pension Scheme, 1956, set out in the Appendix to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1956(b),

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41. (b) S.I. 1956/1022 (p. 953 above).

(which relates to awards in respect of whole-time firemen who are not regular firemen) for the words "National Insurance Act, 1946" there shall be substituted the words "National Insurance Acts, 1946(a)".

2. At the end of Part I of the Third Schedule to the said Scheme of 1956 (which relates to children's ordinary allowances) as modified by and set out in paragraph 9 of the Eighth Schedule to that Scheme (which relates to the application of the Scheme in relation to certain firemen serving on the tenth day of July, 1956) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"3. A child's ordinary allowance, determined in accordance with paragraph 1 or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of this Part of this Schedule, shall be increased by the amount by which it would have been increased under the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947(b), had it been granted before the passing of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1955(c).".

3. This Order may be cited as the Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of December, 1956.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

17th December, 1956.

We approve,

Martin Redmayne,
Peter Legh,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

17th December, 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Firemen's Pension Scheme, 1956, set out in the Appendix to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1956.

Article 1 relates to awards to widows of deceased firemen. Article 53 of the Scheme provides, in certain circumstances, for an award to the widow of a whole-time fireman who is not a regular fireman (as defined in Article 64) of an amount which, when aggregated with "additional benefit" (as defined in Article 53 (5)), does not exceed that of the award which would be appropriate in the case of the widow of a regular fireman. Article 1 of the present Order excludes from the definition of "additional benefit" payments under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, as well as payments under the National Insurance Act, 1946.

Article 2 relates to children's ordinary allowances. Under the Third Schedule to the Scheme as modified by the Eighth Schedule the scale of those allowances payable in the case of children of a limited class of regular firemen corresponds to that set out in the Firemen's Pension Scheme, 1952, which the Scheme of 1956 replaced. Article 2 of the present Order provides that these allowances shall be increased by the amounts by which they would have been increased under the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947, had they been granted under the Scheme of 1952 and before the passing of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 62 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67.
(b) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 21 and 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 7.
(c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 39.