GREENWICH HOSPITAL

The Greenwich Hospital (Dependants) Pensions Order, 1948

1948 No. 2791

Made - - - -	*22nd December,* 1948
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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December, 1948

Present,

The King'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 30th day of November, 1948 (G.H. 263/47), in the words following, viz. :—

" Whereas by Section 2 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1883(**a**), as amended by Section 2 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1947(**b**), it is enacted that the Admiralty may out of the funds of Greenwich Hospital grant pensions to widows and allowances to children of any person deceased, whether before or after the passing of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1947, while serving, or having served as a non-commissioned officer Petty Officer or man of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines or of any naval reserve force, and may out of the said funds grant gratuities to parents or other relatives dependent on any such person deceased as aforesaid so however that the total expenditure in such gratuities shall not exceed in any one year the sum of five hundred pounds, and so that pensions allowances and gratuities shall not be granted by virtue of the said Section as amended except in accordance with regulations of the Admiralty made under Section 4 of the said Act of 1883.

" And whereas by Section 4 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1883, it is enacted that regulations made by the Admiralty under that Act shall not have effect unless and until approved by Your Majesty in Council ; we beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be pleased by Your Order in Council to sanction the following Regulations :—

" 1. In cases of exceptional financial distress Pensions of 10s. 6d. per week may be granted by the Admiralty out of the funds of Greenwich Hospital to the widow of any person deceased, whether before or after the passing of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1947, while serving, or having served, as a non-commissioned officer, Petty Officer or man of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines or of any naval reserve force. Awards of these pensions will be granted only in very exceptional necessitous circumstances.

" 2. Owing to the limited funds available for this benefit, the total number of awards in force at any one time will be small. Priority will be given to the following classes, and awards will normally be restricted to these classes:—

(*a*) Widows of men who have given not less than 22 years service in the Royal Navy or 21 years in the Royal Marines.

(*b*) Widows of men who, having given a shorter period of service, died while serving, or were invalided.

(**a**) 46 & 47 Vict. c. 32. (**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 5.

Awards will be made on a temporary basis, normally for one year, with review of the pensioner's circumstances at the end of that period.

" 3. A widow in receipt of a pension in respect of the attributability of her husband's death to H.M. Service will be ineligible for the above pension.

" 4. If a widow re-marries her pension will cease.

" 5. Pensions and allowances are tenable subject to good behaviour and are granted at the discretion of the Admiralty. They cannot be claimed as a right. Any assignment, sale or contract relating to a Pension is void.

" 6. Widows without children under 15 years of age will be medically surveyed by an Admiralty Surgeon and Agent in order to ascertain the degree (if any) and probable duration of any infirmity.

" 7. Widows will be required to make a declaration quarterly or whenever it be considered necessary, before a duly authorised person, as to their continued widowhood and distressed circumstances.

" 8. The number of Greenwich Hospital Widows pensions in force at any one time under this Order shall not exceed 150.

" 9. In the event of men specified in paragraph 1 of these Regulations dying as widowers or without having been married, but leaving parents or other relatives dependent upon them, gratuities not exceeding £50 may be given at the discretion of the Admiralty to such parents or relatives (provided the total expenditure on such Gratuities shall not exceed in any one year the sum of £500). No gratuity will be payable in any case where the death of the man has been accepted as attributable to Service."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

This Order may be cited as the Greenwich Hospital (Dependants) Pensions Order, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 24th day of December, 1948.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

The Greenwich Hospital School (Regulations) (Amendment) Order, 1948

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December, 1948

Present,

The King'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 25th day of November, 1948 (G.H.300/48), in the words following, viz.:—

" Whereas by Section 20 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865(a), it is enacted, inter alia, that the authority to establish from time to time regulations

(a) 28 & 29 Vict. c. 89.