GREENWICH HOSPITAL

1960 No. 1052

The Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions and Dependants' Gratuities) Order, 1960

Made - - - -	23*rd June*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	29*th June*, 1960
Coming into Operation	30*th June*, 1960

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of June, 1960

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in pursuance of Section 4 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1883(a), the Admiralty have made the Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions and Dependants' Gratuities) Regulations, 1960:

And whereas it is provided by the said Section 4 that such Regulations shall not have effect unless and until they are approved by Her Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in pursuance of the said Section 4 is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Regulations as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

This Order may be cited as the Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions and Dependants' Gratuities) Order, 1960, and shall come into operation on 30th June, 1960.

W. G. Agnew.

THE SCHEDULE

THE GREENWICH HOSPITAL (WIDOWS' PENSIONS AND DEPENDANTS' GRATUITIES) REGULATIONS, 1960

The Admiralty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 4 of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1883, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. The Admiralty may award such number of pensions (hereinafter referred to as "Greenwich Hospital Widows' Pensions") from the funds of the Greenwich Hospital as the available funds of the Hospital admit to the widows of any persons deceased, whether before or after the passing of the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1947(b), while serving, or having served, as non-commissioned officers, petty officers or men of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines or of any naval reserve force.

2. A Greenwich Hospital Widow's Pension shall not exceed the amount which the National Assistance Board, in the exercise of their discretion under any regulations made by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance under the powers conferred upon him by section 5 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(c), may disregard for the purpose of National Assistance.

3. Greenwich Hospital Widows' Pensions shall be awarded only in cases of exceptional financial necessity and in the award thereof priority shall be given to:—

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

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

(a) 46 & 47 Vict. c. 32. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 5. (c) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.

4. A widow in receipt of a pension in respect of the attributability of her husband's death to service shall not be eligible for a Greenwich Hospital Widow's Pension.

5. Greenwich Hospital Widows' Pensions shall be tenable only during good behaviour and may at any time be withdrawn by the Admiralty at their discretion.

6. A Greenwich Hospital Widow's Pension shall not be payable to a widow after re-marriage.

7. A widow who has no child or children under the age of 15 years shall, if so required, upon application for a pension and after the grant thereof, be medically examined by a medical officer appointed by the Admiralty in order ascertain the degree (if any) and probable duration of any infirmity.

8. Widows in receipt of pensions shall make declarations as to their continued widowhood and distressed circumstances quarterly or at such other times as the Admiralty may require, and such declarations shall be made before such persons as the Admiralty may from time to time direct.

9. In any case where a person has died or dies, 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, Royal Marines or of any naval reserve force, and at the time of his death is a widower or unmarried but leaves parents or other relatives dependent upon him, the Admiralty may at their discretion give to such parents or relatives a gratuity not exceeding £50:

Provided that the total expenditure on such gratuities shall not exceed £500 in any one year and that no such gratuity shall be paid in any case where the death of the man has been accepted as attributable to service.

10. The Regulations approved by the Greenwich Hospital (Dependants) Pensions Order, 1948(a), and the Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions) Order, 1952(b), are hereby revoked.

11.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation after approval by Her Majesty in Council and may be cited as " The Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions and Dependants' Gratuities) Regulations, 1960 ".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Dated the 20th day of May, 1960.

Signed *C. I. Orr-Ewing,*
A Commissioner for executing the office of
Lord High Admiral.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order approves regulations made by the Admiralty and entitled the Greenwich Hospital (Widows' Pensions and Dependants' Gratuities) Regulations, 1960, which make provision for the grant of Greenwich Hospital Widows' Pensions and certain gratuities. The Regulations revoke those approved by the Greenwich Hospital (Dependants) Pensions Order, 1948, as amended. The principal change is that, in place of a maximum weekly rate of 10s. 6d., pensions may be granted up to the amount which a widow may receive without prejudicing her entitlement to National Assistance.

(a) S.I. 1948/2791 (1948 Rev. XXV, p. 321: 1948 I, p. 1568).
(b) S.I. 1952/1221 (1952 I, p. 1149). (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.