12.—(1) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) (a) of these Regulations may be granted a further allowance as in the fifth column of the Second Schedule to these Regulations, and a widow awarded a pension under Article 11 (1) (b) may be granted a further allowance as in the sixth column of that schedule for each child maintained by her.

These allowances may be granted or continued up to the age of 18 in the case of sons and up to the age of 11 in the case of daughters, unless the child is otherwise provided for or married, and may be granted or further continued after the age of 18 in the case of a son who is an apprentice receiving not more than nominal wages, or is being educated at a secondary school, technical institute, or university.

(2) The above allowances may also be granted or continued after the specified ages in very special cases in which it is shown that (a) the children have been educated during the officer's lifetime with some material or bodily infirmity rendering them dependent upon him at the time of his death, incapable of making adequate exertion for their own support; (b) such incapacity dates from a period before the children reached the age of 18, and it is shown that they are in distressed circumstances. The allowances may be granted or continued for such term as the Minister of Pensions may decide.

(3) A gratuity of one-third of the amount laid down in Article 11 (1) (a) may be granted in addition to a children's allowance for each child if the officer dies in the circumstances referred to in Article 11 (1) (b) or (2) (a).

(4) The widow of an officer awarded a pension under Article 11 may, if in pecuniary need, be granted a further allowance by the Minister of Pensions not exceeding £25 a year for each child above the age of 11. The continuance of this allowance may depend on the Minister being satisfied as to the education the child is receiving. It shall not be granted to a widow receiving an alternative pension under Article 11.

(5) In any case in which, in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions, it may become necessary to secure the proper care of a child on behalf of whom allowances are payable, the allowances, instead of being paid to the widow, may be administered under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

13. A widow pensioned under the conditions set forth in Article 12 of these Regulations, who makes application and shows that she was married to the officer before the commencement of the war or his service, whenever was the later, and that her pension together with children's allowances (if any) has been granted under the two preceding Articles is less than one-half the alternative retired pay, which might have been awarded to the deceased officer under Article 3, and has survived and been incapable of supplementing that retired pay by earning, may be granted, in lieu of such pension and children's allowances, a pension which shall not exceed one-half of such officer's alternative retired pay.

14. The widow of an officer not eligible for pension under Article 11 may be granted a gratuity of not less than one and not more than three years' pay of the appointment held by the officer provided that—

(a) the officer dies while on full pay, or during the war on removal from full pay from the injury or disease for which he was removed from full pay or from closely connected disease, and there is a continuous medical history of sickness; and

(b) the widow is disqualified only through the insufficiency of the officer's service for an ordinary pension under the terms of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

The amount of the gratuity within the above limits shall be at the discretion of the Minister of Pensions and may be paid in a lump sum or in instalments as he may determine. In the event of the officer being subject to the conditions of Article 11 the grant may be made to him under such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine.

15. Any pension granted to the widow of an officer under these Regulations shall cease on her remarriage; but in the event of her again becoming a widow, her pension may be restored, if she is otherwise qualified, and if in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions her pecuniary circumstances are such as to justify the restoration. Allowances for children under Article 12 may be paid after re-marriage.

16. The widow of an officer who was at the time of his death in receipt of retired pay in consequence of disablement of not less than £25 a year, but whose death does not render her eligible for a pension under Article 11 of these Regulations may, provided she was living with the officer at the time of his death, receive a pension of not more than one-half the deceased officer's retired pay on account of his disablement, and in no case at a higher rate than provided for under subsection (3) of that article, this grant to be subject to such conditions as the Minister of Pensions may determine and to cease on re-marriage.

17.—(1) The child of an officer who has died in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 of these Regulations may be awarded a pension of £25 a year where the child is or becomes, on reaching the age of 18, wholly dependent on his estate and incapable of earning a living.

(2) In the event of two or more children being maintained by one person, the amount will be divided equally between them, and in the case of each of the children after the first.

(3) The grant, continuance, and administration of the pension, shall be subject to the same conditions as those set forth for children's allowances in Article 12 (1), (2), and (3).

18. A child granted a pension under subsection (1) of this Article shall be eligible for a gratuity under the conditions of Article 12 (1) and for an education allowance under the conditions laid down in Article 12 (4) (a).

19. (1) If the officer met his death in the circumstances of Article 11 (1) (a) or (2) (a) and did not leave a widow, or children or pensions only, an annual allowance equal to the ordinary rate of widow's pension as laid down in the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, may be granted to the daughter or children collectively instead of the pension under subsection (1).

(2) The continuance of this allowance may depend on the Minister being satisfied as to the education the child is receiving. This allowance may be continued until the daughter, or the last surviving daughter, becomes disqualified by marriage.

20. The following conditions shall apply to the grant or continuance of pensions to relatives, other than widows and children, of deceased officers under Articles 10 and 21 below:—

(1) It shall be granted only if the officer dies in the circumstances set forth in Article 11 (1), (2) or (3) of these Regulations.

(2) It shall be granted or continued only if the pecuniary or other circumstances of the relatives are such as in the opinion of the Minister of Pensions to justify the award.

(3) It shall not, together with any other pension or similar provision from public funds, exceed the pension which has been or would have been awarded to the officer's widow under Article 11 (1), (2) or (3) and the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) It shall not be transferable, except that where it is granted jointly to parents, or to two or more sisters or brothers, it may be continued, wholly or in part, to the survivors.

(5) It shall cease on marriage or re-marriage.

21. (1) A pension may be granted to the parent or parent of an officer of such an amount as the Minister of Pensions may decide, subject to the conditions of Article 18 and such other conditions as he may determine, regard being had to pre-war dependences, if any, and to the age or infirmity of the parent or parents.