PENSIONS TO SEAMEN AND MARINES.

The following information, extracted from the Regulations as to Pensions, is published for information, but it must be understood that all pensions, &c., are given at the discretion of the Admiralty, or, in the case of Disablement or Injury Pensions, of the Minister of Pensions, and that no man has any right to pension on account of apparent eligibility under the rules herein published.

**NAVAL PENSIONS.**

Long Service Pensions are granted to Continuous Service Men and Officer's Stewards and Cooks after 22 years' service from the age of 18; to Royal Marines after 21 years' service from the age of 18; to other Men after 22 years' service from the age of 20.

The following scale is adopted in awarding the ordinary Amount of Long Service Pensions to Petty Officers and Seamen of the Fleet and to Royal Marines:

1. Men to whom only the Ordinary Pension is awarded:  
   - 6d. a day for each year of service.
   - 1s. 4d. a day for each additional year of service.

2. For each good conduct badge (up to a maximum of 8d.) in addition to the Rates of Pension awarded above:
   - 6d. a day for each additional year of service.

3. For each year of pensionable service after completing time for Pension:
   - 1s. 7d. a year.
   - 2s. 6d. a year.

4. Petty Officers, in addition to the Rates of Pension awarded them as seamen, are allowed for each year of service to the capacity of superior Petty Officer, 7s. 7d. a year.

5. Chief Petty Officers are granted in addition, for each year served in that capacity subsequent to the completion of the first period of Continuous Engagement:
   - 10s. 2d. a year.

6. Seamen are allowed the rank of Petty Officers.

For less injury than the foregoing, and able to contribute in a small degree to his own livelihood.

- 6d. a day for the first year, 2s. 6d. a day for the second year, 5s. 6d. a day for the third year, and 10s. a day for the fourth year.

If able to contribute materially to his livelihood though unfit for further service.

- 6d. a day for the first year, 2s. 6d. a day for the second year, 5s. 6d. a day for the third year, and 10s. a day for the fourth year.

If totally blind, or from unavoidable causes, clearly attributable to the service, 6d. a day in addition.

The usual allowances for Petty Time is given in addition to the above rates, and is doubled for such time when served with very good character in the case of Continuous Service Men, and Petty Officers ratings irrespective of the length of their continuous service.

The allowances for Badges and Medal are also given as in the case of Long Service Pensions.

Men discharged for rupture attributable to the service are pensioned on the following scale:

- Under 10 years' service for single rupture: 6d. a day at the rate of three months' Pension for each year of service, or 6d. a day at the rate of his gratuity in lieu if the amount of Pension is less than this sum.
- For each double rupture: 6d. a day for Life.

The usual allowances for Petty Time, Badges and Medal are given as in injury cases.

A Seaman discharged as medically unfit, such unfitness being other attributable to, or separated by service during the present war, and not being due to his serious negligence or misconduct, may be granted a minimum pension at the rates shown in the Schedule on next page, or, in the case of injury not shown therein, or of disease, at the rate which is estimated to represent the extent of his disablement.

The allowances for Badges, Medal and Petty Time are given as in the case of Long Service Pensions, and an additional allowance is given for service as follows:

- 6d. a day for each year of service and over.

Men of 8 years' service and under 12 years:
- 10s. a week.

Men of 10 years' service and under 15 years:
- 20s. a week.

Men of 12 years' service and under 18 years:
- 30s. a week.

Men of 15 years' service and under 21 years:
- 40s. a week.

Men of 20 years' service and over:
- 100s. a week.

Additions are made for children under the age of 18 at such proportion of the following weekly rates as corresponds to the degree of disablement at which the man is assessed for pension:

- 6d. a day for first child.
- 5s. a day for second child.
- 4s. a day for each child after the second.

In cases in which a man's earnings, together with his pension and children's allowances, if any, can be shown to amount to less than his pre-war earnings, a special pension may be granted within certain limits.

Special allowances may be given in cases in which the pension in a Sanatorium or other Institution, or training in a Technical Institution or otherwise, is deemed advisable, or in which the constant attendance of a second person is necessary.

Grazuities may be given when a man's disablement is assessed at less than 20 per cent.