

DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

No. 73 of 1950.

An Act to amend the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1949.*

[Assented to 15th December, 1950.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950.*

Short title
and citation.

(2.) The *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1949** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1950.*

2.—(1.) Subject to this section, this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Commencement.

(2.) The amendments of the Principal Act effected by paragraph (b) of section four, paragraph (a) of section nine, paragraphs (b) and (c) of section ten, paragraph (b) of section twenty-two and paragraph (b) of section twenty-three, and sections five, six, fourteen, nineteen, twenty and twenty-four of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of commencement of the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948.*

* Act No. 31, 1948, as amended by No. 37, 1949.

(3.) Sub-section (3.) of section forty-one, inserted in the Principal Act by paragraph (b) of section nine of this Act, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of commencement of the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948*.

(4.) Sections forty-four and forty-seven, inserted in the Principal Act by sections eleven and twelve, respectively, of this Act, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of commencement of the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948*.

Parts.

3. Section three of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the words "Part VI.—Application of this Act to serving members." the words "Part VIA.—Application of this Act to members of the Nursing Services."

Definitions.

4. Section four of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the definition of "member" and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

" 'member' means—

(a) a male member of the Permanent Naval Forces, the part of the Active Permanent Military Forces known as the Australian Regular Army or the Permanent Air Force on full-time continuous service, and includes a cadet enrolled at a naval, military or air force college but does not include—

(i) in the case of the Permanent Naval Forces—a member of the Naval Dockyard Police (Guard Section), an officer appointed for temporary service, an officer enrolled on the Emergency List or Retired List or a native member of the Papua and New Guinea Division ; or

(ii) in the case of the Australian Regular Army—a native member of the Pacific Islands Regiment ; or

(b) a female officer of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service or the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service on full-time continuous service ; "

(b) by omitting the definition of "rank" and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

" 'rank' means—

(a) in relation to a member of the Permanent Naval Forces—confirmed rank ;

(b) in relation to a member of the Permanent Military Forces—the substantive rank to which the member has been appointed or promoted in his permanent corps or unit ; and

(c) in relation to a member of the Permanent Air Force—substantive rank ; ” ; and

(c) by inserting in the definition of “retiring age for the rank held”, after the words “as prescribed”, the words “, for the purposes of this Act, by regulations under this Act in force at the date of his retirement, or, if at that date no such age is so prescribed, as prescribed”.

5. Section twenty-five of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :— Cessation of membership.

“(2.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-section, a member (other than an officer) who is a contributor and is—

(a) discharged from the Service ; and

(b) appointed as an officer of the Service without any break in the continuity of his service,

shall not cease to be a member for the purposes of this Act by reason of being so discharged.”.

6. Section twenty-six of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the word “fifty” and inserting in its stead the word “fifty-one”. Counting of previous service.

7. Section twenty-eight of the Principal Act is amended— Scale of units.

(a) by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

“(a) the amount prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph by regulations under this Act applicable to the rank, branch, group and period of service of the member ; and ” ;

(b) by omitting from paragraph (b) of that sub-section the word “and” ; and

(c) by omitting paragraph (c) of that sub-section.

8. Section forty of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— Benefits after less than fifteen years' service for pension—officers.

“(a) if he has, at the date of retirement, completed ten years' service for pension but has not completed fifteen years' service for pension—be entitled to a refund of the amount of his contributions and to receive as a gratuity—

(i) a sum equal to one and one-half times the amount of those contributions ; and

(ii) where he has completed more than twelve years' service for pension, a sum equal to one-half of the amount of the contributions paid by him after the completion of that service (but not including contributions paid before the date on which this paragraph came into operation, or so much of any fortnightly contribution as exceeds Eighteen shillings) ; or ”.

**Pensions after
twenty years
other ranks.**

9. Section forty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “ prior to attaining the retiring age for the rank held,” ; and
- (b) by omitting sub-section (3.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections :—

“ (3.) Where a member is entitled to a pension under this section, he shall, in addition to that pension, be entitled on retirement to a refund of the amount of the contributions (but not including, in the case of a member to whom sub-section (5.) of section twenty-three of this Act applies, the twenty-six contributions referred to in that sub-section) paid by him in respect of a period subsequent to—

(a) in the case of a member who completes his twentieth year of service for pension prior to the date of his attaining the retiring age for his rank—the completion of the last year of service for pension which was completed prior to that date ; or

(b) in the case of any other member—the completion of his twentieth year of service for pension,

and to be paid a gratuity equal to one and one-half times the amount of those contributions.

“ (4.) Where the Commonwealth Actuary certifies that the value of the benefits payable to a member under this section exceeds the value of the benefits as at age sixty which the member would have received if he had continued to serve until he had attained that age and had continued during that service to contribute for the same number of units as he was contributing for at the date of his retirement, he shall be entitled to receive so much only, as certified by the Commonwealth Actuary, of the gratuity otherwise payable under this section as, together with the value of the other benefits to which he is entitled under this section, does not exceed the value of the benefits as at age sixty referred to in this sub-section.”.

**Gratuity where
not pensionable
—other ranks.**

10. Section forty-two of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

“ (a) one and one-half times the amount of those contributions and, where he has completed more than twelve years' service for pension, a sum equal to one-half of the amount of the contributions paid by him after the completion of that service (but

not including contributions paid before the date on which this paragraph came into operation, or so much of any fortnightly contribution as exceeds Eighteen shillings); or ”;

(b) by inserting in paragraph (a) of sub-section (2.), after the word “not” (second occurring), the words “, except as provided in the next succeeding sub-section,”; and

(c) by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section :—

“(2A.) In the case of a member who has completed not less than six years’ service for pension and retires on or after attaining the retiring age for his rank but prior to the completion of twelve years’ service for pension, the gratuity which he is entitled to receive under this section shall be a sum calculated at the rate of Twenty pounds for each completed year of service for pension.”.

11.—(1.) Sections forty-four and forty-five of the Principal Act are repealed and the following sections inserted in their stead :—

“44.—(1.) Subject to this section, a member shall not, for the purposes of the last three preceding sections, be deemed to have completed an engagement unless he has served under the engagement up to the date upon which the engagement was due to terminate.

Completion of engagement.

“(2.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, where a member—

- (a) has engaged to serve for a period of twelve years ;
- (b) has completed not less than six years’ service, but less than twelve years’ service, under that engagement ;
- (c) retires with the approval of the Service Board or is discharged for reasons other than disciplinary reasons ; and
- (d) agrees, if requested by the Service Board so to do, to serve on the Reserve maintained by the Service of which he was a member,

then, for the purposes of section forty-two of this Act, that engagement shall be deemed to have been for a period of six years and that member shall be deemed to have completed that engagement.

“(3.) For the purposes of section forty-two of this Act, where a member—

- (a) has engaged to serve for a period exceeding six years ;
- (b) has completed not less than six years’ service for pension but less than twelve years’ service for pension ; and
- (c) retires with the approval of the Service Board on or after attaining the retiring age for his rank,

that engagement shall be deemed to have been for the period served up to the date of his retirement and that member shall be deemed to have completed that engagement.

Pension on
retiring at age
sixty or
over.

“ 45. Notwithstanding anything contained in sections thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one and forty-two of this Act—

(a) if a member to whom any of those sections applies retires, on or after attaining the age of sixty years, he shall be entitled on retirement, in lieu of any pension or payment under any of those sections, to a pension—

(i) where the number of units for which contributions have been completed up to the age of sixty years does not exceed eight—at the rate of Thirty-nine pounds per annum in respect of each of those units ; or

(ii) where the number of units for which contributions have been completed up to the age of sixty years exceeds eight—at the rate of Thirty-nine pounds per unit per annum in respect of eight of those units and the rate of Thirty-two pounds ten shillings per unit per annum in respect of the remaining units ; and

(b) if any such member retires not less than one year after attaining the age of sixty years, the pension payable to him shall be increased by an amount ascertained by multiplying the portion of the pension which is the actuarial equivalent of the contributions paid by him by a percentage ascertained in accordance with the following table :—

Age attained on retirement.				Percentages.
61 years	..	..	..	5
62 years	..	..	..	10
63 years	..	..	..	16
64 years	..	..	..	23
65 years or over	..	..	..	31.”.

(2.) Section forty-five of the Principal Act shall be deemed to have had effect, at all times prior to the commencement of this Act, as if the words “ and forty-one ” had been omitted and the words “, forty, forty-one and forty-two ” had been inserted in their stead.

12. Section forty-seven of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are inserted in its stead :—

Gratuity
payable to an
officer for
service after
age for
retirement.

“ 47. Where an officer who is a contributor, not being an officer to whom either of the last two preceding sections applies, continues to serve beyond the retiring age for the rank held by him and is, on retirement, entitled to a pension under section thirty-eight or thirty-nine of this Act, he shall, on retirement, be entitled, in addition to that pension, to a refund of the amount of any contributions (but not including, in the case of a member to whom sub-section (5.) or (5A.) of section twenty-three of this Act applies, the twenty-six contributions referred to in that sub-section) paid by him in respect of—

(a) the period served after the attainment by him of the retiring age for the rank held by him ; or

(b) the period served after the completion of the period of service for pension which qualified him for the pension to which he is entitled,

whichever is the shorter, and to receive a gratuity equal to one and one-half times the amount of those contributions.

“47A. Where the Commonwealth Actuary certifies that the value of the benefits payable to an officer under this Act exceeds the value of the benefits as at age sixty which the officer would have received if he had continued to serve until he had attained that age and had continued during that service to contribute for the same number of units as he was contributing for at the date of his retirement, he shall be entitled to receive so much only, as certified by the Commonwealth Actuary, of any gratuity otherwise payable under this Act as, together with the value of the other benefits to which he is entitled under this Act, does not exceed the value of the benefits as at age sixty referred to in this section.”

Reduction in gratuity in certain circumstances.

13. Section forty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (5.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

Retirement before reaching retiring age.

“(a) one and one-half times the amount of those contributions and, a sum equal to one-half of the amount of the contributions paid by him after the completion of twelve years' service for pension (but not including contributions paid before the date on which this paragraph came into operation, or so much of any fortnightly contribution as exceeds Eighteen shillings); or”

14. Section fifty-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word “retired” the words “, prior to attaining the retiring age for the rank held by him,”.

Classification of percentage of incapacity.

15. Section fifty-two of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

Pension payable on incapacity.

“(1.) A member who is retired prior to attaining the retiring age for the rank held by him and who is classified as Class A under the last preceding section shall, on retirement, be entitled to a pension for each unit or part of a unit for which contributions were being paid by him immediately prior to his retirement and for each fully paid unit or part of a unit credited to him under the provisions of sub-section (4.) of section seventy-eight of this Act, as follows :—

(a) where the number of those units does not exceed eight, pension shall be payable at the rate of Thirty-nine pounds per unit per annum ; and

- (b) where the number of those units exceeds eight, pension shall be payable at the rate of Thirty-nine pounds per unit per annum in respect of eight of those units and at the rate of Thirty-two pounds ten shillings per unit per annum in respect of the remaining units.”;
- (b) by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word “retired” (first occurring), the words “prior to attaining the retiring age for the rank held by him”;
- (c) by omitting paragraph (c) of sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—
- “ (c) if he is a member who has not completed twenty years’ service for pension—he entitled to a pension for each unit or part of a unit for which contributions were being paid by him immediately prior to his retirement and for each fully paid unit or part of a unit credited to him under the provisions of sub-section (4.) of section seventy-eight of this Act, as follows :—
- (i) where the number of those units does not exceed eight, pension shall be payable at the rate of Nineteen pounds ten shillings per annum in respect of each of those units ; and
- (ii) where the number of those units exceeds eight, pension shall be payable at the rate of Nineteen pounds ten shillings per annum per unit in respect of eight of those units and at the rate of Sixteen pounds five shillings per annum per unit in respect of the remaining units.”;
- (d) by inserting in sub-section (3.), after the word “retired” (first occurring), the words “prior to attaining the retiring age for the rank held by him” ; and
- (e) by omitting paragraph (c) of sub-section (3.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—
- “ (c) if he is a member who has not completed twenty years’ service for pension—he entitled to a refund of his contributions under this Act and to receive as a gratuity—
- (i) a sum equal to one and one-half times the amount of his contributions and, where he has completed more than twelve years’ service for pension, a sum equal to one-half of the amount of the contributions paid by him after

the completion of that service (but not including contributions paid before the date on which this paragraph came into operation, or so much of any fortnightly contribution as exceeds Eighteen shillings) ; or

- (ii) an amount calculated at the rate of Thirty pounds for each completed year of service for pension, whichever is the greater.”.

16. Section fifty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

Pension on death of married member.

“(a) a pension during her life, in respect of the units or part of a unit for which contributions were being paid by the member immediately prior to his death and in respect of each fully paid unit or part of a unit credited to him under the provisions of sub-section (4.) of section seventy-eight of this Act—

- (i) where the number of those units does not exceed eight—at the rate of Nineteen pounds ten shillings per unit per annum ; and
(ii) where the number of those units exceeds eight—at the rate of Nineteen pounds ten shillings per unit per annum in respect of eight of those units and at the rate of Sixteen pounds five shillings per unit per annum in respect of the remaining units ; and ”.

17. Section fifty-six of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections :—

Alternative benefits for officers serving under short service commissions.

“(2.) Where an officer who is a contributor—

- (a) is serving under a commission which is a short service commission within the meaning of the Service Regulations ;
(b) is entitled on the termination of that commission to be paid a gratuity otherwise than under this Act ; and
(c) is to be appointed to a permanent commission or to a further short service commission on the termination of the short service commission,

he may elect, prior to the date of his appointment to the permanent commission or to the further short service commission, or, within such extended period as the Board allows, not to be paid the gratuity.

“(3.) If an officer referred to in the last preceding sub-section does not make an election under that sub-section—

- (a) he shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions made by him to the Fund during the period of the short service commission ;

- (b) these contributions shall not be taken into account in the calculation of any gratuity payable under this Act; and
- (c) the period of his service under the short service commission shall not be taken into account as service for pension for the purposes of this Act.

“(4.) If an officer referred to in sub-section (2.) of this section makes an election under that sub-section, he shall not be paid the gratuity which he has elected not to be paid.”.

Pension on
death of
pensioner.

18. Section fifty-seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (3.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

“(3.) If the male pensioner, at the time of his death, was in receipt of a pension under section fifty-two or fifty-three of this Act, and the Board is satisfied that his death was due to the disease or injury which was the cause of his retirement, the pension payable to his widow shall, in respect of each unit or part of a unit for which contributions were being paid by the pensioner immediately prior to his retirement and in respect of each fully paid unit or part of a unit credited to him under the provisions of sub-section (4.) of section seventy-eight of this Act, be at the rate of—

- (a) where the number of those units does not exceed eight—
Nineteen pounds ten shillings per unit per annum; and
- (b) where the number of those units exceeds eight—Nineteen pounds ten shillings per unit per annum in respect of eight of those units and at the rate of Sixteen pounds ten shillings per unit per annum in respect of the remaining units.”.

Prevention of
double
retirement
benefit.

19. Section seventy-two of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “on his retirement”.

Deferred pay.

20. Section seventy-three A of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting paragraph (c) of sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—

“(c) a payment in respect of service by a person as an officer of the Citizen Air Force prior to the date on which he became a contributor, not being service by a person who was, on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, a contributor under the *Superannuation Act 1922–1947*;” ; and

- (b) by adding at the end of that sub-section the following word and paragraph :—

“; or (e) a payment in respect of service which is not, under the provisions of this Act other than sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, service for pension.”.

21. Section seventy-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "a proportion of his pension, not exceeding fifty per centum thereof" and inserting in their stead the words "so much of his pension as does not exceed fifty per centum of the amount of pension which would be payable if the increases in the rates of pensions effected by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950* had not been made".

Commutation
of pension.

22. Section seventy-seven of the Principal Act is amended—

Transfers from
*Superannuation
Act 1922-1947*
to this Act.

(a) by inserting in sub-section (3.), after the word "Act" (last occurring), the words ", if the increases in the rates of pensions effected by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950* had not been made,";

(b) by inserting after sub-section (3.) the following sub-section:—
"(3A.) Where a pension payable in accordance with the last preceding sub-section is calculated in accordance with rank, the annual rate of pension shall be increased—

(a) if the member was contributing for eight or more units—by an amount equal to the difference between the pension which would be payable under this Act if he had not been a serving member and the pension which would be so payable if the increases in the rates of pension effected by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950* had not been made; .

(b) if he was contributing for less than eight units and was of the rank of able seaman or relative rank, private or relative rank, or aircraftman, first class—by an amount which bears the same proportion to that difference as the number of units for which he was contributing bears to seven; or

(c) if he was contributing for less than eight units but was not a person to whom the last preceding paragraph applies—by an amount which bears the same proportion to that difference as the number of units for which he was contributing bears to eight."; and

(c) by inserting in sub-section (4B.), after the word "payable" the words ", or within such extended time as the Board allows,".

23. Section seventy-eight of the Principal Act is amended—

Transfers from
*Superannuation
Act 1922-1947*
to this Act.

(a) by inserting in the proviso to sub-section (1.) before the word "was", the word "and";

(b) by inserting in sub-section (6.), after the word "Act" (last occurring), the words ", if the increases in the rates of pensions effected by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950* had not been made"; and

(c) by inserting after sub-section (7.) the following sub-section :—

“(7A.) Where a pension payable in accordance with the last preceding sub-section is calculated in accordance with rank, the annual rate of pension shall be increased—

(a) if the member was contributing for eight or more units—by an amount equal to the difference between the pension which would be payable under this Act if he had not been a serving member and the pension which would be so payable if the increases in the rates of pension effected by the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1950* had not been made ;

(b) if he was contributing for less than eight units and was of the rank of able seaman or relative rank, private or relative rank, or aircraftman, first class—by an amount which bears the same proportion to that difference as the number of units for which he was contributing bears to seven ; or

(c) if he was contributing for less than eight units but was not a person to whom the last preceding paragraph applies—by an amount which bears the same proportion to that difference as the number of units for which he was contributing bears to eight.”.

Minimum
benefits for
contributors
under
Superannuation
Act.

24. Section eighty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “(other than section forty or forty-two)”.

25. After Part VI. of the Principal Act the following Part is inserted :—

“Part VIA.—APPLICATION OF THIS ACT TO MEMBERS OF THE
NURSING SERVICES.

Definition.

“82A. In this Part, ‘member’ means an officer of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service or the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service.

Interpretation.

“82B. In the application of the provisions of this Act to members, the expression ‘service for pension’ does not include service rendered prior to the commencement of this Part except service during a period of service which the member elects, under section twenty-six of this Act, to have taken into account for the purposes of pension under this Act.

Members over
thirty years of
age may elect
not to be
members.

“82C.—(1.) A person who is a member at the date of commencement of this Part and has, at that date, attained the age of thirty years, may, by notice in writing given to the Board within four months after that date, or within such extended time as the Board allows, elect not to be a contributor under this Act.

“(2.) If a member elects not to be a contributor under this Act, she shall not be entitled to any benefits under this Act.

" 82D. On the death before retirement of a member, the contributions paid by her shall be paid to her personal representatives or, failing them, to such persons (if any) as the Board determines and no other payment in respect of that member shall be made under this Act."

Benefits on death of a member before retirement.

26. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words and figures—

The First Schedule.

" Does not exceed 0 8 6 2 units
Exceeds 0 8 6 and does not exceed 0 11 4 3 units
Exceeds 0 11 4 and does not exceed 0 14 2 4 units "

and inserting in their stead the words and figures—

" Does not exceed 0 14 2 4 units ".

27. The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule inserted in its stead :—

The Third Schedule.

" THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

Section 38.

PENSIONS FOR OFFICERS.

Table I.—Officers other than those referred to in Table II. and Table III.

Column 1. Permanent Naval Forces.	Column 2. Permanent Military Forces.	Column 3. Permanent Air Force.	Column 4. Annual amount of pension.
			£ s. d.
Vice-Admiral (and relative rank)	Lieutenant-General	Air Marshal ..	897 0 0
Rear-Admiral (and relative rank)			
.. .. .	Major-General ..	Air Vice-Marshal ..	798 0 0
Captain (and relative rank) of six years' or more service in that rank	Brigadier ..	Air Commodore ..	695 10 0
Captain (and relative rank) of less than six years' service in that rank	Colonel	Group Captain ..	655 10 0
Commander (and relative rank)	Lieutenant-Colonel	Wing Commander	514 0 0
Lieutenant - Commander (and relative rank)	Major	Squadron-Leader ..	392 10 0
Lieutenant (and relative rank)	Captain	Flight-Lieutenant	307 10 0
.. .. .	Lieutenant ..	Flying Officer ..	232 10 0

Table II.

Column 1. Permanent Naval Forces.	Column 2. Permanent Military Forces.	Column 3. Annual amount of pension.
		£ s. d.
Officers promoted from Warrant Rank or from Branch Rank (except those specially selected and promoted direct to Lieutenant)—		
Commander (and relative rank)	.. .. .	595 10 0
Lieutenant-Commander (and relative rank)	Major (Quartermaster) ..	495 10 0
Lieutenant (and relative rank)	Captain (Quartermaster) ..	445 10 0
Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank and Senior Commissioned Officer .. .. .	.. .. .	395 10 0
Warrant Officer and Commissioned Officer	Lieutenant (Quartermaster) ..	345 10 0

Table III.

Column 1. Rank held by Officer on retirement.						Column 2. Annual amount of pension.	
						£	s. d.
Matron-in-chief	..	..	..	..	..	470	10 0
Principal Matron	..	..	..	..	..	390	10 0
Matron	..	..	..	..	..	365	10 0
Senior Sister	..	..	..	..	..	235	10 0
Sister	..	..	..	..	..	235	10 0 "

The Fifth
Schedule.

28. The Fifth Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule inserted in its stead:—

" THE FIFTH SCHEDULE.

Section 41.

PENSIONS FOR MEMBERS OTHER THAN OFFICERS.

Column 1.	Column 2.	Column 3.	Column 4.	Column 5.
Permanent Naval Forces.	Permanent Military Forces.	Permanent Air Force.	Annual pension in respect of twenty years' service for pension.	Annual additional pension for each year of service for pension over twenty years' service for pension.
			£ s. d.	£
Chief Artificer ..	Warrant Officer (Class I.)	Warrant Officer Master Pilot Master Navigator Master Signaller Master Gunner Master Engineer	181 0 0	9
Chief Petty Officer or relative rating (other than Chief Artificer)	Warrant Officer (Class II.) Staff Sergeant	Flight Sergeant Pilot I. Navigator I. Signaller I. Gunner I. Engineer I.	171 0 0	8
Petty Officer or relative rating	Sergeant ..	Sergeant Pilot II. Navigator II. Signaller II. Gunner II. Engineer II.	156 0 0	7
Leading Seaman or relative rating	Corporal or relative rank Lance Corporal or relative rank	Corporal Leading Aircraftman Pilot III. or IV. Navigator III. or IV. Signaller III. or IV. Gunner III. or IV. Engineer III. or IV.	136 0 0	7
Able Seaman or relative rating	Private or relative rank	Aircraftman 1st Class	117 15 0	7 "

29. The Eighth Schedule to the Principal Act is amended— The Eighth
Schedule.
- (a) by omitting from Column Two the figures “ 130 ” and inserting in their stead the figures “ 156 ”; and
 - (b) by omitting from that column the figures “ 65 ” and inserting in their stead the figures “ 78 ”.

30.—(1.) The amount of pension payable to a person who is, at the date of commencement of this Act, in receipt of a pension under the Principal Act shall be increased by such amount (if any) as is necessary to raise the amount of pension to the amount which would have been payable if the pension had been granted under the Principal Act, as amended by this Act. Increase in
existing
pensions.

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have commenced to apply in respect of the payment of pension which fell due on the ninth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty.