

officers and men who may die during their terms of service in the New Zealand Naval Forces, shall be determined in accordance with the regulations applicable to the Royal Navy. In no case shall the pension, gratuity, or allowance awarded and paid to such officer or man, or to his widow and/or children, be less than would be payable were such officer or man serving in the Royal Navy proper at the time of the occurrence calling for the award of a pension, gratuity, or allowance.

3. In regulation No. 41, for rates of messing and victualling allowances of 1s. and 1s. 11d. per diem respectively, substitute 11d. and 1s. 10d. per diem respectively.

4. In regulation No. 42, for rate of general mess allowance of 2s. per diem, substitute 1s. 11d. per diem.

5. Add an additional regulation No. 49A as follows:—

49A. *Compensation for Losses of Uniform, &c.*—Officers and men who, being on duty, may lose, in action with the enemy, by fire, by shipwreck, or by other casualty of the Service, any necessary articles of clothing or equipment, or any books, instruments, or tools used in connection with their duties, will be compensated for such loss, subject to a certificate being furnished that the following conditions have been fulfilled, viz. :—

(a.) That the claimants are acquitted of all blame as to the cause of the loss;

(b.) That the loss occurred in circumstances altogether unavoidable by them;

(c.) That it was not by neglect nor fault of the applicant; and

(d.) That every exertion was used by them to prevent the loss.

(2.) No claim will be admitted for losses sustained when proceeding on or returning from leave of absence, nor for the loss of money or civilian clothing the property of individuals.

(3.) Claims are to be submitted within one month from the date of loss to the commanding officer, who will arrange for a thorough investigation and forward the claim, together with complete details, for the consideration of the Naval Board. It should be clearly indicated in this report whether the loss is considered to be due to default by the officer or rating himself, or by any other person serving on board at the time the loss occurred.

(4.) In the case of the loss of uniform clothing and tools by chief petty officers, petty officers, and men, any absolutely necessary articles may be issued immediately with the approval of the commanding officer, and value charged on the ship's ledger against the ratings to whom the issues are made. These charges need not, however, be actually abated from pay pending the result of the investigation, and may be carried forward, if necessary, to subsequent ledgers as debts until the decision of the Naval Board is communicated.

(5.) The amount of compensation will be determined in each case by the Naval Board, who, in giving a decision, will be guided generally by the provisions of article 1559 and appendix VIII of King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

(6.) Unless otherwise approved, amounts awarded as compensation are to be credited to officers and men concerned in the ship's ledger in "Other Credits" column.

6. In appendix III, under heading "Seamen Ratings: Gunnery, Torpedo, &c.," insert:—

Seamen qualified in ordnance (Q.O.) 2d. per diem.
(Open to able seamen and leading seamen.)

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations relating to Spirits.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 1st day of May, 1922.

Present:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING
IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke

the amended regulations made under the said Act on the sixteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and published in the *Gazette* of the eighteenth day of the same month, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the following regulation:—

49. STANDARD OF STRENGTH FOR SPIRITS.

The standard of strength for spirits shall be as follows:—

Brandy, not more than	thirty-five degrees	underproof.
Whisky,	"	thirty-five "
Rum,	"	thirty-five "
Gin,	"	thirty-five "

And doth declare that the aforesaid regulation shall come into force on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.