1968. No. 118 **[C]**

ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Rent Allowance, etc.

ORDER, DATED 30TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT 1919 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1922.

I, the Right Honourable William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(a) and section 2 of the Constabulary (Northern Ireland) Act 1922(b) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and after considering representations made by the Representative Bodies constituted by the said Act of 1919, as required by section 4 of that Act, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Rent Allowance, etc.) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1968, and save as provided in Article 4(5), shall have effect from 1st April 1968.

Revocation

2. The Royal Ulster Constabulary Allowances (Rent and Compensatory Grant) Order 1963(c) is hereby revoked.

Definitions

3.—(1) In this Order the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"family" means a member's wife and/or any child of his under the age of 19 years or, in relation to an unmarried or widowed member, a dependant relative living with him;
"the Force" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
"member" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
"Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs;
"year" means a year commencing on 6th April and ending on the following 5th April.

(2) In this Order a reference to a house shall be construed as including a reference to any other self-contained unit of living accommodation.

Rent Allowance

4.—(1) A member who is not provided with a house or quarters free of rent and rates shall be paid a rent allowance which shall be either a maximum limit allowance or a flat-rate allowance;

Provided that a member entitled to separation allowance under Article 4 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Separation and Subsistence Allowances

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5, c. 68.
(b) 12 & 13 Geo. 5, c. 8 (N.I.).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 252.

Order 1968 (or who would be so entitled but for paragraphs (4) and (5) thereof) who is provided with quarters for himself shall for the purposes of this Article be deemed not to be provided with quarters but to occupy the house or live in the accommodation in which his family is living.

(2) A maximum limit allowance shall be paid to—

(*a*) a married man not separated from his wife;

(*b*) any other member (not being a married man separated from his wife) who—

(i) has attained the age of 30 years, and

(ii) has had 5 years' service (including service in another police force which may be reckoned as pensionable service for the purposes of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949(**d**), and

(iii) occupies as owner or tenant the accommodation in which he or she is living.

(3) A maximum limit allowance may with the approval of the Ministry be paid to—

(*a*) a man (not being one to whom paragraph (2) applies) who—

(i) is a widower or

(ii) is separated from, or has divorced or been divorced by, his wife;

(*b*) any other member (not being one to whom paragraph (2) applies) who has a dependant relative living with him or her,

and who in either case occupies as owner or tenant the accommodation in which he or she is living.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) a maximum limit allowance shall, subject to the appropriate maximum limit specified in the Appendix, be the aggregate of the amount paid by the member in rates and—

(*a*) where the member owns the house he occupies the amount which in the opinion of the Commissioner of Valuation would be paid in rent therefor if the house were let unfurnished,

(*b*) where the member is living in unfurnished accommodation, the amount paid in rent therefor, or

(*c*) where the member is living in accommodation rented furnished such portion of the rent paid therefor as in the opinion of the Ministry relates to the accommodation, exclusive of furniture and services.

(5) Where on or after 1st May 1968 part of such house or accommodation as is referred to in paragraph (4) is let to a tenant or occupied by a lodger, the said aggregate shall be reduced by such portion of the payment made for that part as in the opinion of the Ministry relates to the accommodation so let or occupied, exclusive of furniture or services.

(6) Every member entitled to a rent allowance to whom paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply shall be paid a flat-rate allowance which shall be equal to half the amount of the maximum limit for a member of the same rank.

(7) A member who is either a married man separated from his wife or a man who has divorced, or been divorced by his wife and who regularly makes periodic payments to her or for her benefit may, with the approval of the Ministry, be granted—

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 211.