and any contributions which have been paid, or, apart from this regulation, deemed to have been paid for the period or contribution year in respect of which contributions are deemed to have been paid under this regulation shall, for the purposes of the said calculation, be disregarded :

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a person who, although insured as a voluntary contributor immediately before the date on which the said section 129 became or becomes applicable to him, had then ceased to be entitled to pay contributions as a voluntary contributor.

(2) This regulation shall have effect only in cases where the relevant contribution years for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (1) of section 5 or paragraph (*c*) of sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Pensions Act include the contribution year ended on the 2nd July, 1939, or any subsequent contribution year."

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-three.

(L.S.) *Robert Rouse,*
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-three.

(L.S.) *H. Ashton,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Voluntary Contributors.

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1943, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 TO 1941.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, acting jointly in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Widows', Orphans'

and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations, which may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1943, shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 5th January, 1942, and shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ").

(2) In paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations, the following definitions shall be substituted for the corresponding definitions contained therein :—

" ' the 1937 Act ' means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, as amended by any subsequent enactment ;

' the principal Act ' means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, or any Act repealed by that Act ;

' the Insurance Act ' means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, or any Act repealed by that Act ; "

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. In the proviso to sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, the following words shall be inserted after the words " shall not be included in the said period " :—

" (except where the pension is payable by virtue of the provisions of paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the 1937 Act) ".

3. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows :—

(1) The following provision shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) other than the proviso to that sub-paragraph :—

" (*a*) he shall, during the period he is continuously insured in respect of that employment, any such subsequent employment, and any employment entailing the payment of contributions at the rates mentioned in Part II of the First Schedule to the principal Act, continue to be treated as a voluntary contributor, and not otherwise, for the purposes of the principal Act until there has been employment entailing the payment of contributions at either