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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2023 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

Can you tell me what the amount paid as a War Orphan's Pension to someone whose father died within the Armed Forces (Navy) during World War One, 1914-1918, and which would have ceased at the age of sixteen (in this case, 1932)?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. We have been able to obtain the following information:

The rates for Orphan's Pensions during WW1 for the eldest or only child, paid in shillings/pence.

From 1 December 1914	between 3/- and 4/- according to rank.
From 1 March 1915	5/-
From 4 April 1917	7/-
From 1 May 1918	10/-
From 3 September 1919	12/-

These rates remained until 1944.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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