

Sec. 9114/1947    **GENERAL ORDER No. 13/1947**

City Gate House,  
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London, E.C.2.

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### **Waterguard Service Reorganisation**

**1. Changes in the Inspectorate and Superintending Grade.**—In pursuance of the general scheme of reorganisation set out in General Order 5/45, and the arrangements made under the Circular Letter 17421/44 of 6th June, 1945, the Board have decided to take further steps to strengthen the Inspectorate and Divisional Superintending staffs in view of new work arising from expanding traffic services. During the period of reorganisation additional posts will be filled as required to provide for regular inspections, training arrangements and local adjustments in the distribution of work and preventive staffs.

Accordingly it has been decided to increase the Inspectorate by adding two posts of Inspector and four posts of Assistant Inspector and to upgrade to the First Class the existing posts of Deputy Superintendent, London and of Superintendent, Dover.

**2. Appointments of Assistant Superintendents.**—In order to provide assistance and to secure greater flexibility of control in some of the larger Divisions, it is intended to appoint additional Waterguard Superintendents II to assist the Superintendent. The Assistant Superintendents so appointed will act on behalf of the Divisional Superintendent as required and take over responsibility for part of the control duties including some hitherto performed by Waterguard Surveyors. The ultimate number and location of the new posts of Assistant Superintendent is not yet determined, and a further announcement will be issued before fixed appointments are made. The provisional allocation of Inspectorial and Superintending posts, which may be adjusted to meet future developments, is set out in the Appendix. Until fixed appointments are made assistance will be given as required in the Divisions concerned by Unattached Assistant Inspectors, and initial appointments to the grade will be made on that basis.

**3. Functions of Assistant Superintendents.**—The object of increasing the strength of the Waterguard Superintendent II grade is primarily to relieve the Divisional Superintendent of certain outdoor and office work, to exercise general control over the work in the Chief Preventive

Officer Stations, to improve direct personal contacts with transport and other authorities in planning facilities, staffing, accommodation, and to organise measures adapted to meet traffic requirements and ensure effective Revenue security. The field of control of the Assistant Superintendent may extend over all or any part of a Division and the allocation of control work will be arranged by the Divisional Superintendent concerned after consultation with his Assistant(s). In cases where the Assistant Superintendent is placed at a port other than the main Divisional Headquarters he will normally act in that port on behalf of the Superintendent in all matters allocated, and will be responsible under him to the Collector for the efficient conduct of the work of preventive staffs in the area placed under his charge. Proposed schemes for the division of work between the Divisional Superintendent and his Assistant (or Assistants) should be submitted through Collectors to the Board for examination and approval.

4. **Waterguard Surveyors and Chief Preventive Officers.**—A few Waterguard Surveyors' Districts will be retained as an interim measure during the transitional period, and in these cases the responsibility and duties of the Surveyor in charge under Part III of the Standing Directions will remain unaffected. No further appointments will be made to the grade, and any remaining members who become redundant on rescheming will be eligible to apply for transfer to (a) vacant posts of Waterguard Surveyor in the Districts retained or (b) ordinary Chief Preventive Officer vacancies. Except in the Districts where Surveyors are retained, the Chief Preventive Officer grade will take over the remaining local supervisory duties and will be directly responsible to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

5. Applications for transfer to the new posts referred to at paragraph 1 by existing members of the respective grades concerned should be made without delay in the usual manner.

By Order of the Board,

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## APPENDIX

	Higher Superintendents	Inspectors and Water-guard Superintendents I	Assistant Inspectors and Water-guard Superintendents II
Office of Inspector-General		7	8 + Unattached Assistant Inspectors as required.
London Division ..	1	1	4
Liverpool ..	1	—	3
Southampton ..	1	—	2
Newcastle ..		1	1
Hull ..		1	1
Dover ..		1	1
Cardiff ..		1	—
Glasgow ..		1	1
Plymouth ..			1
Harwich ..			1
Leith ..			1
Manchester ..			1
Bristol ..			1
Aberdeen ..			1
Belfast ..			1