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**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**LAND BOUNDARY PATROL FORCE**

1. **Staffing Arrangements.**—The Waterguard Service is responsible for the preventive work along the Land Boundary covering the unapproved roads at all times and the approved roads outside normal hours. The Boundary is divided into four Districts each in charge of a Chief Preventive Officer. Motor-car patrols are operated by crews of two or three Assistant Preventive Officers with a Preventive Officer in charge. Motor-cycles may also be used in appropriate cases by Preventive Officers or Assistant Preventive Officers under the directions of the Chief Preventive Officer.

The Chief Preventive Officers' Districts and Units of Appointment are as follows:—

<i>C.P.O.'s District</i>	<i>Unit of Appointment</i>
Londonderry (From Coleraine to Clady)	Londonderry Strabane
Enniskillen (From Clady to Clogher)	*Enniskillen Castleberg
Armagh. (From Fivemiletown to Cullyhanna)	Armagh Aughnacloy
Newry (From Cullyhanna to Kilkeel)	†Newry

†Includes Warrenpoint Sector

Patrol limits are so arranged as to provide overlapping with adjacent Sectors where desirable.

2. **Scope of Work.**—Chief Preventive Officers are responsible, under the Waterguard Superintendent and the Collector, for planning patrol operations and for dealing with offenders, detections, seizures and prosecutions arising from the work of their patrol staffs.

3. **Co-ordination of Work.**—The Board consider that while the patrol work is undertaken by the Waterguard Branch of the Service, it is essential for the successful and efficient working of the arrangements that there should be the fullest measure of collaboration between all the staffs stationed along the Border, and between them and the Land Boundary Special Customs Unit in Belfast.

Information requiring preventive action may originate through Waterguard Officers, through Surveyors and the fixed staff in their districts, or through members of the Land Boundary Special Customs Unit. Co-operation among all these staffs and the full use of their experience are essential and information should be freely exchanged in order to combat evasion of the Border controls. Chief Preventive Officers should also make every effort to maintain good and close relations with the Police and encourage them to place their local knowledge at the disposal of the Department. All these factors must be taken into account by the Chief Preventive Officer when organising preventive measures.

The patrol staff as a rule work separately from the regular fixed staff at Boundary Posts but they may on occasion be called upon to give assistance at the posts by arrangement between the Chief Preventive Officer and the Surveyor.

4. **Motor-cars.**—A motor-car is allocated to each Chief Preventive Officer and to each patrol crew. In some Districts motor-cycles may be allocated for use on patrols in conjunction with the cars at the discretion of the Chief Preventive Officer. Staff appointed to the Boundary will be expected to drive the official cars and motor-cycles and operate wireless sets. Those not qualified in these matters will be instructed at Crown's expense.

5. **Hours.**—The special nature of the Land Boundary patrol work makes it essential that the areas and hours of patrolling shall be variable and sufficiently elastic to meet circumstances as they arise. It may be desirable on occasions to reduce some day patrols in order to increase the number of cars operating in an area at night.

The Sector patrol crews are schemed to a normal daily attendance of 8 hours and the special "Mobile" crews are conditioned to a daily credited attendance of 10 hours.

All crews are liable to give Sunday and Public Holiday attendances, normally in spells of eight hours and, as far as practicable, each crew will have one Sunday or Public Holiday in three off duty.

6. **Appointments and Transfers.**—In order to build up a cadre of experienced officers in each Sector all officers appointed or transferred to the Land Boundary in future will be required to remain for a minimum period of three years and in such cases removals to and from the Land Boundary will be at Crown's expense for both voluntary and compulsory appointments.

Officers already appointed to Land Boundary Patrol Districts will retain their existing minimum period of service of two years and in the case of Assistant Preventive Officers, will retain their entitlement to claim removal expenses when transferred away on completion of that period of service. Chief Preventive Officers and Preventive Officers who elect to extend their stay on these duties to complete at least three years will qualify for removal at the Crown's expense.

*This instruction has been agreed with Staff Side representatives, who have, however, made reservations on paragraph 6.*

By Order of the Board,

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