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SMUGGLING REWARDS.

Smuggling Instructions, Part I. Delete paragraphs 48 to 58 and substitute:

48. Rewards not usually payable in connection with examination of goods. Rewards will not, as a general rule, be allowed in respect of seizures made by officers in the ordinary execution of their duty when examining packages of goods, but the Board will take into consideration any case in which special vigilance has been displayed.

49. Basis of reward. Except in the cases specified in paragraph 51 rewards payable in respect of seizures are to be calculated at the rates shown below. A conviction includes (a) a prosecution where the decision of the magistrates is in favour of the Crown; (b) the acceptance of a compromise fine in lieu of legal proceedings; and (c) the prescribed report to the Naval Authorities in the case of Navy seizures, except those referred to as small seizures in page 6 of General Order No. 12/1917. A fine on the ship is not a conviction.

Description of goods.	Conviction rate.	
	s.	d.
Tobacco of all kinds ... ..	10	8 per pound.
Spirits of all kinds ... ..	20	0 per gallon.
Tea ... ..	1	0 per pound.
Sugar ... ..	0	3 per pound.
Wine ... ..	4	0 per gallon.
Beer ... ..	2	0 per gallon.
Saccharin and goods not specified...	Special application to the Board for the present.	

In all cases the non-conviction rate is to be one-quarter of the conviction rate.

**50. Payment of rewards.** Payments on the basis laid down in paragraph 49 will be made in London by the Accountant and Comptroller-General, and at Outports on form No. 281 by the Collectors; but no reward is to be paid until one month from the date of seizure, or, in the event of an appeal, from the date of the Board's Order on the latest appeal. When the amount is less than one shilling, no reward is payable, and the amount is to be carried to the Crown's account, except in the cases specified in paragraph 56. In London application is to be made on the approved form and forwarded to the Waterguard Superintendent, by whom it will be transmitted with a proper schedule to the Accountant and Comptroller-General at the beginning of the second month following that in which the seizure was made. Care is to be taken that the names (including the initials) of the officers concerned are correctly stated.

**51. Applications to the Board for rewards.** Applications for rewards are to be submitted to the Board:—

- (a) when the total reward exceeds £10 or an individual share exceeds £5;
- (b) when a seizure is made in consequence of information received;
- (c) when the circumstances of a seizure are such as, in the opinion of the Waterguard Superintendent or Collector, call for a reward of exceptional amount.

**52. Distribution of reward.** (a) An Officer who makes a seizure when acting independently, and not as a member of a crew, is entitled to the whole reward allowed.

(b) Officers who conduct proceedings before magistrates, or who are consulted as to the method of dealing with an offender, are not thereby rendered eligible to participate in a reward.

(c) The informer's share, if any, will usually be one-third of the sum granted as a reward.

(d) When a seizure is made by a crew of two or more officers the following rule will usually apply:—

After deducting the informer's share (if any) one-fourth of the remainder is to be allocated to the officer who actually discovered the goods, or, in the event of more than one officer being concerned, in equal shares to the officers, whose joint action led to the discovery, and the remaining three-fourths are to be divided amongst all the crew (including the actual finder or finders) in the following proportions:—

Rank.	Composition of Crew.		
	An Officer or Preventive Officer with		
	One Preventive Man.	Two Preventive Men.	Three or more Preventive Men.
Officer or Preventive Officer*	$\frac{12}{20}$	$\frac{9}{20}$	$\frac{6}{20}$
Preventive Man or Men ...	$\frac{8}{20}$	$\frac{11}{20}$	$\frac{14}{20}$

\* Preventive Men in charge of crews rank as Preventive Officers for purposes of rewards.

(e) The names of subordinate officers forming members of a crew, and thereby entitled to share in a reward, are to be inserted in the seizure note by the officer in charge of such crew.

53. **Agreements to share rewards.** Officers are forbidden to make private agreements between themselves or with informers as to sharing rewards.

54. **Payment of informer's share.** Payments to informers (paragraph 52 (c)) will be made in London by the Solicitor, and at an Outport by the Collector.

55. **Rewards to members of other Services.** Rewards are payable to members of other Services. Such rewards are not to be paid to the recipient direct, but to his chief officer. Collectors will accordingly transmit the reward vouchers through, in the case of (a) Police Constables, the Chief Constable of the county or city; (b) Coastguards, the Divisional Commander; and (c) men of the Royal Navy, the Commander or other Chief Officer. Rewards to the Metropolitan Police are paid by the Accountant and Comptroller-General. Receipts must be given in all cases by the persons to whom the rewards are actually granted.

56. **Seizures in Postal Packets.** Rewards to officials of the Post Office for the detection of contraband goods in postal packets are in all cases to be calculated at one-third of the conviction rate (paragraph 49), and the amount, however small, is payable to the official of the Post Office who actually discovers or suspects the dutiable nature of the goods detected. Payment is to be made in the first instance by the Post Office to the officials concerned, the necessary adjustments being made subsequently between the Headquarters of the two Departments. The Head Postmaster of the District is therefore to be furnished, as soon as possible after the close of

each month, with a schedule of particulars of rewards payable, except in London, where the schedule will be prepared by the Accountant and Comptroller-General. Postmasters are, upon application, to be furnished by Collectors with copies of the approved form of seizure note.

57. **Customs investigation in connection with Post Office detections.** If, in connection with a Post Office seizure, the offender should be traced by special investigation and inquiry of a detective nature on the part of officers of this Department, and a conviction is obtained (*see* paragraph 49), two-thirds of the conviction rate may be paid as a reward to the Customs officer or officers concerned.

58. **Receipts to be given.** When payments of rewards are made to more than one officer on the same document, the amount paid to each officer must be shown separately, and each officer must sign for his portion and affix a receipt stamp where the sum received amounts to two pounds or upwards.

59. **Amounts of rewards, etc., variable.** The rewards allowed by the preceding paragraphs, as well as the mode of distribution, are subject to variation if so directed by the Board.

By Order of the Board,

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