

NAVAL & MILITARY
(Miscellaneous.)

C.S.

19 40.

No. 64/40.

H.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 40.

10th April.

Previous Paper.

CONSIDERATION OF DUTY FREE TOBACCO AND
CIGARETTES FOR MEN ACTUALLY ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

MINUTES.

Copied from M.P. 31/40.

Consideration of duty free tobacco and cigarettes
for the men actually on active service might be
taken up on a separate file.

(Itld.) H.H.H.
6/4/40.

1. ^{PA} Letter from Naval Officer-in-Charge of 3/1/41.

Gov. of C.

Please see (1) & in M.P. 31/40 (2).
AD 8/1/41

Handled.

Submitted.

Provision for such a concession is
contained in the second schedule
to the Customs Ordinance (No. 1 of 1900).
(2) There is no indication, however,
in Reg. 1 of the source of supply,
i.e. from Naval Store ship or shore.
In either case I suggest that a
simple register, open to inspection
of stocks & issues, open to inspection
by the Customs officer at any time,

Subsequent Paper.

be kept under the direction of the Naval
Officer-in-Charge.

W.D.P. 18/1/41

N.O.C.

— Please see above minute

W.D.P. 14/1/41

N.C.S. noted. - Ref para 2 - supply would naturally be from
naval sources i.e. "Baltaria". I do not propose to
hold any stocks - the procedure would be as for drawing
provisions - each man having stated his requirements for
the month I would draw the exact amount which would
be issued by me from my Office. The Customs Officer would
be informed each month and given a list of the tobacco
it was proposed to land.

R.H.L. - 18.1.41.

Both of C. -

— This seems a good plan

W.D.P. 16/1/41

Handled

Submitted.

Provided the allowances are limited
as in Para 1, and the procedure open to
check by the Customs Officer, there is
no objection to operation as suggested
by the N.O.C.

W.D.P. 16/1/41

N.O.C.

I think this is now settled - let us begin
on 1.2.41. If you agree

W.D.P. 18/1/41

N.C.S. Very many thanks. All ranks ratings much appreciate
this great privilege. Scheme will operate as from 1.2.41.

Col. of Cadets

To note

W.D.P. 23/1/41
Stan. is noted.

Customs Officer
to note
W.D.P. 23/1/41
Noted, thank you. *W.D.P.* 23/1/41

ag. Belledor of Hudsons,
 For your recommendation please on
 Rea (g)
 C. J. Ford
 15/8/41.

Hon Col Sec:

In the circumstances I would suggest that permission to land and warehouse ashore, quantities of Naval Stores, both dutiable and non-dutiable, be granted, subject to the following provisions:-

1. The Naval Officer-in-Charge to accept full responsibility for the safe custody and control of the stores and for compliance with all Customs formalities should any of the stores be, at any time, disposed of to non-service personnel.
2. The relative Store Books and Ledgers to be available for inspection by the Customs officer at any reasonable time.

Col
 Collectr of Customs
 18-8-41

Col. of Customs

Noted, thank you.

W. G. H.

19-8-41

10. Minute to Naval Officer-in-Charge of 19.8.41.

11. Minute from H.O. Sec of 28/10/41.

Competent authority

to note.

C. J. Ford
 29/10/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted, thank you. This move by the Naval Authorities is of great value in the present circumstances.

Wb. Colth.

31. 10. 41.

Collector of Customs.

On Oct. 20th. a quantity of cigarettes was discharged from H.M.S. Battavia into a lighter for transfer, under Naval supervision, ashore. The lighter was anchored off during the night and returned to the ship's side next day to finish loading. When the goods were finally discharged ashore a quantity of cigarettes comprising 11,400 "Victory" and 3,500 "Players" was found to be missing.

Although no proof that these cigarettes were smuggled ashore exists, I am of the opinion that it is more than likely that they were; and in view of the conditions on which discharge was permitted (see minute of 18. 8. 41.) I submit that the Naval Authorities have been negligent.

May instructions be given, please, as to the further action to be taken in this case.

Wb. Colth.

31. 10. 41.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Submitted for your instructions in respect thereto.

Wb. Colth.

Collector of Customs

31/10/41.

N. A. from the

ag. Collector of Customs.

To note.

C. Colth.
31/10/41.

C.O. to see.

Red ag. C. Customs 31/10/41

Coll. of Customs.

See, thank you.

Wb. Colth.

3-11-41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted & thank you

Wb. Colth.

ag. Collector of Customs

3. 11. 41

Wb. Colth.

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Collector of Customs.

Have you any comments to make on (12) - (14)?

K.B.
24/7.

Mr. Col. H.

I attach the original enquiry received from the Naval Canteen Committee, and a copy of this department's reply.

The requested increase is, in the case of ratings and officers not in receipt of Colonial Allowance, not unreasonable, as it merely brings the allowances up to the normal issue made on board ship. The case of officers receiving Colonial Allowance is, I submit, different. Colonial Allowance is, I believe, an allowance made to officers serving on shore abroad (a) to reduce the effect of higher shore prices when naval stores are not issued, and (b) to make up for the lack of duty-free privileges. The issue of duty-free cigarettes and tobacco comes under both these headings, and I suggest that it is not reasonable to expect an increase of a privilege when a payment is being received to compensate for the lack of that privilege.

M.B. H.
for Col. H.
25-7-42.

L.O. 1/e

I should be grateful for your observations on "A" above.

K.B.
C.B.
27/5.

WCS

Colonial allowance is granted solely to make up for the difference in cost of living and has no connection whatsoever with the issue of service provisions, which shore personnel are not entitled to, nor to duty free Privileges. This request would never have been made but for the fact that in Trinidad & other such shore bases members of the fighting forces are not charged pay duty. That it is a privilege is very much appreciated. ~~and the fact that it is a privilege is very much appreciated~~
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RJH No 1/c. 27.7.42.

A.E.S.

Minute to Naval Officer-in-Charge of 29.7.42. 17.

Comp. Auth.

Pl. See above minute. Every letter approving, copy of which is opposite for your retention. Whether the case is good or not I think we could hardly go back on H.F.'s original concern which we should have logically had to cancel if we turned this down.

KB
29/7.

Am. del. sec.

See, thank you.

Mb. G.H.
30.7.42.

Ja.

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
PORT STANLEY.

No. U.1/10.

3rd January, 1941.

Sir,

Throughout the United Kingdom and in the Colonies wherever there is a Naval Shore Establishment the Excise Authorities permit the issue of the Admiralty allowance of service tobacco (1 lb per month per man) duty free to all naval personnel.

It is humbly submitted that this privilege may also be extended to the Naval personnel attached to the shore base at Port Stanley; this would comprise my own staff and that of the wireless station totalling 9 officers and 15 ratings.

I would make myself personally responsible for the issue of this tobacco to each officer and rating, drawing the total requirements monthly and holding them in my office. A further privilege which would be very greatly esteemed would be to allow those officers and ratings who do not smoke pipes to be issued with cigarettes in lieu at the rate of 10 per man per day, the same personal responsibility for the arrangements for issue being undertaken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. Martin

COMMANDER R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge).

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

SECRET.

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
12th August 1941.

No. E. 1/17.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.



STORAGE OF PROVISIONS ASHORE.

I have been instructed by the Admiralty to make arrangements for the storage of certain provisions ashore in Stanley. These provisions are for the use of H.M. Ships and Vessels of the South America Division.

2. They will consist mainly of stocks of essential foodstuffs, which can not be obtained from South America, and also stocks of Rum, cigarettes and tobacco.

3. It is requested that the necessary permission may be granted to land those stores, which normally would be liable to import tax. All such stores will be under the personal supervision of the Base Accountant Officer, who will be responsible for their proper issue when required.

R. M. Martin

COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge).

NO. 64/40.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

19th August, 19 41.

From

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Red 9.
With reference to your Memo. Secret No. E. 1/17 of the 12th of August, 1941, I am directed to inform you that permission is granted to land and warehouse ashore quantities of naval stores, both dutiable and non-dutiable, subject to the following provisions :-

- (a) that you accept full responsibility for the safe custody and control of the stores and for compliance with all customs formalities should any of the stores be disposed of at any time to non-service personnel.
- (b) that the relative store Books and Ledgers be available for inspection by the Customs Officer at any reasonable time.

C. J. D.
for Colonial Secretary.

(11.)

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

28th October 1941.

No: E. 1/8.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.
(Copy to:- H.M. Ships and Naval Establishments,
at the Falkland Islands.)



RATIONING OF MATCHES.

In order to assist in the conservation of stocks of matches in the Colony, I propose to supply all NAVAL Personnel from N.A.A.F.I. stocks on the same basis as the local rationing (1 box per man per week), there will therefore be no need to issue rationing cards in their case.

2. These matches will be issued monthly, (in advance), together with the cigarette and tobacco issue.

R.B.M. arli.

COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge).

FROM.....THE NAVAL CANTEEN COMMITTEE.

DATE.....24TH MAY 1942

TO.....THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, PORT STANLEY.

DUTY FREE TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES

1. At a meeting of the Naval Canteen Committee, the question was brought forward regarding the allowance of tobacco and cigarettes allowed to the personnel of H.M. W/T Station and the Base Staff.
2. It was felt that the allowance so kindly granted by the Colonial Government on 20th January 1941 of 1 lb Tobacco ~~and~~ or 300 cigarettes per man was inadequate to meet requirements and it was decided to approach the Colonial Government through the Naval Officer in Charge in order to ask that the allowance may be brought up to 2lbs Tobacco or 600 cigarettes per man, the present allowance of the other Tenders.
3. Before taking any steps in the matter, the President and Secretary were authorised to enquire from the Collector of Customs whether any objection would be raised to applying for such an extended privilege

We Have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servants,

L. H. Park.

.....Tel Lieut R.M.
President.

W. T. Skimmer.
.....Lieut R.N.V.R.
Secretary.

Treasury,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

1st. June, 1942.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 24th. requesting an increase in the quantity of duty-free tobacco and/or cigarettes issued each month to personnel of H.M. W/T Station and the Base Staff.

In reply I am to inform you that, subject to His Excellency's final decision in the matter, this Department has no objection to the allowance's being brought up to 2-lbs tobacco or 600 cigarettes per month, for each officer or rating who is not in receipt of Colonial Allowance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

for Collector of Customs.

The President,

Naval Canteen,

H. M. W/T Station, Stanley.

(14)

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

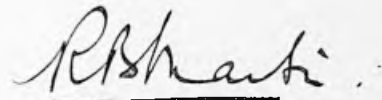
15th July, 1942.

No: M. 1/9.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.

DUTY FREE TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

With reference to the privileged allowance of 300 duty free cigarettes per man per month granted to Naval Shore Personnel, I would further submit for His Excellency's consideration that this allowance may be increased to 600.



COMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

No. 64/40.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

20th July, 19 42.

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 12.

With reference to your letter, No. E. 1/9 of the 15th of July, 1942 in which you make an application for an increase in the allowance of 300 duty free cigarettes per man per month now granted to Naval Shore Personnel, I should be glad if you would inform me of your reasons for making the request.

Colonial Secretary.

(16)

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

22nd July, 1942.

No. S. 1/9.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.



DUTY FREE TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

Red 13.

Reference your minute No. 64/40
dated 20th July, 1942.

After a trial of 13 months, the
present allowance of 300 cigarettes per man per month
has been found to be considerably below the normal
consumption, and it is submitted that an increase of
from 10 cigarettes to 20 per day is more reasonable.

+ San Carlo

The personnel of the Minesweepers
are allowed an unlimited supply and it is also
understood that Army ranks have this privilege; in
view of this, the comparatively small number of Naval
ratings concerned might feel that a distinction was
being made against them.

R. Sharkey

COLONEL, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge).

No. 64/40.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

29th July, 19

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 14
With reference to your letter No. E. 1/9 of the 15th of July, I have pleasure in informing you that the privileged allowance of 300 duty free cigarettes per man per month granted to Naval Shore personnel is increased to 600.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.