



# Naval Discipline Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 53

### PART I

#### ARTICLES OF WAR

##### *Offences relating to property*

#### **29 Misapplication and destruction of public and service property**

Every person subject to this Act who—

- (a) steals or fraudulently misapplies any public or service property;
- (b) receives any such property knowing it to have been stolen or to have been fraudulently misapplied;
- (c) wilfully destroys or damages any such property; or
- (d) by wilful neglect allows any such property to be destroyed or damaged;

shall be liable to imprisonment for any term or any less punishment authorised by this Act.

#### **30 Loss and waste of public and service property**

(1) Every person subject to this Act who—

- (a) loses any public or service property of which he has the charge or which has been entrusted to his care, or which forms part of property of which he has the charge or which has been entrusted to his care;
- (b) by negligence destroys or damages any public or service property or allows any such property to be destroyed or damaged; or
- (c) wastefully expends any such property,

shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or any less punishment authorised by this Act.

(2) It shall be a defence for a person charged under this section with losing any property that he took reasonable steps for its care and preservation.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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### **31 Offences relating to issues and decorations**

- (1) Every person subject to this Act who makes away with (whether by pawning, selling, destroying or in any other way), or loses or by negligence damages or allows to be damaged—
- (a) any clothing, arms, ammunition or other equipment issued to him for his use for naval purposes; or
  - (b) any naval, military or air force decoration' granted to him,
- shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or any less punishment authorised by this Act.
- (2) It shall be a defence for a person charged under this section with losing any property that he took reasonable steps for its care and preservation.