



# Naval Discipline Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 53

### PART I

#### ARTICLES OF WAR

##### *Offences relating to property*

### **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.