

STATEMENT OF IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC MONEYS AND STORES—continued.

Nature of Irregularity.	Amount involved.	Action taken, and Result.
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Post and Telegraph Department—continued.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS—continued.

Theft of cash and postal stationery ..	£ 182 8 5	Three offenders convicted and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. Net loss to Department, £80 11s. 4d.
Attempted fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank	40 0 0	Offender sentenced to imprisonment for twelve months.
Attempted fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank	2 0 0	Offender convicted and admitted to probation for six months.
Fraudulent withdrawal from Post Office Savings-bank	20 0 0	Offender admitted to probation and ordered to make restitution.
Fraudulent negotiation of military pay warrant	16 16 0	Offender committed to Supreme Court for sentence. No loss to Department.
Theft of cash and stamps	2 17 1	Restitution made.
Theft of stores	1 19 3	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of stores	7 17 6	Offender ordered to come up for sentence if called upon within two years and to make restitution to the Department.

Public Works Department.

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Misappropriation of public moneys ..	20 12 4	Offender convicted and sentenced to three years' probation.
Theft of stores	5 10 0	Offender convicted and fined £20.

Railways Department.

IRREGULARITIES BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft from booked parcel	Not stated	Offenders fined £5 each and ordered to pay costs.
Misappropriation of public moneys ..	0 15 0	Offender dismissed the Service. Restitution made.
Theft of goods	19 2 0	Offender sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour. Restitution made.
Misappropriation of public moneys ..	3 10 3	Offender convicted and sentenced to twelve months' probation. Restitution made.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft of cash	0 5 7	} Offender sentenced to three years' imprisonment.
Theft of railway tickets, stores, &c. ..	Not stated	
Theft of cash	45 0 0	Police investigations unsuccessful. Officer responsible for the custody of the money called upon to make good the loss.
Theft of cash	1 0 0	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	10 3 1	Two offenders, each sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.
Theft of tickets	Not stated	Offender sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.
Theft of cash	0 11 0	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash and postal note	7 12 2	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	18 7 2	Police investigations unsuccessful.
Theft of cash	4 10 6	Police investigations not yet complete.

Scientific and Industrial Research Department.

IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Loss of departmental moneys stolen from safe	11 16 9	Loss made good by officer responsible for their custody.
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Social Security Department.

IRREGULARITIES BY PERSONS NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.

Theft of postal draft (being instalment of war pension)	1 12 6	Offender awaiting trial.
One thousand three hundred and thirty cases in which recipients of pensions, sustenance, age, and other benefits obtained payments in excess of scale rates by failing to disclose material particulars of their circumstances to the Labour, Pensions, or Social Security Departments. (NOTE.—The excess payments to many of the recipients were not all made during 1941–42, but include amounts received by them in previous years.)	17,984 11 4	Proceedings instituted in eleven cases, involving the sum of £862 6s. 5d., resulted in eleven convictions being entered. Fines totalled £159, costs amounted to £11 12s., and restitution of £351 9s. 1d. was ordered by the Court. In a few cases the offenders were sentenced to imprisonment. There were 1,319 other cases involving the sum of £17,322 4s. 11d. Except in a small percentage of cases where the beneficiaries were on active service, deceased, or in straitened circumstances, refunds have been or are being obtained.

Treasury Department.

IRREGULARITY BY PERSON NOT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER.

Theft of interest warrant	9 0 0	Offender convicted and admitted to probation for twelve months and ordered to make restitution.
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