

required to perform money-order and savings-bank duties. At offices where two or more tellers are employed exclusively and continuously in the performance of money-order and savings-bank counter duties a separate allowance shall be paid for each of such duties.

EXTRA DUTY: MEAL ALLOWANCE OR TRAM FARE.

23. In any case where an officer is directed to commence duty at least two hours before the ordinary time, or remain on or return to duty at least two hours after the ordinary time, and such additional duty necessitates such officer taking a meal away from home, he shall be granted a meal allowance on the following scale: Officers receiving £400 or over, 2s. 6d.; under £400 a year, 2s. Tram fares to and from residence may be paid when no meal allowance is paid. A meal allowance shall not be granted when overtime pay is given, but when the amount of the meal allowance would exceed the amount of overtime pay the meal allowance may be granted instead of overtime pay: Provided that overtime may be paid for all time in excess of forty-four hours weekly.

OFFICER ACTING IN HIGHER POSITION.

24. (1.) Any officer who, with the knowledge and authority of the Secretary, acts in a higher controlling position at his own station for three consecutive months or for four months in any calendar year may be paid, while so acting, the difference between his salary and the salary of the officer he replaces: Provided that where a junior acts in a position usually filled by an officer classified in a superior grade or class he may be paid an allowance at the rate of £15 per annum.

(2.) In special cases where an officer acts for a shorter period than those mentioned above the Secretary may authorize payment of a suitable amount.

WORKMAN ACTING AS FOREMAN.

25. A workman on the permanent or temporary staff employed in an advanced capacity, and in charge of two men, may be paid an allowance of 6d. per diem extra while so engaged. If the number of men exceeds three the allowance shall be 1s. per diem, but the officer shall not be entitled to also receive the payment referred to under Regulation 24 hereof.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES.

26. The Secretary may at any time grant an allowance in a lump sum or at an annual rate to an officer—

- (a.) Performing special duties:
- (b.) Stationed at an isolated station or where the cost of living is excessive:
- (c.) In a telegraph-office using a typewriter:
- (d.) In lieu of overtime:
- (e.) Performing duty on a railway travelling post-office or at a public counter:
- (f.) In lieu of official quarters:
- (g.) Using his own vehicle on official business.

OVERTIME.

27. (1.) In these regulations "overtime" means the time in which any official or departmental duty is performed outside the regular hours of duty.

(2.) Payment for overtime, when made, will be made at the following rates:—

	Rate per Hour.	
	s.	d.
To officers drawing salaries exceeding £270..	2	9
To officers drawing salaries exceeding £200 and not exceeding £270	2	6
To officers drawing salaries exceeding £165 and not exceeding £200	2	0
To officers drawing salaries not exceeding £165 ..	1	6
To message-boys	0	8

(3.) No payment shall be made for any overtime performed by an officer in receipt of £450 per annum or over; to the senior controlling