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Ottawa, April 15, 1920.

Dear Mr. Ballantyne,

Several enquiries have been made from me by interested parties as to whether the Canadian Government would follow the practice adopted in the Imperial Navy of apportioning between the officers and men the value of the prizes seized by the crews during the war.

Thus far, I have been unable to gather any indication of the Department's policy in this matter. You are probably aware that, in some cases at least, settlements have been effected by the Imperial authorities with their own men, months ago. Our Canadian sailors, quite naturally, are anxious to know what consideration will be accorded to them in this connection, and would welcome an authoritative pronouncement in the matter.

I should be obliged if you would kindly advise me as to what is, or is likely to be, the policy of the Naval Service of Canada with respect to war prizes.

Yours sincerely,

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