

ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

ORDER No. 18605.

AIR-MAIL RESTRICTIONS Matter Destined Outside Continental United States

The War and Navy Departments exercise control over the transportation of air mail to overseas destinations. Reports received during the past few weeks show conclusively that the volume of air mail now being received for transmission to certain points outside the continental United States is greatly exceeding and will continue greatly to exceed the facilities that are or can be made available for that purpose. Therefore, it becomes necessary to materially reduce the weight of individual pieces of air mail so that the transportation by air of the greatest possible number of letters to those areas may be assured.

The existing military demands upon air-transportation facilities for strategic cargo and for personnel essential to the war effort have made necessary the immediate establishment of the following order of preference in the loading of mail on aircraft destined for restricted areas:

First----- Official air mail.

Second----- V-Mail.

Third----- **To the extent space is available, other letter mail weighing not in excess of 2 ounces per letter.**

The public should be informed that the quantities of air mail coming within the third category that can be given air dispatch to the restricted areas cannot be accurately predicted, and such matter may have to be transported by surface means. Military necessity may later require that only official air mail and V-Mail be transported by air to these areas.

Until further notice, therefore, only letters in their usual and ordinary form weighing not in excess of two ounces and coming within the third category may be accepted as air mail for transmission to foreign countries and to overseas Navy post offices and A. P. O.'s.

Packages of merchandise, prints, etc. (except official packages) will not be carried by air from the United States.

The foregoing restrictions apply to air mail for all points outside the limits of the continental United States except that for the time being they will not apply to Mexico, Central America and South America, the West Indies, and other islands within the Caribbean area, Alaska, Canada, and Newfoundland.

Postmasters will please instruct their patrons as far as practicable without expense to the Department of these changes in the manner of handling air mail and further urge upon their patrons the importance of using V-Mail for messages to persons in the military service outside the United States and of using the lightest possible stationery for other overseas correspondence.

The foregoing instructions are effective immediately.

INSTRUCTIONS OF FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

CHANGES, POSTAL GUIDE, 1941, PART I LOSS OR OTHER MISTREATMENT OF ORDINARY MAIL

Article 35, page 129, of the July, 1941 Official Postal Guide, is changed to read as follows:

"35. **Loss or Other Mistreatment of Ordinary Mail.**—While there is no provision for the payment of indemnity for the loss or other mistreatment of mail not insured or registered, except that made for foreign ordinary parcels dispatched under the terms of the Pan American Parcel Post Convention or the Parcel Post Agreement of the Americas and Spain, employees should not . . . discourage the filing of Form 1510 by a patron simply because of that fact.

"Postmasters and employees must, however, guard against the improper use of Form 1510. It must not be executed for the obvious purpose of ascertaining whether an ordinary piece of mail . . . has been delivered but only if the sender has received information that the addressee has not received the article after a reasonable time has elapsed from the date of mailing. In such cases the form, with Parts I and II on the reverse also completed, should be forwarded to the postmaster at the office of address. In other instances where the form is used in connection with ordinary mail it should be given the disposition required by section 810 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

"Circumstances may, in the judgment of the postmaster, warrant the occasional use of card Form 1516 to verify delivery of ordinary mail under conditions not calling for the execution of Form 1510; such action should, however, be strictly limited."

INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

RETURN RECEIPTS

To be Obtained for Domestic Insured Mail When Requested

From time to time the attention of postmasters has been called to the tendency on the part of some employees to overlook return receipt indorsements appearing on insured parcels, with a consequent failure of the senders to receive return receipt cards (Form 3811) for which the requisite fees had been paid.

As the number of complaints received indicates that this situation has not been fully corrected, postmasters again are requested to impress upon all employees delivering insured mail, that all such parcels must be carefully examined so that any required return receipts will be obtained.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES

Established—Fourth Class

COLORADO
30397. Del Rio (*3974) Conejos County, special supply from Capulin. Capulin, 10.55 miles southeast; La Jara, 19.8 miles southeast; Monte Vista, 21.4 miles northeast. a Box 42, Capulin, Colo.

*Unit number.
a Postmaster's address.

Discontinued—Fourth Class

CALIFORNIA
Milton, Calaveras County, route 76264. Effective as of Aug. 28, 1942. Mail to Farmington.

INDIANA
Duff, Dubois County, routes 105762 and 233350. Effective Sept. 30, 1942. Mail to Huntingburg.

MASSACHUSETTS
Westport Factory, Bristol County, route 4321. Effective Sept. 30, 1942. Mail to New Bedford.

NEW MEXICO
Strong, Taos County, routes 67124 and 67127. Effective as of Aug. 27, 1942. Mail to Ojo Caliente.

NORTH DAKOTA
Ranger, Slope County, route 61210. Effective Sept. 15, 1942. Mail to Bowman.

WISCONSIN
Angus, Baron County, route 39152. Effective Sept. 30, 1942. Mail to Birchwood.

Summer Office Made Year-Round Office
Carnelian Bay, Placer County, Calif. This office will hereafter be known as a year-round office.

Summer Office Closed for Year 1942
Cliff Haven, Clinton County, N. Y. This office will not open for summer season. Mail to Plattsburg.

Summer Post Offices to Close
Lake Kirkwood, Eldorado County, Calif. Effective Sept. 15, 1942. Mail to Pine Grove.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES

Summer Post Offices to Close

Shawaneese, Luzerne County, Pa. Effective Sept. 30, 1942. Mail to Alderson.
Prudence, Newport County, R. I. Effective Sept. 30, 1942. Mail to Homestead.
Bayville, Lincoln County, Maine. Effective Sept. 20, 1942. Mail to Boothbay Harbor.
Littlejohn Island, Cumberland County, Maine. Effective Sept. 10, 1942. Mail to Yarmouth.
Craterclub, Essex County, N. Y. Effective Sept. 15, 1942. Mail to Essex.
Lake Dunmore, Addison County, Vt. Effective Sept. 15, 1942. Mail to Salisbury.

Summer Post Office To Open Correction

Dunvilla, Otter Tail County, Minn. The notice appearing in BULLETIN 18432 showing this summer post office to open effective May 15, 1942, is corrected to show the office did not open for summer season of year 1942. Mail to Pelican Rapids.

POST-OFFICE STATIONS

Established

FLORIDA
Key West: 78618. Convoy Center, Craig Dock. Station with money-order facilities effective Aug. 24, 1942.

ILLINOIS
Evanston: 12301. Naval Training School (Radio), Northwestern University, Station with money-order facilities effective Sept. 1, 1942.

OREGON
Empire: 50331. Section Base, Coos Bay, Station with money-order facilities effective Sept. 15, 1942.

POST-OFFICE BRANCHES

Established

NEW YORK
Geneva: 21667. Naval Training Station, Sampson, Branch with money order facilities effective Sept. 15, 1942.

EVERYBODY

EVERY PAY DAY

AT LEAST 10 PER CENT

WAR SAVINGS BONDS