

ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

MAIL SERVICE FOR AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE

ORDER No. 19600; DATED DECEMBER 29, 1942.

Effective January 1, 1943, under an agreement by the Post Office Department, the War Shipping Administration, War Department, and Navy Department, mail service will be extended to members of the crews of the United States merchant vessels and vessels of the Army Transport Service. The service will be confined to ordinary mail of all classes subject to existing regulations governing the ordinary mail for members of armed forces stationed outside the continental United States. No insured, c. o. d., or registered mail and no V-mail will be accepted, nor will money-order service be included in this arrangement. The service will be conducted on a domestic basis and the domestic rates of postage will apply, the restrictions of Order No. 17471 dated April 20, 1942, as to size and the 11-pound limit of weight for surface mail, and of Order No. 18605 dated September 4, 1942, as to the 2-ounce limit of weight for air-mail letters, being applicable. The rate of 6 cents for each half ounce will apply to air mail.

All mail for crews of merchant vessels other than those manned by the Army Transport Service will be addressed in the following form:

<p>From: Mrs. T. Smith, 1022 Marble Street, New York, N. Y.</p> <p>John T. Smith, SS President Jackson, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.</p> <p>----- (Name of steamship line)</p>

All mail for crews of vessels of the Army Transport Service will be addressed in a similar manner, except that the designation (USATS) will be used instead of the name of the steamship line, viz:

<p>From: Mrs. T. Smith, 1022 Marble Street, New York, N. Y.</p> <p>John T. Smith, SS President Jackson, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.</p> <p>(USATS)</p>
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The return address of the person attached to a merchant vessel or to a vessel of the Army Transport Service will be indicated in the upper left corner of the envelope as follows:

<p>From: John T. Smith, ----- (Name of steamship line) New York, N. Y. (Or home address if within the United States)</p> <p>Mrs. T. Smith, 1022 Marble Street, New York, N. Y.</p>
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OR

<p>From: John T. Smith, c/o Superintendent, USATS, New York, N. Y.</p> <p>Mrs. T. Smith, 1022 Marble Street, New York, N. Y.</p>
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The post offices at New York, New York, New Orleans, Louisiana, and San Francisco, California, will serve as permanent addresses to officers and crew members of the Merchant Marine or Army Transport Service as follows:

"New York, N. Y.; for ships operating out of east coast ports. New Orleans, La.; for ships operating out of Gulf coast ports. San Francisco, Calif.; for ships operating out of west coast ports."

The Navy Department advises that mail matter for patrons covered in this order is subject to censorship regulations. Correspondents should be cautioned not to include in letters any information that would give aid or comfort to the enemy, and in the case of mail originating with members of United States merchant vessel crews and vessels of the Army Transport Service, no reference should be made to names of vessels, movements, ports visited, or itineraries.

The War Shipping Administration will issue specific instructions to seamen engaged on United States merchant vessels and vessels operated by the Army Transport Service; to shipping companies, seamen's institutes, etc. A strict compliance by the mailing public with the provisions of this order and by crew members with instructions issued by the War Shipping Administration will materially aid in providing a satisfactory mail service for those gallant men who until this time have not been privileged to receive mail from their friends and loved ones while outside the continental limits of the United States.

EVERYBODY—EVERY PAY DAY
AT LEAST 10 PER CENT
WAR SAVINGS BONDS

**INSTRUCTIONS OF
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL**

UNITED NATIONS COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are advised of the issuance of a special UNITED NATIONS commemorative postage stamp in the 2-cent denomination to be first placed on sale at the Washington, D. C., post office on January 14, 1943. The new stamp will be available at other post offices as soon after that date as stocks thereof can be printed and distributed. It is intended that this stamp shall displace the 2-cent National Defense issue as soon as stocks on hand are exhausted.

The UNITED NATIONS stamp is 0.75 by 0.87 inch in dimensions, arranged vertically. It is printed in red ink by the rotary process and issued in sheets of 100. The central design, symbolic of Victory, depicts an uplifted palm branch at the apex of a triangular shaped procession of swords, likewise held upright. In the upper part of the stamp at the right of the central subject is the wording "2 Cents" in white gothic, underneath which, arranged in three lines, is the inscription "United States Postage" in dark gothic. In a horizontal panel with dark background along the lower edge of the stamp is the wording "Nations United For Victory" in white gothic lettering.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the stamp on January 14 may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., with a cash or money order remittance to cover cost of the stamps required for affixing. *Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.* Envelopes used for covers should not be smaller than 3 by 6 inches, and the use of large and irregularly shaped envelopes should be avoided. Each envelope must be addressed, and should bear a pencil endorsement in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be attached thereto. It is also necessary to allow sufficient space on the envelope to affix the stamps and postmarks. All cover envelopes should either be sealed or sent with the flaps turned in, and better cancelations will be provided if the envelopes contain medium-weight enclosures. *Requests for uncanceled stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers.* For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the UNITED NATIONS stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C., on January 14, 1943.

Postmasters at all direct and central-accounting post offices will submit an initial requisition on Form 3201-A, endorsed "UNITED NATIONS," for a temporary supply of the new stamp. As soon as sufficient stock is available, regular requisitions for 2c stamps will be filled, unless otherwise requested, with UNITED NATIONS stamps, making it unnecessary for postmasters to submit special requisitions therefor. Postmasters at district-accounting post offices will obtain needed quantities of the new stamp by requisition on the central-accounting office. Central-accounting postmasters will see that supplies of UNITED NATIONS stamps are sent to every district post office in their territory at the earliest possible date.

STOLEN MONEY-ORDER FORMS

Since November 18, 1942, blank domestic money-order forms printed for use at the offices named below have been reported stolen. Numbers inclusive:

Bismarck, Ill.....	60691 to 60800.....	Nov. 18, 1942
Cleveland (Station 99), Ohio.....	97601 to 97800.....	Nov. 18, 1942
Eufola, N. C.....	23083 to 23200.....	Dec. 9, 1942
McGabeysville, Va.....	55519 to 57400.....	Nov. 20, 1942
Oreana, Ill.....	29215 to 29400.....	Dec. 16, 1942
PROVIDENCE (STATION 26), R. I.....	31124 to 31200.....	Dec. 25, 1942
SAINT MARY OF THE WOODS, IND. 35619 to 36000.....	Dec. 26, 1942

On receipt of this notice the postmaster will carefully examine his records to ascertain whether any of these forms have already been paid at his office, and if the coupon of any such order is found, he should promptly report that fact to the post office inspector in charge of his division. If any person should present one of the orders for payment, he should be detained for questioning, if possible, and the post-office inspector and local officers summoned. If the offender flees, the postal employee should record the description of the fugitive and of any accomplice, together with the number of State license and make of car, if one is used. The information

secured should be telegraphed or telephoned (Government rate collect) to the inspector in charge if an inspector is not available.

A postmaster should also telegraph or telephone the inspector in charge in case of theft of forms from his office, being careful to give the correct serial numbers, and under no circumstances to issue orders on such forms in event of their recovery.

REGISTRY CHANGES

Scott Field Branch, Belleville, Illinois

The Scott Field Branch of the Belleville, Ill., post office is hereby designated as independent for the receipt and dispatch of registered mail. This branch should be added to the list of third- and fourth-class offices, independent branches and stations and Navy mail clerks in possession of rotary lock keys printed on pages 20 to 24, inclusive, of the August 1942 Supplement to the Postal Guide.

**INSTRUCTIONS OF
FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL**

POSTER ENTITLED "A CARELESS WORD . . . ANOTHER CROSS"

Display in Post Offices During January Authorized

The Office of War Information will furnish Postmasters in the near future a poster entitled "A Careless Word . . . Another Cross." This poster will replace the one authorized in POSTAL BULLETIN of December 12, 1942, for display during December entitled "Someone Talked."

The new poster should be displayed in the public lobby during the month of January in such manner as not to mar or deface the walls or woodwork.

**INSTRUCTIONS OF
THE SOLICITOR**

FRAUD ORDER NOTICE

(Holder's H. F. Condensator Co., et al.)

On December 22, 1942, a fraud order was issued against Holder's H. F. Condensator Co.; Holder's Research Laboratories; W. E. Holder, M. E. Prop.; W. E. Holder, M. E.; W. E. Holder, M. E., F. I. F. Sc.; W. E. Holder, Prop.; Dr. W. E. Holder; W. E. Holder; and their officers and agents as such at Windsor, Ontario, Canada; and Holder's H. F. Condensator Co.; W. E. Holder, M. E. Prop.; W. E. Holder, M. E.; W. E. Holder, M. E., F. I. F. Sc.; W. E. Holder; Dr. D. O. Crowe, D. M. T.; Dr. D. O. Crowe; and their officers and agents as such at Detroit, Michigan.

All mail addressed to these concerns and parties should be returned to senders, stamped "Fraudulent—Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General," and no money orders in favor of said concerns and parties should be issued or paid and certified.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Discontinued—Fourth-Class

FLORIDA

Modify

Villa Tasso, Walton County, the order appearing in Bulletin 18528 discontinuing this office effective Dec. 31, 1942, has been modified to become effective Jan. 31, 1943.

KENTUCKY

Nell, Adair County, route 29807. Effective Dec. 31, 1942. Mail to Gradyville.
Weed, Adair County, route 29807. Effective Dec. 31, 1942. Mail to Gradyville.

VIRGINIA

McClung, Bath County, rural route No. 1, Millboro. Effective as of Dec. 18, 1942. Mail to Millboro.

WEST VIRGINIA

Lone Cedar, Jackson County, routes 216159 and 115712. Effective Dec. 31, 1942. Mail to Belleville.

Winter Post Office Closed for Season

La Quinta, Riverside County, Calif. This office will not open for the 1942-43 winter season.

POST OFFICE BRANCHES

Established

CALIFORNIA

Fall Brook: 81096. Naval Ammunition Depot (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Dec. 21, 1942.

POST OFFICE BRANCHES

VIRGINIA

Williamsburg: The following money-order units of the Naval Construction Training Center, Camp Peary, (naval post office) will be established Jan. 2, 1943:
Unit 1, 85772.
Unit 2, 85776.
Unit 3, 85778.
Unit 4, 85781.
Unit 5, 85787.

POST OFFICE STATIONS

Established

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington: 33253. Coast Guard Headquarters (naval post office) without money-order facilities effective Dec. 19, 1942.

FLORIDA

St. Petersburg: 79619. Section Base, Inshore Patrol (naval post office), with money-order facilities effective Dec. 26, 1942.

ILLINOIS

Urbana: 13182. Naval Training School (Radio) (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Dec. 26, 1942.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis: 27190. Naval Training School (Electrical) (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Dec. 18, 1942.