

## ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

### AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS Firearms, Dentures, and Prosthetic Devices

ORDER No. 20349; DATED MAR. 11, 1943.

Order No. 19935, dated February 2, 1943, amending paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 602 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, is rescinded pending further investigation.

## INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### MAIL FOR ARMY PERSONNEL OVERSEAS

(Not applicable to personnel of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard)  
Supplementary Instructions

Hereafter sealed parcels not exceeding 8 ounces in weight on which postage at the first-class rate is prepaid may be accepted for dispatch to Army personnel at A. P. O.'s overseas without the presentation of an approved request from the addressee. This modification of Order No. 19687, dated January 7 and published in the POSTAL BULLETIN for January 8, 1943, under the heading "Restrictions On Overseas Shipments To Army Personnel" has been agreed to by the War Department in order to facilitate the sending of small essential articles such as eyeglasses, watches, fountain pens, insignia, etc. Individual copies of so-called "House Organs" or employee publications, church bulletins, and similar publications, may also be sent to such personnel under the same conditions as to weight and postage.

The exceptions of Order No. 19687 with respect to parcels for military agencies include those sent to Army post exchanges, canteens, Red Cross, U. S. O., and library officers; also religious material addressed to chaplains in their official capacity and articles sent to commanding officers addressed to them as such by title. No approved request is necessary for these and the regular limits of weight and size, namely, 70 pounds and 100 inches in length and girth combined are applicable. Such parcels should be endorsed "For Military Agency."

The War Department has informed the Post Office Department that hereafter renewals of present subscriptions for overseas personnel of the Army to newspapers and other publications entered as second-class matter from any source will be considered as a continuation of the present subscriptions and mailings under such renewed subscriptions will be considered as in conformity with Order No. 19687, regardless of whether or not the renewal has been specifically requested in writing by the addressee. This means the renewals may be paid for by others than the addressees without any request from the latter. The foregoing does not cover complimentary copies sent by publishers.

Educational study material, including text books, sent by the United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis., an agency of the United States Government, and universities and colleges conducting courses in cooperation with that Institute, also such material sent by other schools and colleges conducting home study courses, in connection with enrollments prior to January 15, 1943, may be accepted without presentation of a request at the time of mailing. This also applies to such matter sent in connection with enrollments or requests made subsequent to that date, except that such requests should bear the approval of the students' commanding officer. In the case of matter mailed by the United States Armed Forces

Institute, and cooperating institutions, the wrappers of the parcels should bear a return card similar to the following example:

ARMED FORCES UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSES  
Home Study Department  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  
Official Mailing

In the case of such mailings by other schools and colleges, the parcels should be endorsed "Mailing Authorized by P. O. D. Notice March 12, 1943."

Where book clubs are under contract to furnish members now stationed overseas with books to be mailed at intervals, arrangements for which were made prior to the establishment of the restrictions, the books may be accepted in a similar manner. However, this does not apply to instances where book clubs merely furnish members with lists of books, which the member is not under obligation to purchase, but for which he submits a specific request in each instance; in such case the request must bear the approval of the battalion or similar unit commander. The restrictions as to limits of weight and size prescribed by Order No. 19687 are applicable in the cases referred to in this paragraph.

Medical books sent to doctors connected with Army hospitals or units under their official titles and for their official use and parcels containing uniforms and military accessories ordered by officers may be accepted without approved requests and without regard to the limitations of weight and size prescribed by Order No. 19687. Such parcels should be endorsed "Mailing Authorized by POD Notice March 12, 1943."

Requests of officers and personnel not assigned to organizations or assigned to separate companies and detachments must be approved by the next higher headquarters or by the theater headquarters. The War Department has issued instructions to its personnel that in no circumstances will requests be approved by other than battalion or regimental commanders or other officers of field grade (major or above) having supervisory authority over the officer or enlisted man making the request.

#### POST OFFICE BRANCHES

**Established**  
**CALIFORNIA**  
Niland: 82279. Navy 10073 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
**NEW YORK**  
New York: X5184. Navy Post Office 216 with money-order facilities effective Feb. 24, 1943.  
New York: X5185. Navy Post Office 217 with money-order facilities effective Jan. 1, 1943.  
New York: X5426. Navy 152 with money-order facilities effective Feb. 25, 1943.  
New York: X5442. Navy 10967 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
New York: X5443. Navy 10968 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
New York: X5444. Navy 10970 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
**OKLAHOMA**  
Stillwater: 63701. Naval Training School (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Mar. 15, 1943.  
Stillwater: 63707. Navy 10090 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle: 71934. Navy 10089 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.

#### POST OFFICE STATIONS

**Established**  
**FLORIDA**  
St. Augustine: 79502. Navy 11013 with money-order facilities effective Mar. 22, 1943.  
**OHIO**  
Cambridge: The following money-order unit will be established effective Apr. 15, 1943:  
Unit 1, 18409.  
**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle: The following money-order unit will be established effective Mar. 22, 1943:  
Unit 3, 70557.  
**Order Modified**  
**OKLAHOMA**  
Chickasha: Order establishing Borden General Hospital Branch (contract) changed to read Borden General Hospital (contract).  
**Change in Status**  
**CALIFORNIA**  
San Diego: Camp Lockett (contract) status changed to Camp Lockett (classified) effective Mar. 16, 1943.  
**Order Modified**  
**ALABAMA**  
Mobile: Order establishing Chickasaw (classified) effective Mar. 1, 1943, modified to show establishment Mar. 16, 1943.

**HELP REDUCE THE AIR-MAIL LOAD**  
**URGE THE USE OF**  
**LIGHTWEIGHT STATIONERY**