

## ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

### AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

ORDER No. 21911; DATED JULY 16, 1943.

#### REIMBURSEMENT FOR CANCELED POSTAGE-DUE STAMPS

Paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of section 253, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1940, are amended to read as follows:

"253. All postmasters shall transmit undeliverable matter bearing canceled postage-due stamps to the central-accounting postmaster for credit or reimbursement of the claim involved and for treatment of the dead matter which accompanies the claim. The dead mail matter upon which canceled postage-due stamps have been affixed shall be given original and final treatment in the central-accounting office upon receipt.

"3. When postage-due stamps are attached to a postage-due bill which is returned to the post office from which received and the matter with which such bill was received cannot be delivered, or when postage-due stamps are inadvertently placed and canceled on domestic mail which cannot be delivered, special claim for the amount of such stamps shall be made by postmasters at the time such matter is sent to the central-accounting postmaster. Letter carrier offices of the first-class shall use Form 1561. (See secs. 768, 773, 816, and 817.)

"4. When domestic mail to which postage-due stamps have been affixed and canceled is forwarded to a foreign country, special claim shall be made for the amount of such stamps at the time the postage-due bill is forwarded to the central-accounting postmaster, as provided in section 773; and when postage-due stamps have been affixed and canceled on foreign mail which cannot be delivered, special claim shall be made for the amount of such stamps at the time such matter is forwarded to the central-accounting postmaster, as provided in sections 816 and 2223. Letter-carrier offices of the first-class shall use dead letter bill, Form 1561.

"5. The notice (Form 1503) received from the Bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General of the amount allowed for postage-due stamps shall be kept on file in the post office. Credit for the amount of such stamps shall also be claimed by central-accounting postmasters and all letter-carrier offices of the first-class in their quarterly stamp account under "Item F."

"6. Claims for credit for postage-due stamps affixed to undeliverable matter at all non-letter-carrier and district offices shall be transmitted with such matter to the central-accounting postmaster, who shall make reimbursement in postage stamps.

"7. Central-accounting postmasters shall obtain credit, on Form 1503, for uncanceled postage stamps sent to reimburse postmasters at all non-letter-carrier and district offices for canceled postage-due stamps, and also credit for canceled postage-due stamps affixed to dead mail matter at their offices, and at the close of each quarter these forms and Forms 1503 received from letter carrier offices of the first-class shall be transmitted to the Bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington 25, D. C., for adjustment of the credits."

Section 817, paragraph 8, Postal Laws and Regulations, 1940, is amended to read as follows:

"8. Postmasters at letter-carrier offices of the first-class shall use dead-letter bills (Form 1561) and returns from all other offices shall be sent without dead-letter bills."

### AMENDMENT TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

ORDER No. 21912; DATED JULY 16, 1943.

#### UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS Reports on Form 914

Paragraph 11, section 158, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1940, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"11. Superintendents at savings-bond branches and stations shall prepare reports on Form . . . 914 for each day in which savings-bond business is transacted and promptly submit them, together with original stubs of sold bonds, original stubs and bonds that have been spoiled, canceled bonds, and the proceeds of sales, to their main offices. Postmasters may require the superintendents of branches and stations to submit 'No business' reports on Form . . . 914 for days, other than Sundays and holidays, when no savings-bond business is transacted."

## INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS—OVERRUN COUNTRIES LUXEMBOURG

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are advised that a 5-cent postage stamp honoring Luxembourg, the fourth stamp in the Overrun Countries Series, will be first placed on sale August 10, 1943, at Washington, D. C. Announcements concerning the remaining stamps in the series will appear later.

The central design of the Luxembourg stamp is a reproduction of the flag of that country in colors, with the name "Luxembourg" printed underneath. The stamp will be of the special delivery size, 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally and issued 50 stamps to a sheet.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the stamp for Luxembourg on August 10, 1943, may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with cash or money-order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps required for affixing. Requests for uncanceled stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers. Envelopes used for covers should be of ordinary letter size, and each envelope must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope, and the flap either sealed or turned in. **Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment for stamps.**

Stamps of this series desired for postage purposes should be purchased at the local post office. Stamps of selected quality for collection may be obtained on mail order sent to the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. Stamps are sold through this Agency at face value, plus return mailing charges. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Philatelic Agency for the Luxembourg commemorative stamp should not include other stamp issues. **The Philatelic Agency does not service first-day covers.**

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting offices may submit separate requisitions, on Form 3201-A, for a limited supply of the 5-cent Luxembourg stamp, endorsed "Luxembourg," shipment of which will be made as soon as the printed stock is available. Postmasters are cautioned not to place this stamp on sale before August 11, 1943. Postmasters at district-accounting offices may obtain small quantities of these stamps by requisition on the central-accounting post office.

Requisitions shall not be submitted for any of the remaining stamps in the Overrun Countries Series until further notification is received.

## INSTRUCTIONS OF FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### POSTER—"JOIN THE SEABEES" Truck Display Authorized

A new poster entitled "Join the Seabees" has been approved by the Postmaster General, for display on Government-owned mail trucks.

The posters will be furnished by the Office of War Information, and postmasters are authorized to display two posters on each Government-owned mail truck, during the month of August.

### PURCHASE OF COAL

The attention of postmasters is invited to notices in the *POSTAL BULLETINS* of April 19 and May 24, 1943, relative to the purchase of coal for use in leased or rented quarters.

Postmasters who have not yet made arrangements for their fuel supply for the coming heating season are urged to do so immediately.

If bids cannot be obtained in response to advertising, postmasters may purchase fuel in the open market and, in submitting vouchers with their quarterly accounts, should state that no bids could be obtained.

### POST OFFICE CHANGES

**Discontinued—Fourth Class**  
**COLORADO**  
Lime, Pueblo County, route 65301. Effective as of June 30, 1943. Mail to Pueblo.  
**KANSAS**  
Gerlane, Barber County, rural route No. 1, Kiowa, and rural route No. 1, Medicine Lodge. Effective July 31, 1943. Mail to Kiowa.  
**KENTUCKY**  
Pauline, Logan County, route 29724. Effective July 31, 1943. Mail to Homer.

### POST OFFICE CHANGES

**Discontinued—Fourth Class**  
**NEW MEXICO**  
Lon, Lincoln County, route 67244. Effective July 31, 1943. Mail to Ramon.  
**WASHINGTON**  
Chester, Spokane County, routes 113731 and 113801. Effective as of July 2, 1943. Mail to Opportunity.