

## ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

### PROMPT DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS MAIL BAGS AND MAIL-BAG LOCKS

Order No. 22204.

Dated August 26, 1943

An inventory of domestic mail bags (both empty and those containing mail) and locks used for closing sacks and pouches will be taken in the entire Postal Service as of noon, September 13, 1943.

All post offices, Terminal RPO's, Transfer Offices, and others accumulating surplus mail bags and locks (other than mail bag depositories and first- and second-class post offices specially designated by the General Superintendent, Railway Mail Service, to store surplus No. 1 sacks) shall commence immediately and continue to promptly dispatch each day all surplus mail bags and locks accumulating in their offices to the designated mail bag depository or other receiving points to which they ship.

These shipments shall continue as long as delivery can be effected at such points before midnight on September 12, 1943. Dispatch of empty bags and locks that would not be due to reach destination before midnight on September 12, 1943, shall be withheld for dispatch until after 12 o'clock noon, on September 13, 1943. This shall not be construed to affect disposal of locks and equipment by RPO trains arriving at terminals between midnight September 12 and 12 o'clock noon, September 13.

Division Superintendents, Chief Clerks, and other supervisory officials in the Railway Mail Service are instructed to see that this order is obeyed insofar as their service is concerned and postmasters are instructed that this matter must be given their personal attention to insure compliance.

Detailed instructions will be furnished to all postmasters and Division Superintendents of the Railway Mail Service with reference to the inventory to be taken as of noon, September 13, 1943.

## INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS—OVERRUN COUNTRIES FRANCE

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are advised that a 5-cent postage stamp honoring France, the seventh stamp in the Overrun Countries Series, will be first placed on sale September 28, 1943, at Washington, D. C. Announcements concerning the remaining stamps in the series will appear later.

The central design of the France stamp is a reproduction of the flag of that country in natural colors—blue, white and red—with the name "France" printed underneath in blue. The stamp will be of the special-delivery size, 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally and issued fifty stamps to a sheet.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the stamp for France on September 28, 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 cost of the stamps required for affixing. **Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment for stamps, and 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 properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be inserted in each cover and the flap sealed or turned in. Each envelope should be pencil-marked in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be affixed and the name of the country. Covers for other stamps of the Overrun Countries Series should not be included with the order for France first-day covers.

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 France 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, to reach the Department not later than September 21, 1943, for a limited supply of the 5-cent France stamp, endorsed "France", shipment of which will be made as soon as the printed stock is available. Postmasters at district-accounting offices may obtain small quantities of this stamp by requisition on the central-accounting post office. **Postmasters are cautioned not to place this stamp on sale before September 29, 1943.**

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

### CASHING OF MONEY ORDERS BY MEMBERS OF THE WACS, WAVES, SPARS, AND WOMEN RESERVES OF THE MARINE CORPS

Reference is made to the notice which appeared in the POSTAL BULLETIN of March 25, 1942, under the heading "Cashing of Money Orders Presented by Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines." It is stated therein that the collection of a fee for payment of a money order not more than 60 days old and presented by a soldier, sailor, or marine is suspended.

Since members of the WACS are now considered to be enlisted personnel of the United States Army and WAVES, SPARS and Women Reserves of the Marine Corps, personnel of the Navy, the collection of fees for the payment of money orders not more than 60 days old drawn in favor of, and presented by, a member of either of the women's organizations mentioned is suspended and the same privileges are extended to them as are available to the men of the armed forces.

## INSTRUCTIONS OF FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT POSTER—LOBBY DISPLAY AUTHORIZED

To all Postmasters:

All Postmasters are authorized to display in the lobby of Post Office Buildings when received in the near future from the Treasury Department the poster entitled "A Message for You . . . From 1953." Because of the importance of the message contained in the poster, it should be displayed near the service windows where War Bonds are sold and should remain on display as long as available space permits without interfering with other material subsequently authorized.

### POST OFFICE CHANGES

#### Established—Fourth Class

UTAH  
48067. Dragerton (\*4369) Carbon County, route 69135. 3.2 miles west of Sunnyside; 18 miles east of Wellington. a 356 East Third Street, South Price, Utah.

\*Unit number.  
aPostmaster's address.

#### Discontinued—Fourth Class

CALIFORNIA  
Garnet, Riverside County, routes 276488 and 108760. Effective as of Aug. 4, 1943. Mail to Palm Springs.

OKLAHOMA  
Numa, Grant County, routes 107717 and 253274. Effective Aug. 31, 1943. Mail to Medford.

OREGON  
Colestin, Jackson County, routes 113735 and 273250. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Hilt, Calif.

#### Summer Post Offices To Close

Huntington Lake, Fresno County, Calif. Effective Sept. 16, 1943. Mail to Big Creek.  
Crescent Beach, New London County, Conn. Effective Sept. 15, 1943. Mail to Niantic.  
Capitol Island, Lincoln County, Maine. Effective Sept. 20, 1943. Mail to Southport.  
Mooselookmeguntic, Franklin County, Maine. Effective Sept. 11, 1943. Mail to Oquossoc.  
Pleasant Island, Oxford County, Maine. Effective Sept. 21, 1943. Mail to Oquossoc.  
Sagamore Beach, Barnstable County, Mass. Effective Sept. 11, 1943. Mail to Sagamore.  
Les Cheneaux Club, Mackinac County, Mich. Effective Sept. 15, 1943. Mail to Mackinac Island.  
Stony Lake, Oceana County, Mich. Effective Sept. 15, 1943. Mail to Shelby.  
Mountain Lake, Giles County, Va. Effective Sept. 15, 1943. Mail to Hoges Store.

### POST OFFICE BRANCHES

#### Established

CALIFORNIA  
San Francisco: The following U. S. Army Postal Service APO will be established effective Aug. 27, 1943:

AP0 457, 80389.  
San Francisco: The following money order units of APO 27 will be established effective Aug. 30, 1943:  
Unit 1, 82719.  
Unit 2, 82720.  
Unit 3, 82721.

MISSISSIPPI  
Hattiesburg: The following money order unit of Camp Shelby (classified) will be established effective Sept. 1, 1943:  
Unit 14, 97028.

### POST OFFICE STATIONS

#### Discontinued

PENNSYLVANIA  
Upper Darby: The following stations (contract) will be discontinued effective Sept. 1, 1943:  
Station No. 2.  
Station No. 4.

### CHANGES AFFECTING MONEY-ORDER BUSINESS ONLY

#### Domestic Business Established

NORTH CAROLINA  
Edenton: 12005 Branch, effective Sept. 1, 1943.

#### International Business Established

KANSAS  
Mayfield: Sept. 1, 1943.  
PENNSYLVANIA  
Newportville: July 1, 1943.

#### Domestic Business Discontinued

Chicago: 10190 Station, Ill., Aug. 31, 1943.

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<p><b>Established</b></p> <p><b>ARIZONA</b></p> <p>Kingman: The following money order unit will be established effective Aug. 23, 1943: Unit 1, 05143.</p> <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b></p> <p>Yosemite National Park: The following money order unit will be established effective Sept. 1, 1943: Unit 1, 82333.</p> <p><b>MISSISSIPPI</b></p> <p>Grenada: The following money order units were established effective Aug. 16, 1943: Unit 1, 96939. Unit 2, 96990.</p>	<p><b>Established</b></p> <p><b>NEBRASKA</b></p> <p>Columbus: 26202. C. O. D. effective Sept. 1, 1943.</p> <p><b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b></p> <p>Bennettsville: The following money order unit will be established effective Sept. 6, 1943: Unit 1, 59076.</p> <p><b>TEXAS</b></p> <p>Bastrop: 52479. C. O. D. effective Sept. 1, 1943.</p> <p>Crystal City: The following money order unit will be established effective Sept. 1, 1943: Unit 1, 52783.</p> <p>Mexia: The following money order unit will be established effective Sept. 1, 1943: Unit 1, 53780.</p>	<p><b>Established</b></p> <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b></p> <p>Santa Cruz: 82704. 10171 (naval post office for Naval Convalescent Hospital) with money-order facilities effective Aug. 20, 1943.</p> <p><b>NEW JERSEY</b></p> <p>Atlantic City: 90222. Navy 10153 with money-order facilities effective July 24, 1943.</p> <p><b>NEW YORK</b></p> <p>Long Beach: The following money-order unit of the receiving station (naval post office) will be established effective Sept. 15, 1943: Unit 1, 23295.</p> <p>New York: X5585. Navy 164 with money-order facilities effective Aug. 5, 1943.</p>	<p><b>Established</b></p> <p><b>NEW YORK—Continued</b></p> <p>New York: X6149. 10857 (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Aug. 10, 1943.</p> <p>New York: X6155. 10826 (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Aug. 16, 1943.</p> <p>New York: X6300. 12971 (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Sept. 1, 1943.</p> <p>New York: X6301. 12972 (naval post office) with money-order facilities effective Sept. 1, 1943.</p> <p><b>Domestic Business Discontinued</b></p> <p>Pittsburgh, Pa.: Federal Reserve Annex, Aug. 31, 1943.</p>

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