

ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

POSTAL BULLETIN Frequency and Days of Issue

Effective October 1, 1943, the POSTAL BULLETIN will be issued twice a week, each Tuesday and Friday, in lieu of the present frequency, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Due to necessity for postmasters at fourth-class post offices to keep current on the many changes affecting service at their offices a copy of each issue will be mailed to them direct.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS

Attention is directed to the information in the POSTAL BULLETIN of June 28, 1943, concerning Christmas mail for our armed forces overseas. Reports show that the average daily volume of this mail up to the present time is less than half of what was expected. Apparently the public has not been impressed with the necessity of mailing gift parcels as far in advance as possible of October 15 for the Army and November 1 for the Navy. After those dates no assurance can be given that the gifts will reach the addressees before Christmas.

It was expected that relatives and friends would mail their packages to the service men and women in the more distant stations in the opening days of the mailing period, and thereafter the volume of Christmas packages would increase daily. Reports coming from key centers give ground for fear that many thousands in the armed forces will be disappointed on Christmas day. We must remember that arms, munitions, and supplies take precedence over gifts in the allotment of shipping space. Because mail from home and Christmas gifts from home are so important to men and women overseas, it is imperative that those who plan to send gifts do so at once to assure their being received on time.

It is admittedly difficult at this early date to realize that the period of Christmas mailing is here. But this fact must be impressed on the minds of the public in order that the brave men and women at the battle fronts may not be deprived on Christmas of the gifts from their loved ones at home. Everything possible must be done to maintain the links between those separated by the present trying conditions.

Much good will be accomplished if postmasters will redouble their efforts to give the widest publicity personally and through newspapers, radio, etc., to the necessity of mailing NOW Christmas parcels for the armed forces overseas. Your wholehearted cooperation in the campaign is solicited.

INSTRUCTIONS OF SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

MAILS FOR UNITED STATES DEFENSE BASES, UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSELS, UNITED STATES NAVAL UNITS, AND UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, VIA SAN FRANCISCO

Large quantities of parcel-post mail addressed to members of the armed forces care of Army post offices and the Fleet post office, are reported as being received made up in direct bags to San Francisco, Calif., and in some instances, included with city mails. Current instructions relative to make-up of Army and Navy mail addressed care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., which appeared in POSTAL BULLETIN No. 18515 dated November 13, 1942, are:

With a view to expediting the distribution and dispatch of mail received at San Francisco, Calif., addressed to members of the armed forces abroad, all post offices and railway post offices will, effective at once, make the following separations of such mail: Mail for the Army should be labeled "Army Mail," mail for the Navy should be labeled "Navy Mail," and mail for the Marines should be labeled "Marine Mail."

Packages, pouches, and sacks labeled—	To contain mail for—
San Francisco, Calif., Army Concentration Center (Army mail).	Army post offices bearing A. P. O. numbers addressed "Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."
San Francisco, Calif., Fleet Post Office (Navy mail).	United States naval vessels, United States naval bases, addressed "Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."
San Francisco, Calif., Fleet Post Office (Marine mail).	United States Marine Corps Units, addressed "Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

INSTRUCTIONS OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS—OVERRUN COUNTRIES YUGOSLAVIA—ALBANIA—AUSTRIA—DENMARK

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are advised that the remaining 5-cent postage stamps of the Overrun Countries Series, honoring Yugoslavia, Albania, Austria, and Denmark, will be placed on sale at the Washington, D. C., post office, as indicated herein. The central designs portray the flags of the respective countries in natural colors, with the name of the country appearing underneath the flag.

Country	Colors of flag	First-day sale
Yugoslavia	Blue, white, and red	Oct. 26, 1943
Albania	Red field with black emblem	Nov. 9, 1943
Austria	Red, white, and red	Nov. 23, 1943
Denmark	Red and white	Dec. 7, 1943

The stamps will be of the special-delivery size, 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally and issued 50 stamps to a sheet.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the above-listed stamps on the designated dates may send not more than 10 addressed envelopes to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with cash or money-order remittance to cover cost of the stamps required for affixing. **Each envelope must be pencil marked in the upper right corner to show name of the country and the number of stamps to be affixed. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted.** Enclosures of medium weight should be inserted in each cover and the flap sealed or turned in.

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, separate orders and remittances should be sent for each individual stamp. **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 1 week in advance of the above-designated dates for a limited supply of the respective stamps, endorsed with the name of the country. Postmasters at district accounting offices may obtain small quantities of these stamps by requisition on the central accounting post office. **Postmasters are cautioned not to place these stamps on sale before the second day of issue.**

LOST WAR RATION BOOKS Acceptance and Collection of Postage Due Upon Delivery

As a measure of cooperation with the Office of Price Administration in restoring lost War ration books to the owners, postmasters are hereby authorized to accept such books presented for mailing or found in the mails without prepayment of postage and deliver them to the owners whose names and addresses appear thereon, postage to be collected from the addressees at the rate of 5 cents on each book so returned, in the same manner as hotel and steamship room keys are returned under paragraphs 4 and 5, section 561, Postal Laws and Regulations.

Postage-due stamps representing the amount of postage collected shall be affixed to the books in accordance with the general procedure governing the collection of postage due set forth in sections 765 and 768, Postal Laws and Regulations, care being taken not to place the stamp over the owner's name. If for any reason War ration books found in the mails cannot be delivered to the persons whose names appear thereon, they should be turned over to the local ration board on payment of postage at the same rate.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES

Summer Post Offices to Close

Bustins Island, Cumberland County, Maine. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to South Freeport.
Hancock Point, Hancock County, Maine. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Hancock.
North Islesboro, Waldo County, Maine. Effective Oct. 15, 1943. Mail to Pripet.
Michilinda, Muskegon County, Mich. Effective as of Sept. 15, 1943. Mail to Whitehall.
Munuscong, Chippewa County, Mich. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Barbeau.
North Port Point, Leelanau County, Mich. Effective Oct. 15, 1943. Mail to Northport.
Otsego Lake, Otsego County, Mich. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Gaylord.
Palisades, Van Buren County, Mich. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Covert.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Summer Post Offices to Close

Merriewold, Sullivan County, N. Y. Effective Sept. 30, 1943. Mail to Monticello.
Upper Saint Regis, Franklin County, N. Y. Effective Oct. 10, 1943. Mail to Lake Clear Junction.
Belknap Springs, Lane County, Oreg. Effective Oct. 15, 1943. Mail to McKenzie Bridge.
Camp Namanu, Clackamas County, Oreg. Effective Aug. 28, 1943. Mail to Camp Fire Girls, Meier & Frank, Portland, Oreg.

Winter Post Office to Close

Alaskindia, Alaska. Effective as of June 30, 1943. Mail to Wrangell.