

INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL

ARMED FORCES DAY POSTER—LOBBY DISPLAY AUTHORIZED

The Office of Public Information, National Military Establishment, will shortly furnish you with a poster relating to the observance of Armed Forces Day on May 20, 1950. Upon receipt of this poster you are authorized to display it in a prominent location in the post office lobby during the first 3 weeks in May, in such manner as not to mar the walls or woodwork

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTERS GENERAL

CUSTOMS MAIL ENTRY FORMS

A parcel post package from abroad, upon which customs duty, internal-revenue tax, or a mitigated forfeiture (fine) has been assessed, is accompanied by customs mail entry Form 3419, 3420 (used only at New York, N. Y.), or 3421, in duplicate.

The duplicate copy of a customs mail entry, customs Form 3419, 3420, or 3421, which accompanies the original mail entry to a postmaster shall be furnished as a receipt to the addressee only when the duty, internal-revenue tax, or mitigated forfeiture is paid on the mail entry. When the duplicate copy is not used as a receipt for such a payment on a mail entry, it shall be returned with the original of the mail entry to the customs office which prepared it, since that office must account for it under such circumstances.

Postmasters are directed to cause due notice of the foregoing to be taken at their offices.

AIR-MAIL SERVICE—A. M. 94

Effective on or about April 30, 1950, air-mail service will be inaugurated on route A. M. 94 at Middletown, N. Y.

Special cachet will be provided for Middletown and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at Middletown must be prepaid at the rate of 6 cents per ounce or fraction thereof, and single postal or post cards at 4 cents each. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

At request of collectors, covers originating at Middletown, N. Y., will be backstamped at the termination of the first flight or at an intermediate office designated by the Assistant General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and dispatched to destination.

PAUL AIKEN, *Assistant Postmaster General.*

SECOND-CLASS MATTER PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFYING PUBLISHERS REGARDING PUBLICATIONS UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED

The attention of postmasters is called to the following irregularities which have been reported in connection with the procedure for notifying publishers regarding publications undeliverable as addressed, such procedure being covered by the instructions in the *POSTAL BULLETIN* of November 15, 1949.

Form 3578 is still being sent contrary to the instructions to discontinue its use, which should save considerable time because no record is to be maintained in connection with the treatment of undeliverable second-class mail pursuant to the new procedure.

Old Forms 3579 which do not bear the necessary information are being used in some instances. Revised Form 3579 illustrated in the notice of November 15 is to be used, and postmasters should obtain a supply from their supply offices.

Form 3579 is being used by some postmasters to return undeliverable third-class matter, particularly catalogs. This practice should be discontinued as Form 3579 is designed for use in returning undeliverable second-class matter only.

Some publishers are receiving more than one Form 3579 on which confusing information is given about the new address of the same addressee. Care should be taken at post offices in preparing the form to see that complete and accurate information is placed on the revised Form 3579 used in returning the first copy found to be undeliverable as addressed.

Forms 3579 are stapled, or merely attached by means of string, to the copies. Under such conditions the copies are sometimes mutilated, and received in bad condition, or the forms become detached from the copies to which they relate. The instructions on Form 3579 reading "Paste this label near BUT NOT OVER the old address and key number," should be observed.

Postmasters are requested to give these matters careful attention at their post offices in order that irregularities, such as those referred to above, may be avoided.

3-CENT RAILROAD ENGINEERS OF AMERICA COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

The Department will issue a 3-cent stamp through the Jackson, Tenn., post office, on April 29, 1950, in honor of the Railroad Engineers of America.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process in maroon, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50 subjects. The printing of 115,000,000 Railroad Engineers stamps has been authorized.

The central design is a portrait of "Casey" Jones superimposed on a locomotive wheel. Just below the portrait appears the name in white Gothic. To the left of the central design is an artist's conception of the type of engine used by "Casey" Jones and on the right a modern locomotive. The top border is formed by a lightly shaded panel in which is the wording "Honoring Railroad Engineers of America" in dark Gothic. Across the bottom in a dark panel is "United States Postage" in white Roman. Centered just above this panel in the same style is the word "Cents" at each end of which is the denomination numeral "3" in dark Roman on a shaded circular background ornamented with laurel leaves.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Jackson, Tenn., with postal note or money-order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. **Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment.**

Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. An outside envelope must not be sent for return of first-day covers. The envelope to the Postmaster, Jackson, Tenn., should be endorsed "First Day Covers." Collectors should refrain from requesting hand cancellations since covers will be machine-canceled so far as practicable. Orders for first-day covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the 3-cent Railroad Engineers commemorative stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., on and after May 1, 1950. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the agency should include no other stamp issues. **The Philatelic Agency does not service first-day covers.**

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices will receive an initial supply of the Railroad Engineers stamps on orders prepared in the Department. Therefore, postmasters at these offices will not submit requisitions for the same. Direct and central-accounting postmasters are furnished commemorative stamps as fast as they can be manufactured. They are, therefore, requested to refrain from reporting the nonreceipt of shipments until a reasonable time has elapsed after the first day of issue.

Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain needed quantities of the 3-cent Railroad Engineers commemorative stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

Postmasters will please post a copy of this notice on the bulletin board, give information to the press, and notify all local stamp clubs regarding the issuance of the 3-cent Railroad Engineers commemorative stamp.

Postmasters are cautioned not to place the stamp herein announced on sale before April 30, 1950.

RECOVERY NOTICE—STOLEN MONEY-ORDER FORMS

On April 6, 1950, a message was received that the post office at Estill, Ky., was burglarized and blank money-order forms numbered 55674 to 55800 inclusive were stolen. Before the loss could be published in the *POSTAL BULLETIN*, a report was received to the effect that all of the forms had been recovered. Therefore, no notice of the loss of the forms will be published and if notice of the stolen forms has been received from an Inspector in Charge, it should be disregarded.

STOLEN MONEY-ORDER FORMS

Since January 1, 1950, blank domestic money-order forms printed for use at the offices named below have been reported stolen.

- Apalona, Ind., 2907 to 3000; February 6, 1950.
- Boyes Hot Springs, Calif., 63961 to 64000; March 27, 1950.
- Brooklyn, Sta. 60, N. Y., 251738 to 252000; March 26, 1950.
- Drewry, Ala., 56491 to 58000; December 10, 1949.
- El Dorado Springs, Mo., 399405 to 399800, 400001 to 400200; March 24, 1950.
- Eugene, Sta. 3, Oreg., 4184 to 4200; January 12, 1950.
- Grand Junction, Sta. 2, Colo., 1255 to 1400; March 28, 1950.
- Hitchita, Okla., 61401 to 61600; February 11, 1950.
- Island Creek, Mass., 31020 to 31200; March 27, 1950.
- Jackson, Leavell Woods Community Sta., Miss., 2663 to 2800; January 26, 1950.
- Joes, Colo., 47601 to 48000; March 8, 1950.
- LATHROP, CALIF., 100801 to 102000, 102601 to 102800; April 5, 1950.**
- Mead, W. Va., 58587 to 58600; January 13, 1950.
- Osierfield, Ga., 51249 to 52000; March 16, 1950.
- Potomac, Ill., 143001 to 143400; March 3, 1950.
- Rockwood, Ill., 86477 to 86600; April 1, 1950.
- Sacred Heart, Okla., 22924 to 23000; April 2, 1950.
- Seattle, Sta. 1, Wash., 3407 to 3413; February 17, 1950.
- Toledo, Sta. 33, Ohio, 82201 to 82400; February 20, 1950.
- Walsh, Ill., 46107 to 46200; February 11, 1950.

In this connection the attention of postmasters is directed to the instructions appearing under the heading "Stolen Forms," chapter 17, paragraph 12, page 401 of the Manual of Instructions for Postal Personnel and the provisions of section 71.23, Postal Laws and Regulations.

JOSEPH J. LAWLER, Assistant Postmaster General.

TRUCK DISPLAY OF POSTER—"ARMED FORCES DAY"

The third Saturday in May has been designated Armed Forces Day. Postmasters at offices having Government-owned mail trucks will receive from the National Military Establishment a supply of posters calling attention to the first observance on May 20, 1950.

It is requested that two Armed Forces Day posters be displayed on each mail truck during the first 3 weeks in May 1950.

WALTER MYERS, Assistant Postmaster General.

ILLEGIBLE POSTMARKS

The attention of postmasters has been called on a number of occasions to the necessity for clear and legible postmarks at all times. Notwithstanding such notices, the Department is still receiving complaints from the public regarding the poor impressions made at some post offices in canceling mail, and at all classes of offices.

It is essential that postmarking stamps be kept clean at all times. Metal postmarking equipment should be washed in gasoline, benzene, or some liquid, while rubber postmarking stamps should be washed with soap and water.

In order that legible postmarks may be obtained and thus eliminate complaints, postmasters or supervisory officials designated for the purpose should frequently inspect postmarking stamps to ascertain their condition and see that the requirements in this respect are fully met. Both stamps and pads should be cleaned daily, and when the postmarking equipment becomes too worn to insure a legible postmark, requisitions for new equipment should be prepared and forwarded to the Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Equipment and Supplies.

STORAGE AND SERVICING CONTRACTS FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED TRUCKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1951

Due to change in procedure in advertising for and execution of contracts for storage and servicing of Government-owned mail trucks during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1950, at offices without Motor Vehicle Service personnel, it has been necessary to amend all previous instructions and bid forms. Necessary instructions and forms will be furnished postmasters operating Government-owned mail trucks when available. Any postmaster not receiving such instructions and forms by May 15 should notify the Division of Motor Vehicle Service.

WALTER MYERS, Assistant Postmaster General.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SOLICITOR

FICTITIOUS ORDERS—DOMESTIC

Fictitious orders have been issued against the names listed below. All mail addressed to these names is to be returned to senders, with the word "Fictitious" plainly written or stamped thereon. Where there is nothing to indicate who are the senders, such mail shall be sent to the appropriate dead letter office.

State	City	Name covered by order
California	Los Angeles	Rounds, Virginia. Winters, S.
Ohio	Dayton	Barts Book Service.
Oregon	Portland	Evergreen.

DOMESTIC FRAUD-ORDER NOTICES

Fraud orders have been issued against the persons and concerns named below. All mail addressed to these persons and concerns at the addresses indicated should be returned to senders, stamped "Fraudulent—Mail to This Address Returned by Order of the Postmaster General" and no money order or postal note in favor of said persons or concerns shall be paid.

State	City	Name covered by order
Ohio	Dayton	Bart's Dark Room.
Texas	Mineral Wells	Box 484; P. O. Box 484.

ADDITIONS TO LIST OF FOREIGN FRAUD ORDERS

Since the publication of the foreign fraud-order list of January 18, 1950, it has come to my attention that the names listed below, against which fraud orders were issued prior to July 1, 1949, are again active. The below-listed names should be added to the list of January 18, 1950.

Country	County	City	Name covered by order
Ireland	Cork	Cork City	Sullivan, Jack.
		Dublin	James, Cormac.

FOREIGN FRAUD-ORDER NOTICES

Foreign fraud orders have been issued against the persons and concerns named below. Postmasters authorized to dispatch mail to the foreign countries listed should return to senders, stamped "Fraudulent—Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" all mail addressed to these persons and concerns. No money order or postal notes in favor of these persons or concerns shall be issued, certified or paid.

Country	County	City	Name covered by order
British West Africa	Nigeria	Lagos	Ades, Maje Prince. Badmus, Ade M., Princess.
British West Indies	Jamaica	Kingston	Bryce, Vasel A.
Canada	Ontario	London	Wilkins, Murray.
	Quebec	Verdun	Barbeau, R., Mr.
Cuba		Havana	Martinez, M., Mr.
Ireland		Dublin	O'Brien, N. T.
		Maryboro	Ryan, Hugh.
Switzerland		Zurich	International Faredes Lottery.

CHANGE—POSTAL GUIDE 1949—PART II

BULGARIA—PARCEL POST

CHANGE No. 162.

Page 113.—The following table of surface parcel rates supersedes that appearing under the country item "Bulgaria" on page 113:

SURFACE PARCEL RATES, INCLUDING TRANSIT CHARGES

Pounds	Rate								
1	\$0.16	6	\$0.96	11	\$1.76	15	\$2.40	19	\$3.04
2	.32	7	1.12	12	1.92	16	2.56	20	3.20
3	.48	8	1.28	13	2.08	17	2.72	21	3.36
4	.64	9	1.44	14	2.24	18	2.88	22	3.52
5	.80	10	1.60						

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Established—Fourth Class

Rescinded
KENTUCKY
68753. Robnet, Jackson County. Order establishing this office effective Apr. 16, 1950, is hereby rescinded.

Discontinued—Fourth Class

KANSAS
92886. Hargrave, Rush County, routes 107726 and 255469. Effective Apr. 30, 1950. Mail to McCracken.

KENTUCKY
69149. Torrent, Wolfe County, route 29502. Effective Apr. 30, 1950. Mail to Zachariah.

WEST VIRGINIA
87951. Portersville, Lincoln County, Rural Route No. 1. Effective May 15, 1950. Mail to West Hamlin.

Rescinded
NORTH CAROLINA

77109. Toledo, Yancey County. Order discontinuing this office effective Mar. 31, 1950, and modified to show effective date Apr. 30, 1950, is hereby rescinded.

POST OFFICE CHANGES

Change of Name—Presidential

ARIZONA
05009. Ashfork, Yavapai County. Changed to Ash Fork. Effective June 1, 1950.
05243. Solomonsville, Graham County. Changed to Solomon. Effective June 1, 1950.

Change of Name—Fourth Class

ARIZONA
05209. Redrock, Pinal County. Changed to Red Rock. Effective June 1, 1950.

ARKANSAS
73769. Ogamaw, Ouachita County. Changed to Ogemaw. Effective May 1, 1950.

Correction

IOWA
65184. Lonerock, Kossuth County. Order changing the name of this office to Lone Rock, is corrected to show, change of name—Presidential instead of fourth class.