

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF POST OFFICE OPERATIONS

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES—ESTIMATES FOR CLERICAL, CARRIER, AND MAIL HANDLER AUXILIARY AND OVERTIME ALLOWANCES FOR SEPTEMBER QUAR- TER, 1950

Existing instructions require the submission of quarterly estimates as described above to reach the Department by May 15. The revisions of service provided for in the POSTAL BULLETIN of April 18, 1950, will undoubtedly have a material effect on the manpower requirements, and it is not believed that postmasters will have opportunity to accurately determine the effect of such adjustments prior to May 15. It is considered advisable that postmasters at all post offices of the first class withhold the preparation of estimates for the September quarter, 1950, until after June 15, 1950, in order that full consideration of manpower requirements as contemplated by the instructions in the POSTAL BULLETIN of April 18, 1950, may be reflected in the estimates. It is desired that the estimates reach the Department by June 25, 1950.

The deferring of the preparation and submission of estimates as outlined above relate only to the September quarter, 1950, and only to offices of the first class. Annual estimates required from postmasters at offices of the second and third classes should be submitted currently in the usual manner.

SURVEY OF TRANSMITTED TELEGRAMS AND TWX MESSAGES

The General Services Administration has requested a report of all telegraphic communications sent from field agencies of the Government during the period **May 1 through May 5, 1950**, inclusive. Therefore, each postmaster should maintain a record of each telegram, teletype, or radio message sent from their office during this period. On May 6, 1950, or as soon as practicable thereafter, a report showing the information called for below should be sent to the Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Post Office Operations, Division of Budget and Administrative Services, Room 4312, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C., by each office sending such messages during the period stated. The more distant offices should report via air mail. If no messages were sent from May 1 through May 5, no report is required.

(1) *Date and time message filed.*—Hour and minute should be shown which will be time the message was delivered to the transmitting agency at the point of origin.

(2) *Addressee.*—If message sent to Federal Government activity, show name of agency; if to commercial or other non-Government addresses, indicate with "C."

(3) *City of destination.*

(4) *Number of text words.*—Count words in text of message only, exclusive of address and signature. For traffic filed with Western Union, or a Government network for refile purposes, indicate whether message is Full Rate (FR), Day Letter (DL), or Night Letter (NL). Traffic filed via Air Force, Army, or Navy networks should be recorded as filed via "Military."

(5) *Method by which message was sent* such as Western Union (WU), Teletypewriter Exchange (TWX), Public Buildings Service (PBS), Veterans Administration (VA), Federal Reserve System (FRS), Military networks ("Military"), Private line (Own PL), Post-Office Inspection Service Teletypewriter Exchange (POI, TWX), or domestic radio facilities (Radio).

For simplicity in recording and reporting the information, separate columns may be ruled off and the sheet headed "Traffic Data," giving name of office, date, and five appropriately headed columns showing the information called for in items 1 through 5 above.

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION

MAIL MESSENGER SERVICE

The following is to supplement the instructions contained in section 94.8 of the Postal Laws and Regulations of 1948:

When train service is suspended due to a strike or any other emergency, payments to mail messengers will be suspended in those instances where there is no need for continuing to employ the mail messenger for the handling of mail. In those cases where truck service is established and the mails are delivered to and received from the post office direct, a mail messenger should not be used to assist in loading or unloading the truck. However, if the

trucks cannot reach the post office loading platform or exchange mails at a point convenient to the post office, a mail messenger may be used to handle the mails between the truck and the post office instead of between the post office and the railroad station. Generally, the operator of the truck is required to load and unload the mails.

If partial mail-messenger service is necessary or any conditions arise in which the postmaster has doubts as to proper procedure, a ruling from the Department should be requested.

MAIL FOR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PERSONNEL SERVING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

In connection with the instructions published under the above caption in the POSTAL BULLETIN of December 2, 1948, information has been received from the Department of the Army that letters and parcels for its foreign service personnel abroad, addressed in care of the Department of the Army in Washington, should now be addressed according to the following form:

Name, rank, and serial number,
O. A. A. (country),
c/o A. C. of S., G-2,
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Postmasters are requested to bring the foregoing to the attention of patrons presenting articles for mailing bearing the old form of address. Articles received in the Department of the Army bearing the old form of address will be accepted and forwarded to destination if they otherwise conform to the instructions governing the sending of articles via the facilities of that Department, as set forth in the POSTAL BULLETIN of December 2, 1948.

AIR MAIL SERVICE FROM CHICAGO AND DETROIT TO MILAN, ITALY

Effective on or about May 4, 1950, air-mail service by TWA on route F. A. M. 27 will be inaugurated from Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich., to Milan, Italy.

Due to lack of time, no official cachet will be authorized; however, souvenir covers addressed for delivery in Italy or the United States will be accepted for transmission on the first flight, provided they are received by the postmasters at Chicago and/or Detroit, or by the clerk in charge, Air Mail Field, Chicago and/or Detroit, before May 3, and are accompanied by request that they be held for dispatch on that flight. Such covers must be prepaid at the air-mail letter postage rate of 15 cents per half ounce (10 cents each for air-letter sheets).

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF FINANCE

IMPROPER HANDLING OF MONEY ORDERS SENT BY OUT-OF-TOWN BANKS

It has been reported that on numerous occasions when out-of-town banks have submitted money orders for reimbursement they have been rejected by either the office of issue or the office of payment because they were not receipted on the face, although they were endorsed by pen or rubber stamp for deposit and bore the bank stamp guaranteeing all prior endorsements.

The Comptroller General of the United States has ruled that money orders submitted by postmasters for credit must be receipted on the voucher portion, but it is immaterial whether the signature be placed on the face or back. This ruling applies, of course, to orders presented through bank, as well as those presented at post offices. In the cases of the former, postmasters have the added benefit of the bank guaranty, and, whether signed by pen or rubber stamp, should not be rejected for reimbursement. Attention in this connection is invited to sections 72.4 (f) and 72.6 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, 1948.

NAME OF OFFICE MISPELLED ON MONEY-ORDER FORMS

FRANKLINTOWN, PA.—The name of this post office was misspelled "Flanklinton, Pa." on money-order forms Nos. 24001 to 24099, inclusive.

WRONG OFFICE NUMBER ON MONEY-ORDER FORMS

EVERY, CALIF.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "80011", whereas the correct number is "80017". Money orders Nos. 1 to 165, inclusive, were issued.

GENEVA, COD STATION, ILL.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "12002", whereas the correct number is "12008". Money orders Nos. 1 to 2800, inclusive, were issued.

ELLISTON, KY.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "68288", whereas the correct number is "67288". Money orders Nos. 58001 to 58663, inclusive, were issued.

MAX, MINN.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "29194", whereas the correct number is "28194". Money orders Nos. 24001 to 24125, inclusive, were issued.

MARIETTA, S. C.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "58487", whereas the correct number is "59487". Money orders Nos. 129001 to 130664, inclusive, were issued.

WESLACO, PARK BRANCH, TEX.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "54790", whereas the correct number is "54802". Money orders Nos. 1 to 159, inclusive, were issued.

KENDALL, WIS.—The office number on money-order forms furnished this office was printed "86547", whereas the correct number is "36547". Money orders Nos. 215001 to 215162, inclusive, were issued.

Some of the forms may show a correction in number with pen and ink. Postmasters who have paid orders issued at these offices should make record thereof so that error will be avoided in certifying to applications for duplicates and settlement checks, and in answering inquiries regarding payment.

RECOVERY NOTICE—STOLEN MONEY-ORDER FORMS

On April 26, 1950, a message was received that the post office at Bayford, Va., was burglarized and blank money-order forms numbered 7286 to 7400 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.

SILVER SPRING, STA. 3, MD., 903 to 1000; April 25, 1950.

Toledo, Sta. 33, Ohio, 82201 to 82400; February 20, 1950.

Walsh, Ill., 46107 to 46200; February 11, 1950.

Washington, Sta. 34, D. C., 328666 to 328800; April 17, 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.

3-CENT GATEWAY TO THE WEST-MIDWEST CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

The Department will issue a 3-cent Gateway to the West-Midwest Centenary commemorative postage stamp through the Kansas City, Mo., post office, on June 3, 1950.

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

The central design of the stamp depicts the Kansas City skyline of 1950 in the upper portion and the Settlement of Westport Landing of 1850 in the lower portion, each period identified by the date appearing thereon in dark Gothic numerals. Separating the two views is the inscription "Kansas

City, Missouri, Centennial" in two lines of white modified Gothic. The lettering "U. S. Postage," in dark Gothic, appears in the upper right portion of the stamp, and in the same style is the denomination "3¢" in the lower right corner.

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, Kansas City, Mo., 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, Kansas City, Mo., 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 Gateway to the West commemorative stamp will be available at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., on and after June 5, 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 Gateway to the West 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 Gateway to the West 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 Gateway to the West commemorative stamp.

Postmasters are cautioned not to place the stamp herein announced on sale before June 4, 1950.

REGISTRY CHANGES

Dispatches of Registered Mail Closed With Rotary Locks

The following should be added to the list of third- and fourth-class post offices, independent branches and stations, Navy and Coast Guard mail clerks in possession of rotary lock keys, printed on pages 7 to 11, inclusive, of the October 1949 Supplement to the Postal Guide:

Post offices, independent branches and stations:

Hazelton, Idaho.

Navy mail clerks:

New York, N. Y.

U. S. S. *Bataan*.

U. S. S. *Benner*.

The following should be removed from the list of third- and fourth-class post offices, independent branches and stations, Navy and Coast Guard mail clerks in possession of rotary lock keys, printed on pages 7 to 11, inclusive, of the October 1949 Supplement to the Postal Guide:

Post offices, independent branches and stations:

Stephan, S. Dak.

Navy mail clerks:

No. 12878 Br.

No. 12921 Br.

No. 14002 Br.

U. S. S. *Severn*.

INSTRUCTIONS OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BUREAU OF FACILITIES

CONTRACT VEHICLE HIRE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1950

A letter of instructions was issued April 12, 1950, relative to the procedure to be followed in securing vehicles, without drivers, on an hourly basis for city delivery service, effective July 1, 1950. It is necessary that the instructions be given most careful consideration in order to insure the submission of conservative estimates in proper form to the Division of Motor Vehicle Service at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the September quarter 1950.

The instructions apply to service performed on an hourly basis. Annual rate contracts presently in force will not be disturbed, unless they are affected by changes in the service referred to in the *POSTAL BULLETIN* of April 18, 1950.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SOLICITOR

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	City	Name covered by order
Ireland.....	Dublin.....	Craig, Gardner & Company.

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
England...	North Wales...	Colwyn Bay...	The Victor Institute.
		London.....	Westcott & Co.
Ireland....	Kilkenny.....	Borris.....	Dowling, M., Mrs.
	Cork.....	Cobh.....	Horgan, J., Mr.
			Madden, John, Mr.
		Cork.....	Conlon, M., Miss
			O'Donoghue, P., Mrs.
		Dublin.....	Barry, M. J.
			Devitt, E.
			Doyle, Patrick.
			Gorman, John.
			Lynch, N.
			Lynch, P.
			McDonagh, M.
			McDonough, M.
			Meagan, John.
			O'Brien, N. T.
			O'Laughlin, N.
			O'Reilly, S.
			O'Toole, T. P.
			Ward, Charles.
			Ward, P.
			Ward, P. F.
Sligo.....	Eskragh.....		Goulden, E., Mrs.
	Mayboro Laix		Whelan, N., Mrs.

AMENDMENTS TO THE POSTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

REQUISITIONS FOR STAMPS AND STAMPED PAPER

INSERT No. 90.

ORDER No. 43009; DATED: APRIL 24, 1950.

In § 8.19 *Requisitions for stamps and stamped paper*, amend paragraph (a) by deleting the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Requisitions for postage stamps of all kinds, books of stamps, postage due, special delivery, and stamped envelopes ("ordinary," "special request," or "office request"), postal cards, and international reply coupons, shall be made by direct and central accounting postmasters on the Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, on Forms 3201, 3201-A, 3201-B, and 3202. Requisitions for United States savings stamps shall be made by central accounting postmasters and the Postmaster at Washington, D. C. on the Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, on Form PS-311-B."

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF POSTMASTERS

INSERT No. 91

ORDER No. 43009; DATED APRIL 24, 1950.

In § 137.2 *Appointment and removal of postmasters*, make the following changes in paragraph (f):

1. Amend subparagraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) *Veterans' preference*.—Persons entitled to veterans' preference are released from age limitations, except that such persons who have passed their seventieth birthday will not be eligible for examination."

2. Add a new subparagraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) *Classified postal employees*.—Classified postal employees who are under 70 years of age may be given a noncompetitive examination for promotion to the position of postmaster without regard to the age limitations applicable to competitive examination."

DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY BY POSTAL OPERATIONS

INSERT No. 92

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 3.5 *Damage to person or property by postal operations*, make the following changes:

1. Amend paragraph (b) to read:

"(b) *Settlement when not over \$1,000*.—The head of each Federal agency, or his designee for the purpose, acting on behalf of the United States, may consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and settle any claim for money damages of \$1,000 or less against the United States accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred. (62 Stat. 983, 28 U. S. C. 2672; Public Law 55 approved April 25, 1949.)"

2. Amend paragraph (d) as follows:

a. Strike out the reference "section 2678" immediately preceding "of this title," and insert, in lieu thereof, the reference "section 2688."

b. Amend the legislative citation at the end thereof to read: "(62 Stat. 983; 28 U. S. C. 2672; Public Law 72, approved May 24, 1949.)"

3. Amend paragraph (h) as follows:

a. In subparagraph (2) strike out the word "subsection" and insert, in lieu thereof, the word "section."

b. Amend the legislative citation at the end of subparagraph (3) to read: "(62 Stat. 983; 28 U. S. C. 2675; Public Law 72, approved May 24, 1949.)"

4. Amend paragraph (i) by inserting at the end thereof the following legislative citation: "(62 Stat. 984; 28 U. S. C. 2676.)"

5. Amend paragraph (j) by inserting at the end thereof the following legislative citation: "(62 Stat. 984; 28 U. S. C. 2677.)"

6. Amend paragraph (k) as follows:

a. Amend the first sentence thereof to read:

"A tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred unless action is begun within 2 years after such claim accrues or within 1 year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later, or unless, if it is a claim not exceeding \$1,000, it is presented in writing to the appropriate Federal agency within 2 years after such claim accrues or within 1 year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later."

b. Amend the legislative citation at the end thereof to read: "(62 Stat. 971; 28 U. S. C. 2401 b; Public Law 55, approved April 25, 1949.)"

7. Amend paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) *Certain claims not cognizable*.—The provisions of this chapter and section 1346 (b) of this title [see § 18.60] shall not apply to * * * any claim arising out of the loss, miscarriage, or negligent transmission of letters or postal matter. * * * (62 Stat. 984; 28 U. S. C. 2680.)"

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

INSERT No. 93.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In PART 3.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE POSTAL SERVICE make the following changes:

1. Add a new section to read "3.7 *Research and development program*." following 3.6 in the list of sections.

2. Add a new section § 3.7 *Research and development program*, in the text immediately following § 3.6 to read as follows:

"§ 3.7 *Research and development program*.—The Postmaster General is authorized and directed to establish in the Post Office Department a research and development program which shall be administered by the Postmaster General through such officers and employees as he may designate.

"The investigations and studies under this program shall be for the purpose of improving existing equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices used in the Postal Service and of introducing new types of equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices for use in such service in order that the business of the Post Office Department may be more efficiently and economically operated. In carrying out its functions under this act, the Department is authorized, pursuant to the act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1084), as amended (31 U. S. C., sec. 686), or other applicable law, to utilize the research and testing facilities of the National Bureau of Standards and to procure advice and assistance from any department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government (63 Stat. 608; 39 U. S. C. Sup. III, 847, 847a)."

REPORTS OF PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS

INSERT No. 94.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In PART 5—ANNUAL REPORTS make the following changes:

1. Add a new section to read, "5.7 Reports of public building projects," following 5.6 in the list of sections.

2. Add a new section, § 5.7 Reports of public building projects, in text immediately following § 5.6 to read as follows:

"§ 5.7 Reports of public building projects. (a) Location, approximate accommodations, and cost of projects. The Federal Works Administrator [now General Services Administrator] and the Postmaster General shall submit to the Congress promptly after the convening of each new Congress, reports showing the location and the approximate accommodations of such public building projects throughout the United States, its Territories and possessions as they shall find eligible to be constructed in accordance with applicable statutory provisions. Such reports shall indicate the limit of cost of each project when in excess of \$200,000. When the estimated cost of a project does not exceed \$200,000 the limit of cost shall be determined by the Commissioner of Public Buildings [now Commissioner of Public Buildings Service]. The report herein provided for shall supersede the report required by the Public Buildings Act of 1926 (44 Stat. 630, as amended)." (Sec. 409, Public Law 105, approved June 16, 1949.)

"(b) Comprehensive report of all eligible projects * * *.—When buildings to be used in whole or in part for post-office purposes are involved, the Federal Works Administrator [now General Services Administrator] shall act jointly with the Postmaster General in the selection of towns or cities in which buildings are to be constructed, and in the choice of sites therein for such projects. The Federal Works Administrator [now General Services Administrator] and the Postmaster General shall submit to the Congress a comprehensive report of all eligible projects and their limits of cost when in excess of \$200,000, without regard to the time in which they may be undertaken, which report shall be printed as a public document. When the estimated cost of a project does not exceed \$200,000 the limit of cost shall be determined by the Commissioner of Public Buildings [now Commissioner of Public Buildings Service]. Selection of projects for the purposes of this title shall be made by the Federal Works Administrator [now General Services Administrator] and the Postmaster General from such report and they may also select such other projects not included in such report which in their judgment are economically sound and advantageous to the public service: *Provided*, That in making such selections they shall distribute the selected projects equitably throughout the country with due regard to the comparative urgency of projects in various sections of the country." (Sec. 101, Public Law 105, approved June 16, 1949.)

GIFTS OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY

INSERT No. 95.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In PART 6—SUPPLY CONTRACTS: SERVICE PROPERTY: TELEGRAMS make the following changes:

1. Insert a new section to read, "6.19a Gifts of real, personal, or other property," between 6.19 and 6.20 in the list of sections.

2. Insert a new section, § 6.19a Gifts of real, personal, or other property, in text between §§ 6.19 and 6.20 to read as follows;

"6.19a Gifts of real, personal, or other property. The Federal Works Administrator [now General Services Administrator], together with the Postmaster General where his office is concerned, is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States unconditional gifts of real, personal, or other property in aid of any project or function within their respective jurisdictions." (Sec. 404, Public Law 105, approved June 16, 1949.)

PRINTING AND BINDING

INSERT No. 96.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 6.23 Printing, binding, and blank-book work, amend paragraph (a) to read as follows:

"(a) To be done at Government Printing Office. All printing, binding, and blank-book work for Congress, the Executive Office, the Judiciary (other than the Supreme Court of the United States), and every executive department, independent office, and establishment of the Government, shall be done at the Government Printing Office, except (1) such classes of work as shall be deemed by the Joint Committee on Printing to be urgent or necessary to have done elsewhere; and (2) printing in field printing plants operated by any such executive department, independent office, or establishment, and the procurement of printing by any such executive department, independent office, or establishment from allotments for contract field printing, if approved by the Joint Committee on Printing." (Sec. 87, 28 Stat. 622, as amended; 44 U. S. C. 111; Public Law 156, approved July 5, 1949.)

HUNTING STAMP FOR TAKING MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

INSERT No. 97.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 8.28 Hunting stamp for taking migratory waterfowl, amend paragraph (b) (1) as follows:

1. Delete "\$1" and insert in lieu thereof "\$2."

2. Amend the legislative citation at the end thereof to read as follows: "(Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 456, as amended; 16 U. S. C. 718b, Public Law 222, approved August 12, 1949.)"

UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS

INSERT No. 98.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 16.5 Unexpended balances of appropriations, make the following changes:

1. Amend paragraph (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Use of. Except as otherwise provided by law, all balances of appropriations contained in the annual appropriation bills and made specifically for the service of any fiscal year shall only be applied to the payment of expenses properly incurred during that year, or to the fulfillment of contracts properly made within that year." (Public Law 159, approved July 6, 1949.)

2. Amend paragraph (b) to read as follows:

"(b) Availability of appropriations. Unless a longer period of availability for expenditure is specifically provided in an appropriation or other law, unexpended balances of postal appropriations shall not be available for expenditure more than two years after the expiration of the fiscal year for which appropriated. Subsequent to that time any expenditure chargeable to the unexpended balance of an appropriation must be made the subject of a claim and certified by the General Accounting Office."

CLAIMS UNDER EXHAUSTED OR UNAVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

INSERT No. 99.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In PART 16—APPROPRIATIONS, rescind § 16.6 Claims under exhausted or unavailable appropriations. (Public Law 159, approved July 6, 1949.)

DUTIES OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

INSERT No. 100.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 18.36 Duties of United States attorney, make the following changes:

1. Delete the words "It shall be the duty of each United States attorney, within his district, to:" and substitute in lieu thereof: "Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be the duty of each United States attorney, within his district, to:"

2. Amend the legislative citation at the end thereof to read: "(62 Stat. 910; 28 U. S. C. 507; Public Law 72, approved May 24, 1949.)"

JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT COURTS IN CASES OF CLAIMS

INSERT No. 101.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 18.60 Jurisdiction of district courts in cases of claims, amend paragraph (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The district courts shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the Court of Claims, of: * * *

"Any other civil action or claim against the United States, not exceeding \$10,000 in amount, founded either upon the Constitution, or any Act of Congress, or any regulation of an executive department, or upon any express or implied contract with the United States, or for liquidated or unliquidated damages in cases not sounding in tort.

"Subject to the provisions of chapter 171 of this title, the district courts, together with the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions on claims against the United States, for money damages, accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property, or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred.

"The jurisdiction conferred by this section includes jurisdiction of any set-off, counterclaim, or other claim or demand whatever on the part of the United States against any plaintiff commencing an action under this section.

"The district courts shall not have jurisdiction under this section of:

"(1) Any civil action or claim for a pension;

"(2) Any civil action to recover fees, salary or compensation for official services of officers of the United States." (62 Stat. 933; 28 U. S. C. 1346; Public Law 55, approved April 25, 1949.)

REQUISITIONS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES

INSERT No. 102.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

Amend § 26.7 *Requisitions for operating supplies*, by the addition of a note to read as follows:

“NOTE.—For the law with respect to the selection of towns or cities for acquisition of post office buildings see § 5.7.”

PRINTED MATTER; DEFINITION

INSERT No. 103.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 34.68 *Printed matter; definition*, amend the legislative citation to read as follows:

“(Sec. 19, 20 Stat. 360; 39 U. S. C. 237.)”

MAILING OF PISTOLS, REVOLVERS, AND OTHER FIREARMS

INSERT No. 104.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 36.12 *Mailing of pistols, revolvers, and other firearms*, make the following changes:

1. Amend the second sentence of paragraph (a) by (1) inserting, immediately after the word “Navy,” the words “Air Force,” and (2) striking out the word “Officers,” preceding the words “Reserve Corps,” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Organized.”

2. Amend the legislative citations at the end of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

“(62 Stat. 782; 18 U. S. C. 1715; Public Law 72, approved May 24, 1949.)”

PRIVATE MAIL RECEPTACLES

INSERT No. 105.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 50.23 *Private mail receptacles*, amend paragraph (c) by deleting “the act of March 4, 1909 (18 U. S. C. 1702, 1705, and 1708).” and substituting in lieu thereof “18 U. S. C. 1702, 1705, and 1708.”

VILLAGE DELIVERY

INSERT No. 106.

ORDER No. 43044; DATED APRIL 28, 1950.

In § 51.1 *Village delivery*, amend paragraph (a) to read as follows:

“(a) *Establishment.* * * * [Village] mail delivery may be established under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, in towns and villages having post offices of the third class that are not by law entitled to free-delivery service. The operation by the Post Office Department of village delivery service in second-class post offices shall be discontinued.” (Sec. 9, 37 Stat. 559, as amended; 39 U. S. C. 153; secs. 1 and 2, Public Law 431, approved October 29, 1949.)

NOTE.—See § 137.48 for additional provisions, and effective date of Public Law 431.

CHANGES—POSTAL GUIDE 1949—PART II

RYUKYU ISLANDS—PARCEL POST

CHANGE No. 171.

Page 320.—The following replaces the first three paragraphs of the subcaption “Observations” at the top of the page:

“*Gift Parcels:* These are limited at present to ‘U. S. A. Gift Parcels’ (see below).”

ITALY—PROHIBITIONS

CHANGE No. 172.

Page 236.—The second paragraph under “For other reasons” is changed to read as follows:

“Radio receiving sets, unless imported as household goods of persons returning permanently to Italy.”

GERMANY—PROHIBITIONS

CHANGE No. 174.

Page 188.—In the subcaption “Prohibitions,” delete the ninth paragraph which was inserted by Change No. 54 printed in the POSTAL BULLETIN of October 13, 1949.

MALAYA—IMPORT LICENSES

CHANGE No. 175.

Page 258.—The subcaption “Observations” is changed to read as follows:

“*Observations.*—Import licenses are required in order for the addressees to take possession of all shipments, including gifts, addressed to the Federation of Malaya, and all parcels addressed to the Colony of Singapore other than unsolicited gifts for individuals. Senders should ascertain in advance of mailing any parcels (other than unsolicited gifts for the Colony of Singapore) that the addressees possess or can obtain the necessary import licenses.”

PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICA—AIR PARCEL RATES

CHANGE No. 173.

Page 312.—The following table of air parcel rates is to be inserted following the table of surface parcel rates under the caption “PARCEL POST”:

AIR PARCEL RATES (APPLICABLE TO ANGOLA ONLY)

(Rates \$1.45 first 4 oz.; \$0.83 each additional 4 oz.)

Lbs.	Oz.	Rate	Lbs.	Oz.	Rate	Lbs.	Oz.	Rate	Lbs.	Oz.	Rate
0	4	\$1.45	5	12	\$19.71	11	4	\$37.97	16	12	\$56.23
0	8	2.23	6	0	20.54	11	8	38.80	17	0	57.06
0	12	3.11	6	4	21.37	11	12	39.63	17	4	57.89
1	0	3.94	6	8	22.20	12	0	40.46	17	8	58.72
1	4	4.77	6	12	23.03	12	4	41.29	17	12	59.55
1	8	5.60	7	0	23.86	12	8	42.12	18	0	60.38
1	12	6.43	7	4	24.69	12	12	42.95	18	4	61.21
2	0	7.26	7	8	25.52	13	0	43.78	18	8	62.04
2	4	8.09	7	12	26.35	13	4	44.61	18	12	62.87
2	8	8.92	8	0	27.18	13	8	45.44	19	0	63.70
2	12	9.75	8	4	28.01	13	12	46.27	19	4	64.53
3	0	10.58	8	8	28.84	14	0	47.10	19	8	65.36
3	4	11.41	8	12	29.67	14	4	47.93	19	12	66.19
3	8	12.24	9	0	30.50	14	8	48.76	20	0	67.02
3	12	13.07	9	4	31.33	14	12	49.59	20	4	67.85
4	0	13.90	9	8	32.16	15	0	50.42	20	8	68.68
4	4	14.73	9	12	32.99	15	4	51.25	20	12	69.51
4	8	15.56	10	0	33.82	15	8	52.08	21	0	70.34
4	12	16.39	10	4	34.65	15	12	52.91	21	4	71.17
5	0	17.22	10	8	35.48	16	0	53.74	21	8	72.00
5	4	18.05	10	12	36.31	16	4	54.57	21	12	72.83
5	8	18.88	11	0	37.14	16	8	55.40	22	0	73.66

Each air parcel and the relative dispatch note must have affixed the blue Par Avion Label (Form 2978). (See sec. 54, par. II.)

CHANGES—MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL PERSONNEL

QUALIFICATIONS OF POSTMASTERS

CHANGE No. 311

Chapter II, article 9, is changed to read:

“On the closing date for receipt of applications, candidates for postmaster, other than persons granted veterans’ preference, must have reached the minimum but not the maximum age as follows:

First class:	Minimum	Maximum
Receipts of \$300,000 or more	30th birthday	63d birthday
Receipts of less than \$300,000	25th birthday	63d birthday
Second class	23d birthday	63d birthday
Third class	21st birthday	63d birthday
Fourth class	21st birthday	65th birthday

Persons granted veterans’ preference are released from the minimum and maximum age limitations, except that such persons who have passed their seventieth birthday are not eligible for examination.

Classified postal employees who are under 70 years of age may be given a noncompetitive examination for promotion to the position of postmaster without regard to the age limitations applicable to competitive examination.”

LEAVE FOR POSTMASTERS

CHANGE No. 312.

Chapter III, article 66, is further changed as follows:

1. Change the word “Department” to “Division” in the last sentence of the third paragraph.

2. Change the fifth paragraph to read:

“The minimum charge for absence on annual leave shall be 1 hour for postmasters at offices of the first, second, and third classes, and one-half day for postmasters at offices of the fourth class. As the workday varies at fourth-class offices, a charge of one-half day will be made in those instances where the postmaster does not devote one-half the number of hours set forth in chapter II, article 18.”

3. In the first sentence of the eighth paragraph add the following after the word “basis,” “including longevity, but.”

POST OFFICE STATIONS	POST OFFICE CHANGES
Established	Established
GEORGIA	TEXAS
Chamblee: 06547. No. 1 (contract), De Kalb County, effective May 1, 1950.	Austin: 52133. No. 4 (contract), Travis County, effective May 16, 1950.
	WASHINGTON
	Seattle: 70343. No. 24 (contract), King County, effective May 16, 1950.