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HEADQUARTERS  
500th Army Postal Unit  
APO 500

7 MAR 1951

(Date)

SUBJECT: Removal of Postage Stamps from Mail Matter

TO: Civil Historical Section  
GHQ FEC APO 500

1. There are being received from Unit Mail Clerks an excessive number of undeliverable letters from which postage stamps previously affixed as postage have been removed.

2. It is believed that the mail clerks, or individuals having access to the mails in the unit mail rooms, are surreptitiously removing these stamps, possibly for use in stamp collections.

3. The removing of postage stamps from any mail matter while in the custody of the postal service is an offense punishable under Federal Law. Therefore, Section 130.23, "The Postal Laws and Regulations", 1943, is quoted for the information of all concerned.

"130.23. Use of Canceled Stamps and Stamped Paper. Whoever uses or attempts to use in payment of postage, any canceled postage stamp, whether the same has been used or not, or removes, attempts to remove, or assists in removing, the canceling or defacing marks from any postage stamp, or the superscription from any stamped envelope, or postal card, that has once been used in payment of postage, with the intent to use the same for a like purpose, or to sell or offer to sell the same, or knowingly possesses any such postage stamp, stamped envelope, or postal card, or uses or attempts to use the same in payment of postage; or

"Whoever unlawfully and willfully removes from any mail matter any stamp attached thereto in payment of postage; or

"Whoever knowingly uses in payment of postage, any postage stamp, postal card, or stamped envelope, issued in pursuance of law, which has already been used for a like purpose--

"Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; but if he is a person employed in the Postal Service, he shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both. (62 Stat. 783; 18 U.S.C. 1720)".

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