## BRITISH FORCES POSTAL SERVICE

## COUNTER COMPENDIUM

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## Introduction

This document is a transcript of the archive file POST 47/945 stored in The Postal Museum. It is a part of the "REPS deposit" - a large collection of materials relating to military posts transferred from the Royal Engineers Postal Section. It is described as:
"Operational manual for counter services in North West Europe, issued May 1967 by the Postal and Courier Communications Directorate, HQ British Army of the Rhine and containing updates up to July 1971"

It consists of typed/duplicated pages stored in a loose-leaf binder, presumably to allow for revised pages to be inserted when necessary. Although the date on the front cover is 1967, most of the pages in the extant binder appear to relate to the early decimal rates of 1971. It includes a distribution list showing it was one of over a hundred copies issued by the Directorate, and appears from internal evidence to have been one retained for their own use.

This is a transcription of the document, not a copy, but the text is all there, and I have made a best-effort attempt at reproducing the formatting as closely as I could (this explains the somewhat variable layout!). The page numbering is as in the original, which is not strictly sequential in places. Strikethrough text shows a crossing-out, and text in this font indicates a manuscript addition. In one case - on page 8 - an amendment has been stuck in, and this is shown as a text box with a different background colour. All pages were single sided, but for reading convenience I have omitted most of the "blanks", except where they mark a new section.

The document is presented as a seldom-seen example of an original operational manual showing what the practice was supposed to be at the time, but some pages may well have been replaced in actual use. For example, page 4, "Stocks which will be held at Forces Post Office counters" includes a list of postal stationery items, some of which have never been recorded; the list appears to have been prepared in advance of decimalisation, and should probably have been updated.

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NORTH WEST EUROPE

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BRITISH FORCES POSTAL SERVICE
COUNTER COMPENDIUM
NORTH WEST EUROPE

## PART I

Gives details of services available and the applicable rates of postage and customs documentation required.

## BRITISH FORCES POSTAL SERVICE

## COUNTER COMPENDIUM

NORTH WEST EUROPE

1. This Compendium has been prepared to assist Counter Clerks and to provide them with a convenient reference from which they can answer questions from the public about the services available, rates of postage and special conditions that apply to various services. It is also a valuable book of reference for all ranks of the Forces Postal Service.
2. It will be read in conjunction, where applicable, with
a. BRITISH POST OFFICE GUIDE,
b. RE PS STANDING ORDERS (N.W. EUROPE),
c. BAOR STANDING ORDERS SECTION XXXIII
3. Counter Clarks will ensure that items of letter correspondence, letter packets and parcels - both Insured and Ordinary - for despatch by Air Mail or Surface route which they accept are correctly documented for Customs treatment and that the correct rate of postage is charged for the service which is to be given.
4. The Compendium is divided into two parts:

Part I
Gives details of services available and the applicable rates of postage and customs documentation required.

## Part II

Gives information regarding special arrangements and a certain amount of general information which is useful in assisting to answer enquiries made by the public.

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1. The Forces Postal Service is available to members of the Forces, the civilian component and their dependants, and to certain civilian organisations.
2. The following are included in the civilian component and they, their members, and their dependants are authorised to use the service:-
a. UK based civilians of the following organisations:-

British Embassies or Consulates.
Command Secretariat
British Families Education Service
British Forces Broadcasting Service
British Services Security Organisations
Department of the Environment
Financial Advisory Staff RAF
Imperial War Graves Commission
Joint Services Liaison Organisation
Office of the Deputy Judge Advocate General
Office of the UK High Commissioner, Berlin
Operational Research Section
SSAFA
Civilian Establishment and Pay Office
b. UK based civilians employed by:-

Army Scripture Readers Association
British Guides in Germany
British Red Cross Society
British Scouts in Western Europe
Catholic Womens League
Church Army Canteens and Bookshops
C.V.W.W.

Forces Help Society
Malcolm Clubs
NAAFI (including WBVS personnel)
Red Shield Services of the Salvation Army
Services Kinema Corporation
Toc H.
YMCA Canteens and Bookshops
YWCA Canteens and Bookshops

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b. Organisations listed at $2 b$ are due to pay full postage and registration fees on all "official" correspondence tendered for despatch at Forces
Post Offices. Exceptionally, however, the Army * "SERVICES KINEMA
Cinema Corporation and RAF Cinema Corporation are*permitted to despatch training films free of postage within the normal limits of weight and size.
c. Allied personnel and their dependants serving with or attached to British fmns or units are permitted to use the Forces Post Service for the despatch and receipt of mail only; they will not be permitted to make use of remittance facilities.
4. Locally recruited civilians whether of British or any other nationality are NOT permitted to use any of the facilities provided by the Forces Postal Service.
5. Members of the German Civil Labour Organisation (CCLO) and the mixed Service Organisation (MSO) are not permitted under normal circumstances to any of the facilities provided by the Forces Postal Service. If, however, such units are required to serve outside Germany special authority to use the Forces Postal Service may be granted on application for a limited period only.

PAGE 4.
STOCKS WHICH WILL BE HELD
AT FORCES POST OFFICE COUNTERS

## 1. POSTAGE STAMPS

a. Denominations of: $1 / 2 p$, $1 p, l^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}, 2 \mathrm{p}, 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}, 3 \mathrm{p}, 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}, 4 \mathrm{p}, 5 \mathrm{p}, 6 \mathrm{p}, 7^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}$, 9p, 10p, 20p, 50p.
Postage stamps of the denominations $£ 1$ will be supplied by the accountant upon application.
b. Books of postage stamps

Value 10p containing $2 \times 2 \mathrm{p}, 2 \times 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p}, 2 \mathrm{x} 1 \mathrm{p}, 2 \mathrm{x} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p}$.
2. STAMPED STATIONERY
a. l. 'A' envelopes size $4^{\frac{3}{4} / 4} \times 3^{\frac{3}{4}}$ " embossed with $l^{1 \frac{1}{2}}$ p postage. Cost 2 p each or 20 p per packet of 10 .
2. 'A' envelopes size $4 \frac{3}{4}$ " $x$ 3 $3^{3 / 4}$ " embossed with 2 p postage. Cost $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ p each or 24 p per packet of 10 .
b. 'G2' registered envelope size $6^{\frac{1}{8}}$ " by $3^{\frac{3}{4} / " ~ e m b o s s e d ~ w i t h ~} 15 p$ registration fee. Cost $16 \mathrm{p} 161 / 2 p$ each.
c. 'H' registered envelope size 8 " x 5 " embossed with 15 p registration fee. Cost 19 p each (inc 2 p postage).
d. 'K' registered envelope size $11^{\frac{1}{2} "}$ by $6 "$ embossed with $15 p$ registration. Cost 20 p each (inc 2 p postage).
e. 1. Air Letter forms, impressed with a 4 p postage stamp. Cost 4 p each.
2. Forces Air Letter forms, issued free on request against the Purchase of a postage stamp.
f. l. Letter card, impressed with a $l^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}$ postage stamp. Cost 2 p each or 20 p per packet of 10 .
2. Letter card, impressed with a $2 p$ postage stamp, cost $2 \frac{1}{2}$ p each or 24 p per pack of 10 .
3. POSTAL ORDERS.

5p to $£ 1$ Poundage $2^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}$
£2 £3 £4 and £5 Poundage 5p.
4. PREMIUM SAVINGS BONDS
£1, £2, £3, £4, £5, and £10.
5. NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.
£1, £2, £3, £4, £5,£10. Denominations of £20, £50, £100 and $£ 200$ will be supplied by the accountant upon application.
6. NATIONAL SAVINGS GIFT TOKENS
£1 Denomination only.
7. NATIONAL SAVINGS STAMPS

10p.
8. INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS.
$6 p$.

## LETTER POST REGULATIONS

## 1. LETTERS AND LETTER PACKETS

a. A letter or letter packet is defined as an item weighing up to 4lbs within the following dimensions:-

## MAXIMUM

3 feet in length, width and depth combined, but the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet. If in the form of a roll, the length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 5 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 11 inches.

## MINIMUM

One surface $5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in width unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2 \frac{3 / 4}{4}$ inches in width. If in the form of a roll the minimum size is $6 \frac{3}{4}$ inches for the length and twice the diameter combined (at least 4 inches for the greatest dimension), unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches in width.
b. The word LETTER should be placed on the address side of letter packets which, by reason of their size or make-up, could be mistaken for other classes of packets.
2. POSTCARDS

| Maximum size | - | $5 \frac{1}{8}$ inches by $4 \frac{1}{8}$ inches |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Minimum size | - | $5^{\frac{1}{2} / 2}$ inches by $3^{1 / 2}$ inches |

## 3. REGISTRATION

Letters, letter packets, postcards and printed papers may be registered, whether sent by air or surface. Registration fee, additional to postage is 20p. Maximum compensation payable is f5.50.
4. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

A certificate of posting may be given for all letter items on Form P 326 B on payment of 1 p.

1. LIMITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE

A parcel may weigh up to 22 lbs in weight to most destinations. The Post Office Guide should be consulted in all cases.
The limits of size are:-
MAXIMUM
3 Feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet 7 inches in length and girth combined.

MINIMUM
One surface $5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in width unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches in width. If in the form of a roll the minimum size is $6 \frac{3}{4}$ inches for the length and twice the diameter combined (at least 4 inches for the greatest dimension), unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2 \frac{3 / 4}{4}$ inches in width.
2. CUSTOMS CONTROL

All parcels to the United Kingdom or to BFPO addresses must bear a Customs Declaration AF W 5128. To all other destinations the Post Office Guide should be consulted for the type of Customs Declaration/Postal Despatch note to be used.

Prohibitions and restrictions are as detailed in the Post Office Guide.
3. PARCEL INSURANCE

Parcels (air and surface) addressed to UK and other Forces addresses only, may be insured up to a limit of $£ 50$.

An insured parcel may not be insured for more than the actual value of contents and packing. Fees are:-

| FEE | 21 p | 22 p | 23 p |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| MAXIMUM COMPENSATION | $£ 28$ | $£ 42$ | $£ 50$ |

4. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

A certificate of posting may be issued free of charge.
5. Parcels cannot be registered, but they may be insured.

POSTAGE RATES TO UNITED KINGDOM AND IRISH REPUBLIC
SERVING PERSONNEL AND AUTHORISED CIVILIANS.

|  | AIR | SURFACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and LETTER PACKETS . | Up to loz $2 p$ <br> $10 z$ to $l^{1 / 20 z}$ $2^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}$ <br> $l^{1 / 20 z}$ to 2 oz $3^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ <br> each add oz $1 p$ | Up to loz each add oz | $\begin{aligned} & l^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p} \\ & \mathrm{lp} \end{aligned}$ |
| FORCES AIR LETTERS | $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ |  |  |
| POSTCARDS | 2p |  | $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ |
| PRINTED PAPERS | As Letter rate Maximum wt $6 \frac{1}{2} 1 \mathrm{lbs}$ | Up to $40 z$ each add $40 z$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{p} \\ & \mathrm{lp} \end{aligned}$ |
| SMALL PACKETS | As Letter rate Maximum wt 4lbs | Up to $80 z$ 8 oz to $100 z$ each add $20 z$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7^{1 / 2 p} \\ & 8^{1 / 2} p \\ & 1^{1 ⁄ 2} 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| PARCELS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Up to } 11 \mathrm{~b} & 40 \mathrm{p} \\ \text { each add } 1 \mathrm{~b} & 15 \mathrm{p} \end{array}$ | Up to 31bs <br> 31bs to 71bs <br> 71 bs to lllbs <br> 111bs to 221bs | $\begin{aligned} & 16 p \\ & 25 p \\ & 32^{\frac{1}{2}} p \\ & 52^{\frac{1}{2}} p \end{aligned}$ |
| LETTER REGISTRATION | FEE 15p Limit of Compensation £ 3.40 . |  |  |
| PARCEL INSURANCE | FEE <br> LIMIT OF COMPENSATION | 16 p $16^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ <br> $£ 28$ $£ 42$ | $\frac{17^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}}{£ 50}$ |

8. Amendment at FPOs $18,28,21,26$ and 49 only
Page 8, Air Parcel rate, amend to read:
Each add lb 10p Each add lb 10p

* NO AIR PARCEL TO IRISH REPUBLIC

POSTAGE RATES TO UNITED KINGDOM AND IRISH REPUBLIC FAMILIES OF SERVING PERSONNEL.

|  | AIR |  | SURFACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and <br> LETTER PACKETS | Up to loz each add oz | $\begin{aligned} & 3 p \\ & 3 p \end{aligned}$ | Up to loz each add oz | $\begin{aligned} & 2^{\frac{1}{2} p} \\ & 1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |
| POSTCARDS |  | 2p |  | $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ |
| PRINTED PAPERS <br> (Maximum wt 6½lbs) | As letter rate |  | Up to 2oz each add $2 o z$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{lp} \\ & \mathrm{lp} \end{aligned}$ |
| PARCELS $5 / 150$ | Up to 11b each add 1b UPTO 11b EACH ADD Ib | $40 p$ $15 p$ $45 p$ $20 p$ | Up to 31bs <br> 31 bs to 71bs <br> 71 bs to 111 bs <br> 111bs to 221bs | $\begin{aligned} & 39 p \\ & 49 p \\ & 60 p \\ & 92^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |

Note: These rates do not apply to families of personnel separated for service reasons e.g. Troops detached to Northern Ireland.

POSTAGE RATES TO BRITISH FORCES ADDRESSES NWE.

|  | AIRTO BFPO 45 ONLY |  | SURFACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and <br> LETTER PACKETS | Each 1 ²OZ | $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ | Up to loz each add oz | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{p} \\ & 1 / 2 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |
| FORCES AIR <br> LETTERS |  | 1 p | - |  |
| POSTCARDS |  | 1 p |  | 1/2p |
| PRINTED PAPERS |  |  | Up to $40 z$ each add $40 z$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{p} \\ & 1 / 2 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |
| PARCELS $S / 154$ | UP OT 11b EACH ADD lb | $\begin{aligned} & 45 p \\ & 171 / 2 p \end{aligned}$ | Up to 31bs <br> 31bs to 71bs <br> 71bs to lllbs <br> ll1bs to 221bs | $\begin{aligned} & 5 p \\ & 6 p \\ & 7 \frac{1}{2} p \\ & 10 p \end{aligned}$ |

POSTAGE RATES TO OTHER BRITISH FORCES ADDRESSES.

|  | AIR | SURFACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and <br> LETTER PACKETS | Each ${ }^{1 / 202}$ 4p | Up to loz EACH ADD OZ 7p | $\begin{aligned} & 11 / 2 p \\ & 1 p \end{aligned}$ |
| POSTCARDS | As letter rate |  | 1/2p |
| PRINTED PAPERS | As letter rate | Up to $40 z$ each add $40 z$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 p \\ & 1 p \end{aligned}$ |
| PARCELS | As Current Civilian fate NO SERVICE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Up to } 31 \mathrm{~b} \\ & 31 \mathrm{~b} \text { to } 71 \mathrm{~b} \\ & 71 \mathrm{~b} \text { to } 111 \mathrm{~b} \\ & 111 \mathrm{~b} \text { to } 221 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 p \\ & 25 p \\ & 32^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p} \\ & 52^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |

1. Registration and Insurance fees are as shown on pages $6 \& 7$

POSTAGE RATES TO COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DESTINATIONS.

1. COMMONWEALTH.

|  | AIR | SURFACE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and LETTER PACKETS | AS CURRENT <br> 'AIR MAIL LEAFLET' | Up to loz $1 \frac{1}{2}$ p <br> each add oz $1 / 2 p$ |
| POSTCARDS |  | $1 p$ |
| PRINTED PAPERS |  | Up to $20 z$ $1 p$ <br> each add $20 z$ $1 / 2 p$ |
| PARCELS | NO SERVICE | AS 'POST OFFICE GUIDE' |

2. FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (Less Germany Gibraltar and Malta)

|  | AIR | SURFACE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and <br> LETTER PACKETS | AS CURRENT <br> 'AIR MAIL LEAFLET' | Up to loz $2^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{p}$ <br> each add oz $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ |
| POSTCARDS |  | 112 p |
| PRINTED PAPERS |  | Up to 2 oz 1 p <br> each add $20 z$ $1 / 2 p$ |
| PARCELS | NO SERVICE | AS 'POST OFFICE GUIDE' |

POSTAGE RATES TO CIVIL ADDRESSES IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY and WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.

1. From BFPOs in GERMANY (including BFPO 45)

|  | AIR |  | SURFACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS and <br> LETTER PACKETS | Each $11 / 2 \mathrm{O}$ | $1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p}$ | Up to loz each add oz | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p} \\ 1 / 2 p \end{array}$ |
| FORCES AIR LETTERS |  | 1 p | - |  |
| POSTCARDS |  | 1 p |  | 1 p |
| PRINTED PAPERS | - |  | Up to $20 z$ each add oz | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{p} \\ & 1 / 2 \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |
| PARCELS | - |  | Up to 31bs <br> 31bs to 71bs <br> 71 bs to lllbs <br> l11bs to 221bs | $\begin{array}{r} 5 p \\ 6 p \\ 7 \frac{1}{2} p \\ 10 p \end{array}$ |

NOTES

1. Items are to be endorsed:-
"BRITISH FIELD POST - ERMASSIGTE GEBUHR"
2. Parcels cannot be insured.
3. All parcels must bear One non adhesive customs declaration and a despatch note is to be completed for each parcel.
4. Guidance on prohibitions and restrictions may be obtained from the nearest British Frontier Service Office.
5. Official parcels must be prepaid in British postage stamps at the above rates.

POSTAGE RATES, BETWEEN MEMBERS OF HM FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES SEPARATED FOR SERVICE REASONS

1. FROM HM FORCES TO FAMILIES.

|  | AIR |  | SURFACE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS | Up to loz loz to $1^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{Oz}$ each add $1 / 20 z$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 p \\ & 3 p \\ & 3 p \end{aligned}$ |  |
| FORCES AIR LETTERS |  | $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p}$ |  |
| POSTCARDS |  | 2p |  |
| PRINTED PAPERS <br> Maximum wt $6^{12} 1 \mathrm{lb}$ | Each loz | $1^{112} \mathrm{p}$ |  |
| SMALL PACKETS <br> Maximum wt 21b | Minimum charge each oz | $\begin{aligned} & 7^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p} \\ & 1^{1 / 2} \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ |  |

2. FROM FAMILIES TO HM FORCES.

|  | AIR |  | SURFACE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LETTERS | Up to $1^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathrm{OZ}$ each add $1 / 202$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 p \\ & 3 p \end{aligned}$ |  |
| FORCES AIR LETTERS |  | $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p}$ |  |
| POSTCARDS |  | 2p |  |
| PRINTED PAPERS <br> Maximum wt $6 \underline{1 ⁄ 2} 1 \mathrm{lb}$ | Each loz | 2p |  |
| SMALL PACKETS <br> Maximum wt 21b | Minimum charge each oz | $\begin{aligned} & 7^{1 ⁄ 2} \mathrm{p} \\ & 2 p \end{aligned}$ |  |

POSTAGE RATES, COMMONWEALTH PERSONNEL TO THEIR HOMELAND.

|  | AIR | SURFACE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

NOTES

1. Before acceptance at FPOs items are to be authenticated by a Unit orderly room stamp.
2. After acceptance items are to be enclosed in an official envelope to:-

Superintendent on Duty
Foreign Section
King Edward Building
London EC 1.

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## POSTAGRAM AND TELEGRAM SERVICES

The postagram service is not available at FPOs Sll8 \& S121

1. The following postagram and telegraph services are available:-
(a) Postagram
(i) To UK and NORTHERN IRELAND and within BAOR

Rate per word
5d $2 P$
(ii) To IRISH REPUBLIC

51ヶd 6d 2P
(iii) Greetings (NO SERVICE TO

IRISH REPUBLIC)
27/1/2 5/6d for minimum of 12 words

2p $5 d$ each add word.
(b) The service is designed to provide communications in general faster than the normal postal service, but not necessarily so fast as UK Inland telegrams or normal overseas telegrams.
(c) Within Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic normal telegraph transmission is provided both for telegrams addressed to BAOR, and for telegrams received from BAOR for delivery in those countries.
(d) Within BAOR telegraph transmission is guaranteed only between the BAOR POSTAGRAM concentration offices at RHEINDAHLEN and HERFORD. On receipt at the POSTAGRAM centres the messages are due to be forwarded by post for collection and delivery by the Unit Post Orderly but wherever possible quiet telephone periods are utilised to phone messages to the delivery FPO for onward telephone transmission to the addressees unit. In this instance confirmation copies of the messages are forwarded by post.
2. Telegraph

Services available and
(i) To HM Forces Overseas
using a British Forces
Post Office No or See UK Post Office Guide.
similar type of address.
See UK Post Office Gui
(ii) To British Commonwealth addresses.

See UK Post Office Guide.
(List of British
Commonwealth Countries is
at page 34).
3. NO service is available to European and Foreign addresses and senders will be advised to forward telegrams through Bundespost.

## 4. There is NO service to ships at sea.

5. Telegraph Forms A29 tendered for acceptance must be clearly written preferably in block letters. The senders name and full postal address must be shown on the reverse of the form.

NOTE * Telegrams for BFPO 2 should be addressed to MILSTAFF WASHINGTON. BFPO 2 is not admissable as a telegraphic address.

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PART II

Gives information regarding special arrangements and a certain amount of general information which is useful in assisting to answer enquiries made by the public.

Notes on Postal Services from BAOR to Commonwealth and
Foreign Destinations
PARCELS. Surface Parcel post rates of postage from BAOR to Commonwealth and Foreign destinations are those shown in the Post Office Guide "Overseas Post" Section.

CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORMS. The type of Customs declaration form required on parcels and packets varies with the class of item tendered and the country of destination. Particulars may be obtained from the Post Office Guide "Overseas Post" Section. Customs Declaration forms referred to in the Post Office Guide are "Adhesive Forms" PB 69 B, Non-adhesive forms PP 70 B and Despatch Notes PP 48 B. All Customs Declaration forms must be completed by the sender.

REGISTRATION. Letters , Letter Packets, Postcards and Printed Papers may be Registered to most overseas destinations. The registration fee is $15 /-p$ ) and must be prepaid in addition to the postage. NOTE: Some registered envelopes already include an element of $24 \mathrm{~d} p$ postagw (see page 4 ).

LIMITS OF WEIGHT.
LETTERS. The limit of weight to all destinations is 4 lbs.
PRINTED PAPERS. The limit of weight is normally $6 \frac{1}{2} 1 \mathrm{lbs}$. Exceptionally the limit of weight for a single printed volume is 11 lbs.

Now that the 'Commercial Papers' service has discontinued the following items previously accepted as 'Commercial Papers' will be admitted into the range of 'Printed papers'.
(a) letter post items exchanged between pupils of schools, provided that these items are sent through the principles of the schools concerned;
(b) pupils' exercises in the original or with corrections but without any note which does not relate directly to the performance of the work;
(c) manuscripts of works or for newspapers;
(d) musical scores or sheets of music in manuscript.

All other items formerly admitted as 'commercial papers' are to be accepted as letters only.

PARCELS. The maximum weight as a rule is 22 lbs but to some countries the limit is lower.

MAXIMUM \& MINIMUM DIMENSIONS.
LETTERS \& PRINTED PAPERS.
Maximum. Length, Width \& Depth combined - three feet. The greatest dimension must not exceed two feet.

Minimum. Not less than 4 Ins X $2^{3 / 4}$ Ins.
Rolls - Length plus the diameter must not be less than 7 Ins, the greatest dimension must not be less than 4 Ins.

Maximum $\quad 6$ inches $\times 4 \frac{1}{4}$ inches.
Minimum $\quad 4$ inches $\mathrm{X} 2^{3 / 4}$ inches.
PARCELS Length, 3 feet 6 inches, Length \& Girth combined 6 Feet
ALL UP SERVICE. Letters, Letter packets \& Postcards for all European countries including Gibraltar \& Malta prepaid at Surface Mail rates of postage are sent by air as the normal means of transmission, whenever this will give earlier delivery.

INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS
International reply coupons are now exchangeable for stamps to the value of $4 p$

## 5. MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM DIMENSIONS

a. LETTERS AND PRINTED PAPERS OTHER THAN IN FORM OF A ROLL

MAXIMUM
3 feet in length, width and depth combined, but the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet.

## MINIMUM

One surface $5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in width unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches 1 n width.
b. LETTERS AND PRINTED PAPERS IN FORM OF A ROLL

## MAXIMUM

The length and twice the diameter combined must not exceed 3 feet 5 inches, and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 feet 11 inches.

## MINIMUM

$6 \frac{3}{4}$ inches for the length and twice the diameter combined (at least 4 inches for the greatest dimension) unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches in width.
c. POSTCARDS

| Maximum size | - | $51 / 8$ inches in length by <br> $41 / 8$ <br> inches in width. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Minimum size | - | $5^{1 / 2}$ inches in length by $3^{1 / 2}$ <br> inches in width. |

## MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM DIMENSIONS (CONTD)

d. PARCELS OTHER THAN IN FORM OF A ROLL

MAXIMUM
3 feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet 7 inches in length and girth combined.

MINIMUM
One surface $5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches in width unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches 1 n width.
e. PARCELS IN THE FORM OF A ROLL

MAXIMUM

3 feet 6 inches in length and 6 feet 7 inches in length and girth combined.

MINIMUM
$6^{3 / 4}$ inches for the length and twice the diameter combined (at least 4 inches for the greatest dimension) unless provided with a strong address label at least 4 inches in length and $2^{\frac{3}{4}}$ inches in width.

## f. SMALL PACKETS

Maximum and minimum sizes are as for Letters and Printed Papers.

## List of Countries and Territories to be regarded as within the British Commonwealth or Territories under British Trusteeship or British Post Office in the Persian Gulf.

Aden (including Kamaran Island \& Mukalia)
Abu Dhabi
Antigua
Ascension Island
Australia
Bahamas
Bahrain
Barbados
Botswana
Bermuda
British Antarctic Territory
British Honduras
Brunei
Canada
Cayman Islands
Ceylon
Christmas Island (Indian Ocean)
Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cyprus
Dominica
Dubai
Falkland Islands inc
Grahamland
South Georgia
South Orkneys
South Sandwich Islands
and South Shetlands
Fiji Islands
Guyana
Ghana
Gibraltar
Gilbert \& Ellice Islands inc Line Island Fanning
Christmas Washington Ocean and Phoenix Islands
Grenada
Hong Kong
India inc
Andanan \& Nicobar Islands
Jamaica
Kuwait
Kenya
Lesotho
Malaysia
Maldive Islands
Malta
Malawi
Mauritious
Marshall Islands
Montserrat
Nauru Island
New Guinea Territory inc

Nth Eastern New Guinea
New Britain
New Ireland
Lavongai
Admiralty \& Duke of York
Buka
and Bouganainville
New Hebrides inc
Banks
and Torres Islands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norfolk Islands
North Borneo
Pakistan
Pitcairn Island
Qatar
Rhodesia
St Helena
St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
St Lucia
St Vincent
Sarawak
Seychelles
Sharjah
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Swaziland
Tanzania
Tonga (Friendly Islands)
Tortola - sae Virgin Islands
Trinidad \& Tobago
Tristan da Cunha
Turks \& Caicos Islands
Uganda
Zambia
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GRAMS INTO OUNCES.

| GRAMS | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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|  | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz | Oz |
| 0 | ....... | 0.0353 | 0.0705 | 0.1058 | 0.1411 | 0.1768 | 0.2116 | 0.2469 | 0.2822 | 0.3175 |
| 10 | 0.3527 | 0.3880 | 0.4232 | 0.4585 | 0.4938 | 0.5295 | 0.5643 | 0.5996 | 0.6349 | 0.6702 |
| 20 | 0.7053 | 0.7408 | 0.7760 | 0.8113 | 0.8466 | 0.8823 | 0.9171 | 0.9524 | 0.9877 | 1.0230 |
| 30 | 1.0582 | 1.0935 | 1.1287 | 1.1640 | 1.1993 | 1.2350 | 1.2698 | 1.3051 | 1.3404 | 1.3735 |
| 40 | 1.4110 | 1.4473 | 1.4815 | 1.5168 | 1.5521 | 1.5878 | 1.6226 | 1.6579 | 1.6932 | 1.7285 |
| 50 | 1.7637 | 1.8040 | 1.8392 | 1.8745 | 1.9098 | 1.9455 | 1.9803 | 2.0156 | 2.0509 | 2.0862 |
| 60 | 2.1165 | 2.1518 | 2.1870 | 2.2223 | 2.2576 | 2.2933 | 2.3281 | 2.3634 | 2.3987 | 2.4340 |
| 70 | 2.4692 | 2.3045 | 2.5397 | 2.5750 | 2.6103 | 2.6460 | 2.6808 | 2.7161 | 2.7514 | 2.7867 |
| 80 | 2.8220 | 2.6973 | 2.8925 | 2.9278 | 2.9631 | 2.9988 | 3.0336 | 3.0689 | 3.1042 | 3.1395 |
| 90 | 3.1747 | 3.2180 | 3.2452 | 3.2805 | 3.3158 | 3.3515 | 3.3863 | 3.4216 | 3.4565 | 3.4922 |
| 100 | 3.5275 | 3.5628 | 3.5980 | 3.6333 | 3.6686 | 3.7043 | 3.7391 | 3.7744 | 3.8097 | 3.8450 |


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|  | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1 bs | 1bs | 1 bs | 1 bs |
| 0 | ....... | 4.409 | 4.409 | 6.614 | 8.818 | 11.023 | 13.228 | 15.432 | 17.637 | 19.842 |
| 10 | 22.046 | 26.455 | 26.455 | 28.660 | 30.865 | 33.069 | 35.274 | 37.479 | 39.683 | 41.888 |
| 20 | 44.092 | 48.502 | 48.502 | 50.706 | 52.911 | 55.116 | 57.320 | 59.525 | 61.729 | 63.934 |
| 30 | 66.139 | 68.313 | 70.548 | 72.752 | 74.957 | 77.162 | 79.366 | 81.571 | 83.776 | 85.980 |
| 40 | 88.185 | 90.389 | 92.594 | 94.799 | 97.003 | 99.208 | 101.41 | 103.62 | 105.82 | 108.03 |
| 50 | 110.23 | 112.44 | 114.64 | 114.84 | 119.05 | 121.25 | 123.46 | 125.66 | 127.87 | 130.07 |

