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Mt. McKinley photo influenced stamp design

ALASKA COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, September 30, 1937.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are hereby notified that the special stamp in the 3-cent denomination in recognition of Alaska in the Territorial commemorative series will be first offered for sale at Juneau, Alaska, on November 12, 1937. It will be available at other post offices in Alaska on November 13, so far as conditions will permit. The stamp will also be placed on sale at post offices in the mainland of the United States as well as at offices in the other outlying territories as soon after November 12 as distribution can be made. The Alaska stamp will be valid for postage purposes at all post offices where United States stamps are used.

The Alaska stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally. It will be purple in color and printed in sheets of 50, by the rotary process.

The central subject of the stamp is a reproduction of Mount McKinley in the distance, while in the foreground are depicted views symbolizing present-day developments in this Territory. In a narrow panel with dark ground across the top of the stamp is the inscription: "U. S. Postage—Three Cents" in white gothic. The numeral "3" appears in a square panel with dark ground in each lower corner of the stamp. In a narrow panel with dark ground at the center of the lower edge of the stamp is the name "Alaska" in white roman.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the new stamp on November 12 may send a limited number of addressed covers, *not in excess of 10*, to the postmaster at Juneau, Alaska, with a cash or postal money order remittance to cover only the cost of the stamps required for affixing. *Postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment.* Each cover should bear a pencil endorsement in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be attached thereto, which will obviate the necessity of sending a letter of instructions with the covers. Envelopes for covers should not be smaller than 3 by 6 inches, and space allowance must be made for the larger size of the stamp. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of plate number blocks, etc., and all covers must be fully addressed.

Requests for uncanceled stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers to the postmaster at the above office.

Mail for Alaska is dispatched from Seattle regularly every Saturday, arriving at Juneau on the following Tuesday. To insure careful handling and return by next steamer following the first day of sale, covers should reach Seattle in time for dispatch on October 30. The canceled covers will be dispatched from Juneau on November 15, and are due to arrive in Seattle on November 18. No air-mail service is available between Juneau and Seattle, but covers endorsed "Air Mail" bearing two or more of the Alaska commemorative stamps will receive air-mail service from Seattle to the office of destination.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the 3-cent Alaska stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency on November 13, 1937. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency must be limited to the 3-cent Alaska stamp, excluding other varieties of stamps heretofore on sale.

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices may submit requisition for a limited supply only of the new stamp on form 3201-A, endorsed "Alaska." These initial requisitions shall exclude other varieties of stamps. Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of the new postage stamp by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster.

Requisitions to the Department for the new stamp will be filled as promptly as manufacturing conditions will permit. Postmasters receiving advance shipments of the Alaska commemorative stamp are cautioned not to place the same on sale prior to November 13.

ROY M. NORTH,
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