

own records, adding to each of them the note, "*Les relevés C 17 du bureau destinataire ne sont pas parvenus dans le délai réglementaire*" (The statements C 17 of the office of destination have not been received within the prescribed period). They then forward them to their central Administration for distribution among the Offices concerned.

ARTICLE 64

List of Closed Transit Mails

1. As soon as possible and, at latest, within a period of three months after each statistical period, unless it has not been possible within that period to ascertain the route followed, the Administrations which have despatched mails in transit send the list of these mails to the different Administrations whose services they have used.

2. If this list shows mails in transit, which under the provisions of Article 61 above do not require the preparation of a statement C 17, an explanatory note is added to it, e.g., "*Poids ne dépasse pas 2 kilogrammes*" (Weight does not exceed 2 kilogrammes) "*Sacs vides*" (Empty bags), "*Correspondances exemptes*" (Exempt correspondence), "*Feuille d'avis négative*" (Blank letter bill).

ARTICLE 65

Closed Mails Exchanged with Ships of War

It is the duty of the Administrations of countries to which ships of war belong to prepare statements C 17 relative to the mails sent or received by these ships. The mails sent to ships of war during the statistical period must bear on the labels the date of despatch.

In the event of these mails being re-forwarded, the redirecting Office notifies the fact to the Office of the country to which the ship belongs.

ARTICLE 66

"Bulletin de Transit"

1. When the route to be followed and the transport services to be used for the mails despatched during the statistical period are unknown or uncertain, the Office of origin must, at the request of the Administration of destination, prepare for each mail a statement, green in colour, in conformity with Form C 25 annexed. The Office of origin may also forward this statement without formal request on the part of the Administration of destination, if circumstances seem to require this to be done.

The letter bills of the mails which involve the preparation of the statement in question must be clearly noted at the head "*Bulletin de transit.*" The same note underlined in red pencil is made on the special labels "*Statistique*" referred to in Article 61.

2. The *bulletin de transit* must be forwarded unenclosed, with the mails to which it belongs, to the different services which participate in their carriage. In each country concerned, the inward and outward offices of exchange, to the exclusion of every other intermediate office, enter on the statement particulars concerning the transit which they effect. The last intermediate office of exchange must forward the statement C 25 directly to the office of destination. The statement is then returned by the office of destination to the office of origin as a voucher for statement C 17. When a *bulletin de transit* of which the despatch has been requested or is announced at the head of the letter bill is missing, the office of destination must inquire for it without delay.