

Postal Service sets deadline for Christmas mailing

Believe it or not, there are only a few ore shopping days to Christmas! That is, if you are interested in mailing holiday packages economically via surface transportation to Australia, Europe and the Far East.

October 22 is the last suggested date to mail overseas to those areas to ensure timely arrival of holiday packages, cards and letters. These dates are based on past experience, available transportation and information from foreign postal admin-

istrations. For customers in Alaska, dates for sending surface mail to Africa, Central and South American and the Middle East have passed (Sept. 21).

Shoppers who wait until the last minute need not despair - even if they miss air mail deadlines - because they can still send items by International Express Mail Service, available to more than 100 countries. Anchorage is a gateway city for International Express Mail.

To mail military packages to

overseas military destinations, customers can choose from several services. Information on the costs of these services can be obtained at local post offices.

Recommended dates for all holiday mail from Alaska to domestic addresses: Surface parcel post (4th class) - Dec. 4, Priority and First Class mail (Air Mail) - Dec. 18, Cards and Letters - Dec. 19, and Express Mail - Dec. 22. Express Mail can be delivered on Christmas Day.