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NEW SERVICE SPEEDS MAIL TO U. S. TROOPS.

Letters from home..... Each day, millions of them are sent to American service men fighting on distant battle fronts. Because of a war postal system.....called V-Mail....they can be flown throughout the world.....reaching distant points safely and with amazing speed. This plan is landing in Italy. Each bag of mail it carries contains one hundred and thirty-six thousand letters. Back in America, each letter was reduced to a tiny strip of film.

Now, near the front, automatic machines enlarge each overseas letter from sixteen millimeter motion picture negative to a four-by-five-inch print. These strips are dried, carefully inspected, and cut into individual letters. Machines fold them and put them into envelopes. In this one laboratory, over three hundred thousand letters a day are handled. A complete locator card system takes care of mail incorrectly addressed.

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At mail call, Americans overseas receive their letters. Nearly every transport plane that spans the oceans brings its quota of mail. In just a few days, V-Mail letters from home reach service men in every theatre of war.