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D.B.S.T. (i.e. FOR SUNDAY PAPERS) ON MAY 3, 1942.
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BIRTHDAY LETTERS HITLER DID NOT GET

The Post Office cannot understand why more than 10,000 letters are received in London in the course of a year without any address whatever - just a stamped blank envelope. Thus, on an average 30 letters a day reach the Returned Letter Section because there is nothing on the envelope to indicate where they should be sent. Where it is possible the letters are returned to the sender.

On the other hand, letters are received which cannot be delivered because they are addressed to Hitler. Quite a number were received as birthday greetings for the Nazi dictator but he never got them. Some contained no address of origin and could not be returned, and in due course they will be used to make munitions to destroy Hitler. The contents of these letters cannot be revealed but it may be said that they contained very unwelcome greetings.

As for Mussolini, apparently he does not count, because no letters have been received for him.

These anecdotes are given to remind the public that if they want their letters delivered quickly they should make their contribution by addressing their correspondence clearly and correctly.

During a year more than 50,000,000 letters have to receive special treatment at Post Offices because they are incorrectly or incompletely addressed. This means delay, and in many cases letters cannot be delivered at all.

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