

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In 1983 Bob Murphy published his "Postal History/Cancellation Study of the U.S. Pacific Islands." Shortly afterwards he issued Supplement No. one which took the study forward roughly to postal independence in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Sadly Bob died on the 19th December 1992. Michael Mochizuki continued recording the area with his "U.S. Pacific Islands Newsletter" until January, 1985. Since then no publication has, to my knowledge, attempted to systematically record what is happening postally in the former U.S. Pacific Islands Trust Territory, Guam, American Samoa and (excluding Hawaii) the other U.S. administered Pacific Islands.

This is the role this publication is intended to fill. But it can only do so if other collectors of the area are prepared to contribute information, ideas, short items. In other words to make it a forum to exchange information as well as a journal of record.

I aim to record new postal markings and information about current Post Office activity in the area.

I aim, over a period, to record the postal markings which have appeared since Bob Murphys cancellation study was published.

I aim to record first and last known dates of use of postal markings, including updates on previously published information.

I aim to record the existance of any articles published about the area.

I aim to give each postal marking illustrated a unique identity number. e.g. 1/3 is the third illustration in Bulletin No. 1 while 2/1 is the first illustration in Bulletin No. 2 and so on.

I aim to issue a "Bulletin" 3 to 4 times a year. This first edition is distributed to a small number of people I believe to be active collectors of the area. If you feel it to be a worthwhile venture please photocopy it to your correspondents who collect the area. If enough interest is shown and the Bulletin becomes established I will introduce a subscription system but for the moment as I feel my way I would ask anyone interested to request each edition separately.

NOW IT'S UP TO YOU !

IS ANYONE OUT THERE INTERESTED ?

IS ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION ?

IS ANYONE OUT THERE WILLING TO PAY 50p/\$US1 FOR A COUPLE OF SHEETS OF PAPER. This barely covers my costs. I am happy to give my time - but photocopying and postage costs must be covered.

U.S. MILITARY POSTAL ADDRESSES

On 15th July, 1991 the U.S. Military Postal System introduced new Zip Codes for U.S. Military personnel at overseas locations. The old FPO San Francisco type of address is gone, replaced by a two letter designator and a (mostly) new Zip Code. AP indicates the Pacific area so, for instance, the address of the military base on Roi Namur island in the Marshalls is "AP 96557". Below I list the U.S. Military Bases in our area of interest together with what I believe to be their new Zip Code. Can anyone add to or correct any of this information.

BASE	OLD ZIP	NEW ZIP	SOURCE
Midway	96614	AP 96516	Postmark
Johnston	96305	AP 96558	Postmark
Wake	96501	?	Is Wake still a military base ?
Kwajalein	96555	AP 96555	Postmark
Roi Namur	96555	AP 96557	Postmark
Andersen AFB GU	96334	AP 96542	Redirection stamp
Naval Station GU	96630	AP 96540	Datestamp on redirected letter
Naval Air Sta GU	96637	?	
Naval Magazine GU	96630	?	Is this office still open ?
Naval Hospital GU	96630	AP 96540	Guess ?
Comnavmarianas GU	96630	AP 96540	Guess ?
Naval Communications GU	96630	AP 96540	Smudged datestamp-redirected letter