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An occasional bulletin about U.S. Post Offices in the Pacific area (including the successor administrations in the Caroline, Marshall, and Line Islands.)

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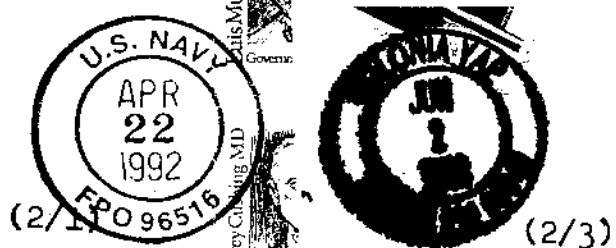
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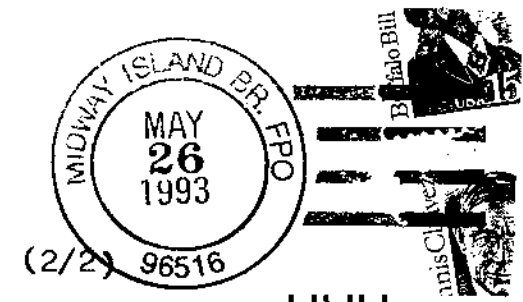
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MIDWAY ISLAND: (2/1 & 2/2) Two new datestamps have appeared to reflect the new FPO Zip codes allocated on 15th July 1991. 2/1 was first seen on Apr 22 1992 and 2/2 on May 26 1993.

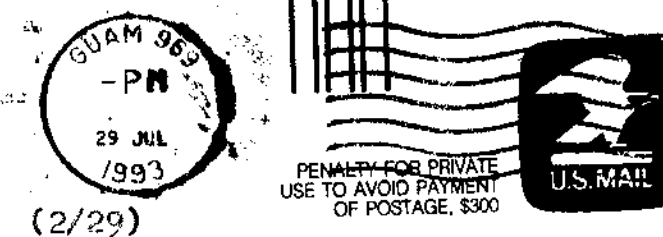


GUAM MPO:(2/29) A complete version of this machine mark illustrated in the last edition as (1/4) is now shown.



YAP FSM: (2/3) A poor impression of a new All Purpose Date Stamp is illustrated. First seen Jun 2 1993 is reads "COLONIA YAP/FSMPS FM 96943"

NAVAL MAGAZINE, GUAM: The Postmaster MPO Guam states in a letter dated 30th April 1993 that this office closed "more than 5 years ago". My last cover from here is dated Feb 8 1988



UMATAC, GUAM: The Postmaster MPO Guam states on 29 July 1993 that "this office closed over 5 years ago." My last cover is dated Oct 15 1990.

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY for August, 1993 contains two articles touching on our area of interest. "Mysterious Marianas Overprints" by Peter Sinclair deals with the 1899 Marianas Espanoles Overprints and "Questa and the Marshall Islands" by Kenneth R. Lake is sub titled "The First 5 Years of Postal Independance" and deals with the stamps issued by the Marshall Islands during the first 5 years of postal independance. Kenneth Lake is currently touring the Pacific and promises other articles about the area.

CANTON ISLAND: "KI-TU NEWS" the newsletter of the Kiribati & Tuvalu Philatelic Society for July 1993 contains an illustration of a cover origionating on Tabiteuea Island in the Gilberts on 26 November, 1948. The cover was addressed to Hawaii and received a Canton Island backstamp of Dec 7 1948 (Murphy Figure 2.1) presumably having been routed via the USPO on Canton Island.

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