

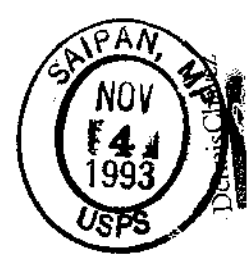
PALIKIR (Continued)

continued on every cover to April 02 1991. There are several of these covers with a May 27 1991 date bearing 3/2. The contents of some of these suggest a despatch date earlier than May 27 1991. I also have a philatelic cover dated May 27 1991 - the cover I sent to the Philatelic Bureau for posting on the Postal Station Opening Day. It is possible to speculate from the above that, in error, only the day of opening datestamp was supplied to Palikir and that when this was realised a Kolonia datestamp was used for a time (Mr. Fasslers April 04 cover) but that subsequently 3/1 was authorised for continued use and a new device ordered. When the new device (3/2) was received at Kolonia the Postmaster at Palikir was instructed to cease use of 3/1 pending receipt of 3/2. The backlog of mail was cleared on May 27 1991 together with philatelic covers overlooked when the station opened. Alternatively 3/2 may be 3/1 with "Postal Station Opening Day" removed. All pure speculation of course. If any reader has comments on this or has covers which confirm or disprove the theories I would appreciate hearing from you.

MIDWAY ISLAND: In issue No. 2 a new 4 Bar cancellation was illustrated (2/2). A new All Purpose Datestamp with identical wording has now appeared (3/4). It is apparently identical to (2/2) but without the bars. It was impressed in red ink on a cover also bearing 2/2 in black ink.



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SAIPAN MP 96950: A new 4 Bar and All Purpose Datestamp are in use at Saipan. The new 4 Bar differs from one seen on Sep 13 1991 in its slightly smaller lettering and the position of the 'P' of 'MP' in relation to the top bar. The All Purpose datestamp is oval shaped in contrast to the round shape of the APDS in use on Jul 18 1988. The lettering is however very similar and could be the same APDS which has become distorted (Illustrations 3/5 and 3/6)



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LELU, KOSRAE FM 96944: A new All Purpose datestamp (Illustration 3/7) is in use at Kosrae. First seen on Nov 17 1993 it has probably been in use for some months. Issue No. 2 included reference to a similar APDS used a Colonia Yap on Jun 2 1983 (2/3)



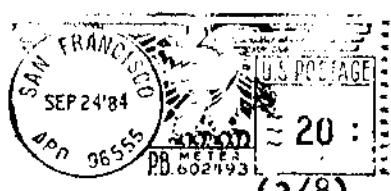
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KWAJALEIN FPO AP 96555: Issue No. 2 featured a listing of cancellations and APDS used at Kwajalein since 1984. In this issue Meter Machine Postage Imprint Markings not shown in Murphy are listed.

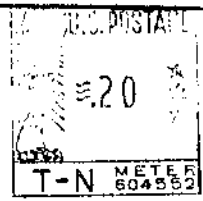
PB 602493 is illustrated in Murphy as Fig 3.1 in use to Aug 16 1982. It was still in use by Global Associates on Sep 24 1984 but with a different datehead (Illustration 3/8).

PB 3570327 (Possibly PB3370327) Indistinct impression - In use at the Post Office on October 26 1993. The Datehead reads "ARMY POSTAL SERVICE APO/96555"

T-N 604552 shown in Murphy Addenda No. 1 as in use by "unknown user" in Mar 1982. Now seen on Bank of Hawaii envelope dated Mar 5 '82.



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