

F.S.M. POST OFFICES, STATIONS & BRANCHES

In a letter dated September 14, 1993 Sintaro K. Ezra, Philatelic Bureau Manager lists F.S.M. Post Offices, Stations & Branches open on that date as:-

Kolonia, Pohnpei:: Wone, Chuuk:: Colonia Yap:: Lelu, Kosrae::
Pingalap Branch, Pohnpei:: Mwaokilloa Branch, Pohnpei::
Palikar Station, Pohnpei::

This list suggests that the following offices have closed:-

Ohwa (Last noted May 27, 1991)
Ulithi (Last noted Feb 25, 1992)
Fefan (Last noted Sep 27, 1989)

If any reader knows the date any of these offices closed or has seen covers cancelled later than those shown above please let me know. I would also like to see photocopies of any "Opening Day" cancellations from Ohwa, Ulithi and Mwaokilloa. This information will be used to produce articles on these offices in a future issue of the "Bulletin".

GIBBONS STAMP MONTHLY for November, 1993 has an interesting article by Kenneth R. Lake titled "Micronesia Now". Mr. Lake reports on his recent travels in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is., F.S.M., Palau, and the Marshall Islands during which he visited many of the Post Offices. He takes a somewhat jaundiced view of the services provided in some locations.

FAGA'ITUA BRANCH, American Samoa

American Samoa is a difficult area for the collector of modern postal markings. Postmasters rarely respond to philatelic requests, the standard of postmarking in the Branches is often abysmal even on philatelic covers and it is believed that datestamps bearing Branch office names are held at Pago Pago and sometimes applied to collectors covers. These are not always identical to the cancellations held at the branch.

Bob Murphy takes us up to 1983 in his Addenda No. 1
Extend Murphy 13.2 to Dec 9 1988

One new cancellation has been seen applied clearly and carefully in black ink (illustration 3/18)

I suspect that this device may be held at Pago Pago. Any views on this would be welcome.

Note the place name is mis-spelled "FAGA'ITUR"
Illustration 3/18 Jun 22 1990 to Jul 10 1991



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GUAM POST OFFICES & STATIONS

The Postmaster Guam Main Post Offices lists the following Post Offices and stations as open on 5 Nov 1993:

POST OFFICES

Main Post Office, Barrigada GU 96921
Agana Post Office, GU 96910
Tamuning Post Office, GU 96911
Andersen AFB BR. P.O., Yigo GU 96929
Naval Station BR. P.O. Santa Rita GU 96915

Money Order Unit No. 1 USPS Agana GU 96919
Money Order Unit No. 2 USPS Agana GU 96910
Money Order Unit No. 3 USPS Dededo GU 96912

CONTRACT STATIONS

Dededo, GU 96912
Yona, GU 96914
Merizo, GU 96916
Inarjan, GU 96917
University of Guam Sta.
/Mangilao, GU 96923
Sinajana, GU 96926
Agat, GU 96928
Yigo, GU 96929
NAS Station, Barrigada
/GU 96913
Santa Rita, GU 96915

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If you know anyone interested in our area of interest please let them see this "Bulletin".

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