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FEFAN BRANCH, TRUK FM 96942 (FSM)

Fefan Branch Post Office opened on April 27, 1989, confirmed by a letter from the Philatelic Bureau, Pohnpei and closed on July 6 1990 (George Machado cover signed by the Post Office Clerk)

Two postal markings were used:-

Illustration 4/1 shows opening day datestamp used as a cachet on a cover datestamped Aug 1 1989 by the regular datestamp.

Illustration 4/2 shows the regular datestamp on a closing day cover.

Fefan is an island in the Truk Lagoon populated mostly by farmers. Much of the produce is sold in Moen.

In August 1989 the Postal Clerk was Beneto Joseph. He was friendly and helpful and wrote to me a couple of times. He gave his address as "Fefan Subpost Office" - a term I had previously heard used only in Britain and Ireland. He described his postmark as showing a man cultivating crops and a breadfruit. "The man signifies that the people from Fefan are mostly farmers whereas the Breadfruit is the food for everyone". Does anyone know why this office had such a short life ?



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23, Walgal
CHORLEY,

Lancs.,
ENGLAND



Fefan. July 6, 1990

Last Day Of Operation

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