PALIKIR STATION, POHNPEI, FM 96941 (FSM)

Issue Number 3 of the "Bulletin" contained an article on the postal markings used at this station. Thanks to information from George L. Machado Jr and George M. Baka I am able to clarify a number of points. The Official Opening Day of the station is confirmed as November 3, 1989. Mr. Machado, a dealer specialising in the FSM and Marshall Is. produced a number of opening day covers signed by Ignacio Stephen the FSM Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Machado's address appears elsewhere in this edition of the "Bulletin".
Mr. Machado also produced a cover to mark the Inauguration of President Bailey Olter - the Third President of the FSM. This shows Illustration 3/2 dated May 21. 1991. Revised Dates of Use of the two datestamps are:-
Illustration 3/1 :: Used from Nov 3 1989 to April 2 1991 (or later)
Illustration 3/2 :: First seen May 21 1991
Can anyone fill the gap between April 2 and May 21 1991 ? The changeover was almost certainly between May 6 and May 20 1991 for the reasons given in the next paragraph.
George L. Machado Jr. gave the following account of the events which lead to the removal of the "POSTAL STATION OPENING DAY" datestamp from use. In April 1991 a client mentioned that the Opening Day cancellation was still in use at Palikir. Mr. Machado is a friend of Ignacio Stephen the FSM Assistant Postmaster General and in the first week in May wrote to him suggesting that the datestamp be amended to remove the reference to the Opening Day. On June 14 1991 Mr. Tipano of the FSM Postal Service wrote to say "Palikir Station handstamp has now been modified so the Opening Day portion does not appear". This was confirmed on June 28 1991 in a letter from Ignacio Stephen to Mr. Machado.

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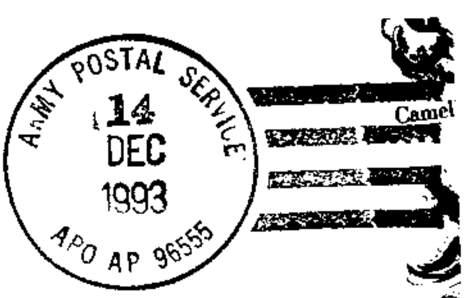
Thanks to George M. Baka and Cy Kitching for extended dates of use of **some** of the datestamps listed in "Bulletin" Number Two.
Illustration 2/6:Aug 16 1984 to Feb 17 1988
Illustration 2/20:2 April 1988 to 14 Nov 1990
Reproduction of these two devices in Bulletin No. 2 was poor. Mr. Baka has supplied better copies and these are shown below.
Cy Kitching has sent me a photocopy of 2/19 used on 29 Aug 1984
Illustration 2/19: 29 Aug 1984 to 13 Jan 1990
A new 4 Bar cancellation has been seen.
Illustration 4/3 (Below) 20 Aug 1993 to 14 Dec 1993
This was initially seen on a George Machado cover marking the change over from U.S. Time to Marshall Islands time at Kwajalein e.g. from 2 hours ahead of Hawaii to 22 hours and one day.



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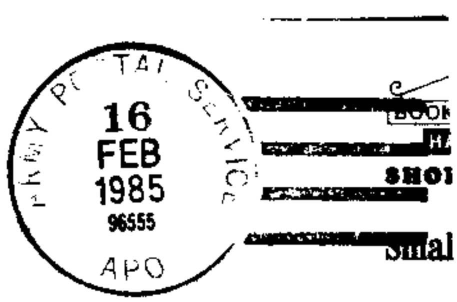
(4/4) see also 2/20



(4/5) see also 2/6

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