

JALUIT MH 96961 (Continued)

Illustration 6/3: Believed to be 6/2 with the legend "POSTAL BRANCH OPENING DAY" removed. What appears to be the remains of the 'B' of BRANCH remains below the 'M' of 'MH'.  
Seen Nov 16, 1989 to Nov 26, 1991

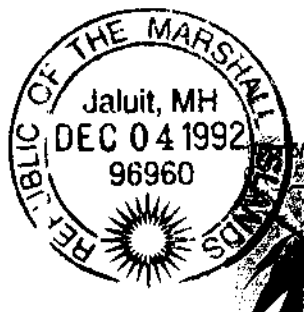
Illustration 6/4: Seen only in Red. It is believed that this datestamp is self inking and since it is sometimes seen in black and sometimes in red this suggests that two datestamps exist. The only difference noted between the two datestamps is in the distance between the date and the Zip Code.  
Illustration 6/4 is applied in RED. Seen Dec 2 1991 to Dec 4 1992.

Illustration 6/5: As above but applied in black. Seen Jul 15 1991.

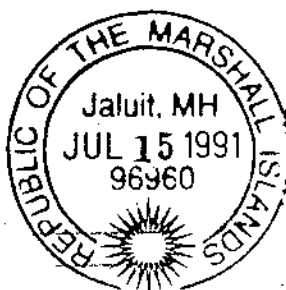
Illustration 6/6: This appeared on First Day Covers of the Germany United stamp issued by Unicover in Cheyenne, U.S.A. It is not known if the datestamp was actually used at Jaluit.  
Seen only Oct 3 1990.



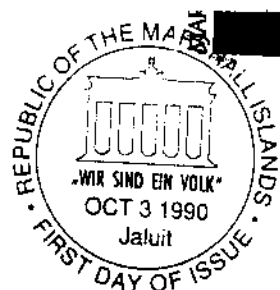
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I understand that Jaluit Post Office was severely damaged in a storm and is at present closed. I do not know the date of closure. This brief survey of the postal markings used at Jaluit Post Office leaves a number of un-answered questions. Can any reader add anything to the above..?

Was the "POSTAL BRANCH OPENING DAY" datestamp used on any date other than April 27 1989 ?

Are illustration 6/2 and 6/3 the same device but with the Opening Day legend removed ?

Are illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 of different datestamps ?

Are illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 self inking datestamps ?

Are both illustrations 6/4 and 6/5 held at Jaluit - or is one retained at Majuro ?

Was illustration 6/6 (or a similar cancellation) used at Jaluit ?

When did Jaluit Post Office close ?

I have been unable to trace much material from this office - I would appreciate hearing about the dates and colours of cancellations in readers collections. A follow up article will appear based on YOUR comments.

(I acknowledge the considerable assistance of Bernd Neuhaus in the preparation of this article)

U.S. POSTAL RATES (and with them FSM, Palau & Marshalls) are set to increase in January 1995 - or so I hear. When the new rates are published I would very much appreciate hearing what the new basic airmail rate to Europe is to be (currently 50c) and will circulate the information immediately to readers in Europe.