

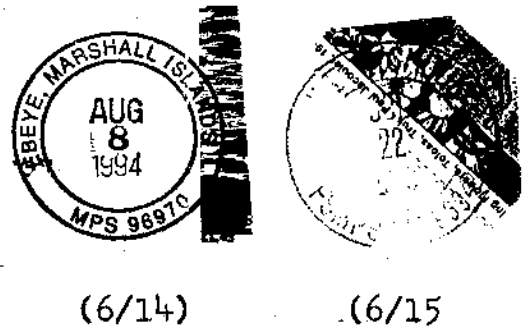
The identification of (6/13) as Murphy 1.5 without the 'TT' and (6/12) as (6/11) without the 'TT' was made using the measurement described and by placing one in front of the other in front of a strong light source. If there are other views on the identification of these datestamps I would be glad to print them. If any readers have material in their collections which can add to the above by for instance pinpointing the date when the 'TT' was removed from these datestamps I would appreciate photocopies and comments.

This item was based on research by Joel Fassler. If any reader has done any research on aspects of the philately of the U.S. Pacific Islands but has not been able to write it up for publication I would be glad to use it in this publication. All contributions whether in the form of items for publication, photocopies of interesting covers or contributions such as Joel Fasslers above are welcome.

EBEYE, MH 96970: A new Utility handstamp seen used on Aug 8 1994. (6/14)

WEENO, CHUUK STATE, FM 96942: A "new" Utility handstamp seen used on a commercial cover dated Jul 22, 1993. The return address is shown as P.O. Box .. Weeno, Chuuk State 96942. Evidently Weeno is the new name for Moen and Chuuk for Truk. Has anyone a better copy for illustration?

The datestamp appears to read "WEENO CHUUK/FSMPS FM 96942" (6/15)



PALAU - will become independant on October 1 1994 according to a newsbroadcast on Radio Netherlands. Could this be the occasion for extending use of the country name "Belau" to stamps and postmarks? The British Post Office already refers to the country as Belau.

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